

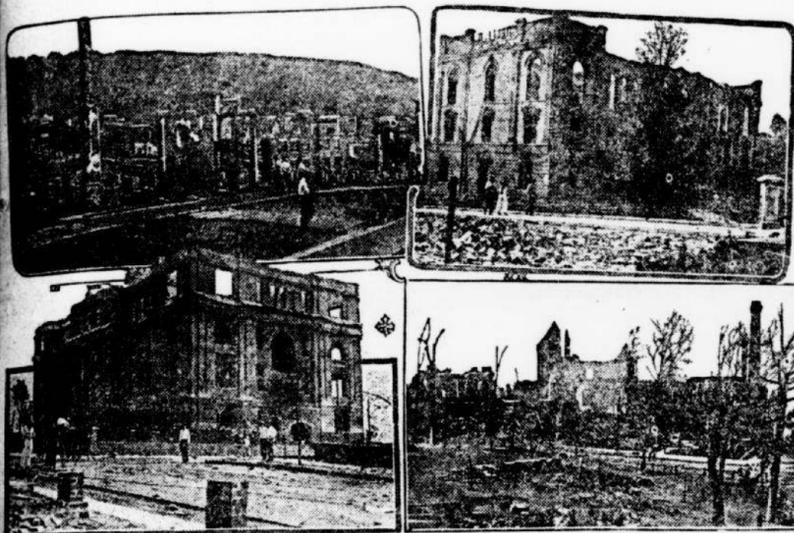
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## DEVASTATION WROUGHT BY FIRE AT HOT SPRINGS, ARK.



Fire recently swept the business district of Hot Springs, Ark., causing property loss estimated \$2,250,000. The upper left picture shows a general view of the burned district. The ruins of the court house are shown in upper picture at the right. The lower left shows the ruins of the high school, and the lower right the ruins of the Park Hotel.

## TRAINMEN HELD FOR WRECK

### Coroner Says Signal Worked and Trainmen Were to Blame.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.  
New Haven, Conn.—Three employees of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad are held by Coroner Mix to be criminally responsible for the disastrous wreck at North Haven on September 2, when the White Mountain express plunged through the second section of the Bar Harbor express, exacting a toll of 21 lives.

The coroner's finding was filed after he had conducted a "private" inquest.

Those held to be responsible are Augustus B. Miller, engineer of the White Mountain express and Brust C. Adams and Charles H. Murray, conductor and flagman respectively of the Bar Harbor train.

The coroner neither blames nor absolves the New Haven road. He finds the signals were in perfect working order "and whether the banjo signals are obsolete or not" the accident would have been prevented if the company's rules had not been violated.

### G. A. R. Meeting.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—The formal opening of the Grand Army of the Republic's forty-seventh annual encamp-

## GOVERNOR TAKES A HAND

### Calls Mass Meeting of Eastern Arkansas Citizens.

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Little Rock, Ark.—A mass meeting of the taxpayers in the St. Francis Levee District to be held in Marion, Crittenden county, September 30, was called Monday by Gov. Geo. W. Hays.

The meeting will be a result of agitation and unrest among the people of the district that has resulted from years of turmoil and charges of misconduct among those controlling the district's finances, which, during the last few days, have caused numerous petitions and telegrams to be sent the governor.

### Files 142 Miles an Hour.

Paris.—A remarkable flight establishing a new cross country record, was made by the French aviator, Ernest Guillaux. With a passenger he covered 118 miles from his home at Amiens. This was at the rate of nearly 142 miles an hour. Guillaux recently was awarded the single day record of 859.34 miles.

Washington.—Consideration early in the regular winter session of the bill to authorize the president to construct a government railroad in Alaska was assured when the Senate made the measure its unfinished business on and after December 8.

## SHORT SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

### PASS SIX BILLS AND ADJOURN IN FIVE DAYS--COST LIGHT.

## CONVENTION NOVEMBER 10

### To Hold Primaries October 14 and Election for Delegates October 28--Convention Limited.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.  
Baton Rouge.—A constitutional convention, to assemble in Baton Rouge November 10.

To hold primaries October 14 and election for delegates October 28. The convention to be comprised of eighty delegates, one from each of the 65 parishes and 15 from the city of New Orleans.

The convention to be limited to a consideration of the state debt and the sewerage and water board and not to sit over 15 days.

Briefly stated, this was the work of the extraordinary session of the legislature which completed its work and adjourned.

The session has cost the state only \$7,500 and it sat only five days.

In all, six acts were passed, as follows:

Act 1—Providing for the submission to the people of a proposition to hold a convention at a designated time and place for the purpose of framing and putting into effect a new constitution, to fix the powers of said convention and to provide for the nomination and election of delegates thereto.

Act 2—To regulate the manner of holding an election to be held on October 28, 1913, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the state the question as to whether or not a constitutional convention shall be held on November 10, 1913, and for the election of delegates to the said convention and to provide for the punishment of violations of this act and of act No. 1, of this session, making provision for the said convention.

Act 3—To authorize the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt to borrow from the state fiscal agents the sum of \$15,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the mileage and per diem of the members of the constitutional convention to be held on Monday, November 10, 1913, and the other expenses incident to the holding of the convention, including the cost of election of delegates.

Act 4—To authorize the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt to borrow from the state fiscal agents the sum of \$25,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be used in the reconstruction and enlargement of the Louisiana Training Institute; to authorize the selection of a more desirable site if deemed advisable; the sale or exchange of the whole or a part of the present site, and the use of the unexpended balance in the treasury, appropriated for maintenance, for the purpose of reconstruction.

Act 5—To authorize the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt to borrow from the state fiscal agents the sum of \$16,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the mileage and per diem of the members of the General Assembly and the other expenses of this extraordinary session.

Act 6—To empower the governor to make temporary appointments to fill vacancies that may happen in the representation of this state in the Senate of the United States.

Both Senate and House completed their labors and adjourned sine die with the same harmony in evidence that marked their opening.

### Acadia Parish Needs Teachers.

Crowley.—The Parish School Board met last week, Dr. Cunningham presiding. It appears that out of the thirty who took the examination for teachers' certificates only two passed. This places the local school superintendent in an embarrassing position, as the schools are about to be opened, and a lot of vacancies are to be filled with certified teachers.

### Fair Association Organized.

Donaldsonville.—At one of the largest mass meetings ever held in this city the South Louisiana Fair Association was formally organized and steps taken for the holding of an interparochial fair in Donaldsonville October 10, 11 and 12, with Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, St. James, and Lafourche participating. Mayor Wallace G. Nye, both members of the order, welcomed the delegates and visitors. C. A. Keller of San Antonio, Tex., grand sire, responded, extolling the principles of the order.

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## NEW YORK MAYOR DEAD



William Jay Gaynor.

## SITUATION COMPLICATED

### Sudden Death of Official a Surprise to Country.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.  
New York.—Mayor W. J. Gaynor died on the steamer Baltic in mid-ocean last week.

News of Mayor Gaynor's death was received here in a message sent by wireless cable to Robert Adamson, his secretary, by Rufus W. Gaynor, his son, who sailed with him.

Mayor Gaynor sailed away from New York a fast falling man on the morning of September 4. An hour before he sailed but one man, his secretary, knew of his plans outside of members of his immediate family. The mayor's announced purpose was a brief vacation on the ocean. He felt that the tonic effect of the salt air would restore him in some measure to health.

Mayor Gaynor left New York at a time when the city was settling in one of the strangest municipal political campaigns in its history. The day before his departure he was notified on the city hall steps by representatives of independent political organizations that they had chosen him as their standard bearer in the mayoralty campaign. A throng that crowded City Hall Park assembled to hear him accept.

He had prepared a speech of acceptance, but was so weak that he was unable to deliver it, and his secretary read it for him, the mayor standing beside him.

Before the mayor sailed his secretary issued a statement denying reports of the mayor's serious illness.

The recent attack of old throat trouble due to the wounds inflicted on him on August 9, 1910, by James J. Gallagher, just as he was about to leave this city for a brief vacation in Europe, had entirely disappeared, according to Mr. Adamson, and the mayor expected to return and enter the campaign with his old-time vigor.

Mayor Gaynor's sudden death completely overturns the municipal political situation. It removes from the field a candidate for mayor who was expected to cut heavily into the vote of the fusion nominee, John Purroy Mitchell, and leaves only the tickets nominated by the Democrats and the Fusionists. The former is headed by Edward E. McCall, former chairman of the public service commission of this district.

The English paid the dead American official a great honor when the body arrived in Liverpool. The body lay in state in the town hall with a guard of honor.

Mayor Gaynor's funeral will take place in Old Trinity church in Lower Broadway at 1 a. m. Monday, September 22, with Bishop Greer of the New York diocese of the Protestant Episcopal church officiating. His body will be interred in Greenwood cemetery in Brooklyn.

On the arrival probably of the steamship Lusitania, the mayors' body will be taken direct from the steamer to the Gaynor home in Brooklyn, there to remain until it is removed to the city hall in Manhattan to be in state until the hour of the funeral.

Mayor Gaynor's successor is Adolph A. Kline. The new mayor, a Republican, who will serve until a successor, to be chosen at the coming November election, is inaugurated on January 1, intends, he has announced, to carry out the policies of the Gaynor administration, "insofar as I know them," and to make no changes in appointive officials.

### Washington.

The sixty-sixth convention of the grand council of the Improved Order of Red Men adjourned after selecting Portland, Me., as the next meeting place.

### Case of Plague Found.

Sacramento, Cal.—A death from bubonic plague occurred at Martinez, Cal., according to reports received by the State Board of Health from J. D. Long of the United States Marine Hospital Service in San Francisco. A message was received by the board from its secretary, Dr. W. F. Snow, now in Washington, stating that the federal government has decided to appropriate \$40,000 for additional funds to fight the disease.

## PEDESTRIAN HAS WALKED LONG DISTANCE.

Plaquemine.—E. F. Lambert, of Liverpool, England, who is walking 175,000 miles on a wager of \$60,000, was here and received credentials from Mayor Peter G. Wilbert. Lambert started from Liverpool January 1, 1909, and is to finish his walk at San Francisco on December 31, 1915. Up to the present time he has covered 163,000 miles. His companion is a dog 8 years old, which has walked 113,000 miles.

### Authorize Survey.

Shreveport.—The Chamber of Commerce has been advised that the United States Geological Department has authorized E. F. Birchard, expert, to make a survey next year of east Texas and northern Louisiana relative to iron ore deposits. The discovery of vast ore-bearing acreage in east Texas has recently caused the belief that this section contains similar deposits.

### To Build Fireproof Reformatory.

Shreveport.—The Police Jury decided not to build a frame structure for a juvenile reformatory for Caddo parish, owing to the danger of the boys burning it. The finance committee was authorized to act upon a proposition to erect a fireproof building, to be located at the parish farm.

Shreveport.—The charter of the Herald Publishing Company, capitalized at \$5,000, was filed here. Officers are: George N. McPhee, president; J. P. Olivari, vice president; Charles W. Barrall, secretary treasurer and general manager. The directors are largely prominent union labor leaders. The company is authorized to publish a newspaper.

### Boy Bound to Farmer.

Shreveport.—Recorded on the mortgage book of Caddo parish appears an instrument by the provisions of which Richard Marisden, 13 years old, with the consent of his father, Floyd Marisden, of Bossier parish, binds himself as an apprentice farmer to A. R. Lee, Bossierite, from this date until he arrives at the age of 21 years.

### To Raise Funds for Train.

Donaldsonville.—George L. Rockwell, who has been directing the campaign to raise a fund of \$5,000 for the Donaldsonville Chamber of Commerce, has departed for New Orleans to take charge of the work of securing \$15,000 to finance the proposed trip of the Louisiana demonstration train.

### Preparing for Confederates.

Monroe.—This place being selected for the convention of the Louisiana veterans, daughters and sons, October 1-3, elaborate arrangements in the way of entertainments and quarters of comfort are being made through the citizens and Monroe Chamber of Commerce. All railroads entering Monroe have offered a one and one-third trip rate to the convention. Local committees will meet all trains arriving October 1 and 2.

### Contributions to Fair.

Donaldsonville.—At a meeting of the council \$250 was appropriated in aid of the interparochial fair to be held in this city October 10 to 12. An appropriation of like amount was made by the Police Jury of Ascension parish, and the Assumption Police Jury unanimously voted \$100 to the proposed festival. These amounts, with \$80 given by the state and voluntary contributions of \$75, make a total of \$735 now on hand, and it is expected that at least \$1,500 will be raised. Premiums to the amount of \$700 will be distributed this year.

### Shipping Club Formed.

St. Martinville.—Agent Cockeran, of the State University department of agriculture; Mr. Stakum, of the Southern Pacific, and Ex-Senator Labbe addressed the farmers of this section and afterwards were instrumental in effecting an organization of a farmers' co-operative and shipping association. The following officers were elected: Paul Marais, president; John Durand, vice president, and L. C. Van Tur, secretary treasurer. Preparations are being made to market large crops of corn and sweet potatoes. The railway spell the last three weeks has caused cotton to deteriorate about 25 per cent. Ginniers are paying \$42 a ton for cottonseed.

### No Bids for Plant.

Lake Charles.—The movement to install a gas plant in Lake Charles came practically to an end when the City Commission found no bids for a franchise. The matter was not taken up by the commission and for the time being is a dead issue. The movement had even reached the point where a capitalist, E. A. Murphy, of Vinton, Iowa, came here to look over the situation with a view to bidding for the franchise. Mr. Murphy spent two weeks here and went over the ground carefully, but refused to commit himself while here, leaving for home without a bid on the franchise.

### Charged With Deserting Mails.

Shreveport.—C. E. Brown, aged 18 years, and said to be prominently connected, who was arrested by United States Marshal Den Ingraff at Lawton, was taken before Federal Commissioner Slattery charged with deserting the mails, and made bond. He is alleged, according to the marshal, to have received the mail while railroad operator at Mansura, and left it at the station without delivery to the postmaster.

### Named White Castle Postmaster.

Washington.—Louis Herbert was nominated postmaster at White Castle, Louisiana.

## STATE CAPITOL NEWS NOTES

### To Vote on Liquor.

Baton Rouge.—The police jury ordered a special election to be held in the Fourth ward of East Baton Rouge parish October 27, to determine whether that ward shall continue wet and whether liquor shall be sold in Zachary.

### Vermilion Leads List.

Baton Rouge.—Vermilion leads the list of the largest registration under the grandfather clause. Its report, made to the secretary of state, shows a total registration of 1,403. Assumption reports 721, St. Bernard 255, Iberville 188, Ouachita 18 and Lincoln 2.

### Place 280 Rolls.

Baton Rouge.—The State Pension Board, which completed its session last week, placed 250 Confederate soldiers on the pension rolls and struck from the rolls the names of 82 soldiers who had died during the past quarter. Four were taken off, as they had entered the soldiers' home. The Pension Board now has about 5,200 soldiers on its rolls.

### AGENT TO MAKE CHANGE

### Demonstrator Morrow to Change Location on Account of Salary.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.  
Baton Rouge.—East Baton Rouge is going to lose the services of A. A. Morrow, who has been for the past two years the local agent of the farm demonstration work in this parish.

The police jury of the parish of Terrebonne agreed to appropriate \$900 a year, which goes with an equal amount from the United States, to pay the services of a demonstrator, provided they could get Mr. Morrow. This is \$500 a year more from the parish than Mr. Morrow is receiving from East Baton Rouge.

The Police Jury of East Baton Rouge made an appropriation of \$600 to continue the services of the demonstrator. This amount will be combined with an equal appropriation from the United States Department of Agriculture, but a new agent from the Co-operative Department must be secured.

### Board and Jury Disagree.

Crowley.—A fight is on between the parish Board of Health and the Police Jury. Dr. Hines C. Webb, who, as president of the parish Board of Health, has earned the reputation of having made Acadia a spotless parish, ordered the necessary material to fumigate and disinfect the public schools before the session begins, and when the bill for the material was presented to the Police Jury the body refused to pay it. Dr. Webb states that the school buildings are sadly in need of fumigation and disinfection, and that at least one as closed last year on account of yellow fever.

### Commerce Chamber Wants \$6,500.

Lake Charles.—Six thousand, five hundred dollars is the amount the finance committee of the Chamber of Commerce will ask the people of Lake Charles to raise for the support of that institution. This amount was agreed upon at a meeting of the committee.

### Mutt and Jeff at the Asylum.

Baton Rouge.—Bud Fisher's creations, "Mutt and Jeff," have been identified to the extreme by the inmates of the Jackson Insane Asylum. Last year Dr. Clarence Pearson gave a motion picture show to the inmates, one of the features being "Mutt and Jeff." From then on every other inmate was named Mutt or Jeff. Two new wards on the section set aside for the criminal insane were opened up. Dr. Pearson put it up to the inmates to select names for the two depots. There was a voting contest. "Mutt and Jeff" were the names unanimously chosen and Mutt and Jeff is now the official titles for the two depots.

### Will Gravel Road.

Donaldsonville.—Assistant Engineer W. H. Richardson, of the State Board of Engineers, has arrived here to make a survey of the road extending from the Iberville to the St. James line, on the west bank of the river, and from Donaldsonville to the Assumption line, on both sides of Bayou Lafourche. After his survey specifications will be drafted for the graveling of these highways.

### Immigration Meet at Shreveport.

Shreveport.—Returning from Texarkana, where he attended a meeting of the organization, W. A. Jones reported that the Southwestern Immigration Association selected Shreveport as the place for holding its convention next year.

### Welsh, La.—Mrs. Dubois, who came from New Iberia on an excursion train to visit her cousin, Pierre Hebert, while standing on the coach steps to alight was thrown under the coach wheels, crushing her leg above the ankle so badly that amputation was found necessary. Dr. W. L. Stewart administered immediate attention and accompanied her to a sanitarium in Lake Charles, where the member was amputated. Mrs. Dubois, who is 59 years of age, was thrown when the train gave

## ARKANSANS TAKE UP GOOD ROADS WORK IN EARNEST



Two days were recently devoted to work on the roads in Arkansas. The movement met with popular approval, and citizens by the thousand armed with pick and shovel labored industriously to better the highways. The picture shows a group of Little Rock citizens at work on the cross-state highway. The large figures are, from the left, Governor Hays of Arkansas, Mayor Taylor of Little Rock and Governor Major of Missouri.

### Government Man Dismissed.

Washington.—G. Raymond Matthews, special agent of the Department of Justice, arrested in New Orleans several weeks ago on charges of blackmail in connection with Brito extradition case and later released, was dismissed from the government service. Lack of judgment in handling the Brito and other cases was the reason given at the Department of Justice for the dismissal, which follows an investigation by A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the bureau of investigation.

### Cost of Living Higher.

Washington.—The cost of living on June 15 was approximately 60 per cent higher than the average between 1890 and 1900, more than 3 per cent higher than it was a year ago and nearly 15 per cent higher than it was two years ago. Investigations of retail prices in 40 cities, conducted by experts of the Bureau of Labor, show prices practically at the same level as last November, when the high records of the last quarter of a century were reached.

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### Washington.

Two bills, one authorizing the construction, maintenance and operation of a bridge across Black Little River, at or near Lepanto, Ark., the other authorizing the construction and operation of a bridge across Black river at or near the second line between Sections 8 and 9, in township 20 north, range 5 east, a short distance south and east of Corning, McLain county, Ark., have been favorably reported to the house from the Committee of Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

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