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WEEK'S NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

OPENINGS OF THE SEVEN DAY DAYS ARE BRIEFLY TOLD HERE.

AROUND THE PLANET

From Our Own and Foreign Countries Are Here Given in Short Meter for Busy Readers.

The report which has been circulated that Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria has been seriously wounded in a shell is officially denied.

Horn, 25 years old, and his wife were found dead in bed at their farm home at Gainesville, Tex. A woman had been shot through the temple and the man through the

Montvid was held by the court for trial for murder in connection with the killing at New Orleans, last month of Rev. Father and his housekeeper, Miss

is betting 4 to 3 that the will be over by Sept. 30, 1915.

The bill intended to provide pension for widowed mothers passed the last assembly, 129 to 8.

The South African assembly unanimously passed an amendment to the indemnity bill, removing the penalty from all participants in the rebellion.

Gen. John P. Storey, former chief of artillery of the army, died at Pasadena, Cal., aged 74

of Joe Jackson and John, brakemen on the Missouri, Texas and Texas railroad, were found both had been shot and their

The United States land office has cancelled the cancellation of 47 coal tracts totaling 7,000 acres in the (Alaska) group in the

Five cases of smallpox have been discovered at Millville, N. J. The board of health at a meeting prepared preparations for the vaccination of the entire population, number nearly 14,000.

Eight women, according to the Polische Korrespondenz, were decorated with the Iron Cross second class, up to the present

Robertson Marshall of West, is dead and her husband, stock broker, is suffering as a result of an accident to their automobile.

is believed to be the most serious ever taken in Arkansas illegal traffic in liquor in an order issued by J. M. Elliott of Pine Bluff, appointed the sheriff to notify interested that no liquor kept in the county after

Minister Van Dyke, at the United States protested Germany against shipping near Belgium-bound

Falley, who is dead at the only child Fairbanks, the richest

Government of China this week \$200,000,000 worth of tin total of 70,000 boxes, to be by the American Tin Plate

Wallace, 22 years old, is the result of burns suffered which destroyed her home at Orange, Tex.

A glass of buttermilk Robinson, inmate of the county at Warsaw, Ind., ended a 67 days. During his eight of having Robinson lost about

Moore, 91 years old, an daughter of the American is dead at her home at

J. Rayle, 44, prominent No. physician, recently died suddenly in a dramatic. The coroner announced had committed suicide.

O'Neil, said to be the last of the small group which es the frigate Cumberland was sunk by the Confederate Merrimac in the Civil at his home in Somerset,

Tenn., was designated a for national banks by the board. The board reserve cities must have combined capital in national banks of deposits of \$1,000,000.

Kites were demonstrated as means of saving life when Dr. F. W. Riehl, 73 years old, of Alameda, Cal., leaped from the deck of the battleship Oregon to San Francisco bay and was towed to Alcatraz island, four miles from the anchorage of the war vessel, by a device of his invention.

Touched by word that George Savage, a prisoner in the Minnesota penitentiary, was dying, President Wilson signed a pardon, and orders immediately were telegraphed to the warden to release the man. Savage, a former St. Paul realty dealer, was serving a sentence of five years at St. Paul for violation of the Mann act.

John Stewart, owner of great tracts of timber lands throughout the Northwest, is dead at Aurora, Ill., at the age of 84 years.

"Buster" Caldwell, 4 years old, fatally shot Russell Standard, aged 3, through the body while they were playing with a pistol at Evansville, Ind.

A fleet of barges will leave La Salle, Ill., for New Orleans, La., May 1, inaugurating water freight service with San Francisco and other points on the coast.

Gen. Rene Joseph Delorme, chief of a division of the French army, was killed when he was struck in the head by a bullet on an inspection of a trench at the front.

Forty-five hundred Villa soldiers were opposite Mercedes pumping plant, on their way to Matamoros to give battle to the constitutionalists. Villa currency is being traded here freely at three Villa dollars for one 25-cent piece of United States currency.

A bill in the Illinois legislature limits the amount of money a widow and children can inherit to \$100,000 and the amount a childless widow can inherit to \$50,000. It also permits illegitimate children to share equally with legitimate.

A German Zeppelin attacked the Russian fortress of Lomza on the Narew river, the war offices announced. Fourteen bombs were dropped and nine civilians were injured.

Sammy Mucosah, aged 11, confessed that he had shot and killed Felix Novenski, also aged 11, near Jacksonville, Ind., recently. He admitted hiding the body in a clump of bushes.

As a result of a fight at Big Muddy, Ill., Patrick Priest is in the county jail, probably mortally wounded, and six other men, slashed with razors and shot, are in hospitals and eight others are prisoners.

Walter L. Ross, receiver for the Clover Leaf railroad, applied to the federal court for permission to borrow \$600,000.

A large band of masked "possum hunters," armed with shotguns, visited the home of Thomas Rockport of Rockport, Ky., and took him and his son Frederick into a nearby thicket and whipped them with hickory switches.

Mrs. Victoria Cadaract, aged 105, is dead in Ottawa county infirmary, near Oak Harbor, O. Mrs. Cadaract was the last survivor of the native Ohio Indians.

George Ward, charged with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Ward, whose charred body was found in the ruins of the burned home of the family near Willow Springs, March 11, was discharged by Justice R. F. Holloway of Willow Springs.

The gasoline yacht La Sota, with her millionaire owner, Morgan Adams, his bride of a month and 10 friends aboard, all of Los Angeles, Cal., burned six miles off San Pedro.

After dreaming that he saw his daughter, Mrs. Stella Laird, who had disappeared from home recently, on the steets of Fort Worth, Tex., J. T. McForums of Waco, Tex., found her.

The Vermont legislature passed an act providing for eugenic marriages. A fine of \$500 is fixed for any person who wed without fulfilling the requirements of the law.

H. J. Freelich, the Chicago promoter who has been in jail at Danville, Ill., since his arrest last December, has been released on bond of \$10,000.

Speaker Champ Clark, wife and her daughter, Miss Genevieve Clark, narrowly escaped injury when the Lynn Haven hotel, at Pass Christian, was destroyed by fire.

A vote on the preferences of children in the Alton, Ill., public schools as to moving picture dramas shows that the largest number like cowboy dramas. The vote was as follows: For cowboy pictures, 684; for comedy, 594; dramatic, 447; crime, 65; educational, 23.

Col. Roosevelt has not accepted the invitation to testify before a senate committee on the ground that he has no information. Chairman Walsh called a conference to decide whether to issue a subpoena for the colonel.

A woman was killed and four men injured, one seriously, when a natural gas explosion wrecked the home of J. M. Mathews at Louisville, Ky.

The export of pure and alloyed gold and silver in bars and also of coins has been prohibited from Budapest.



ADMIRAL DEWA
Baron Shigoto Dewa, admiral in the Japanese navy, is just now the guest of the United States, and is being extensively entertained. He came as commissioner of his country to the opening of the Panama-Pacific exposition and has been spending some time in the East.

GERMAN SHIP MAY ATTEMPT ESCAPE

INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO BEGIN LIBEL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST LINER ODENWALD.

Washington.—The United States district attorney at San Juan, P. R., had instructions to begin libel proceedings against the Hamburg-American liner Odenwald, which tried to put to sea after clearance papers had been refused her.

The cutter Algonquin is steaming from the West Indies to San Juan to aid American officials in efforts to guard against violations of neutrality. Secretary Daniels also has instructed Admiral Fletcher at Guantanamo to dispatch two destroyers to Porto Rico to co-operate in that work.

Orders for the movement of American ships were given after officials here received reports from San Juan that some fear was felt that the Odenwald and another German liner might try to slip to sea. They mentioned the other ship as the President.

Action ordered against the Odenwald is the first taken under authority of the neutrality resolution adopted recently by Congress.

Aviator Beachey is Killed.
San Francisco.—Lincoln Beachey, the aviator, was killed while making an exhibition flight at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. At an altitude of about 7,000 feet Beachey began a sharp descent. The wings of his aeroplane collapsed and the machine plunged into San Francisco Bay.

President Signed Laws Too Late.
Washington.—Discovery was made that fully eighty per cent of the legislation passed at the last session of Congress is of doubtful validity as the result of President Wilson's failure to observe constitutional safeguards in attaching his signature to laws passed late in the session.

Panama Tariff Worries British.
Washington.—The Panama National Assembly's action increasing import duties has been communicated informally to the State Department, but nothing has been done here in the matter. The law was passed subject to the approval of the United States in an effort to improve the Panama government's finances.

To Avoid Breaches Neutrality.
Washington.—All British cruisers, not only in American waters, but in the Caribbean, Pacific and South Atlantic, have been ordered to refrain from taking supplies from neutral countries in order to avoid breaches of neutrality.

Cotton Rumor is Denied.
Washington.—Secretary Houston took notice of the flurry on the cotton exchanges by sending telegrams to secretaries of those organizations disclaiming that he had said there would be no decrease in cotton acreage.

No Betting in Arizona.
Phoenix.—Governor Hunt vetoed a bill providing for the establishment of the pari-mutuel system of betting on horse races in Arizona.

Titanic Trial is Set.
New York.—Trial of the suit brought by the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, owners of the steamer Titanic, which sank with the loss of more than 1,600 lives in April, 1912, to determine the extent of the company's liability, was set in the federal district court for May 17.

Military Training Urged.
Washington.—Military training in the schools of the country is being urged actively by the Army League.

ITALY SENDS OUT CALL FOR TROOPS

ALPINE FORCES ON AUSTRIA'S FRONTIER ORDERED TO BE MOBILIZED.

SENTIMENT IS ANTI-AUSTRIA

Prohibition of the Publication of Military News is Proposed By the State Ministers.

Rome.—Italy has called to the colors for 45 days all the Alpine troops of the first category. The official military journal also calls to the colors all artillery and engineer reserve officers for 60 days from April 16.

The Alpine troops are frontier forces organized especially to defend the mountain passes leading into Italy. This force consists of eight regiments (28 battalions) of Alpine infantry and two regiments of 36 mountain artillery batteries. In addition to this there are two regiments of heavy artillery of 10 batteries each, one regiment of horse artillery of eight batteries and 10 regiments of fortress artillery.

The engineers, whose reserve officers are to be called out April 16, are organized as six regiments, two of them pioneers, one pontoon troop, one telegraph troop, one railway troop and one sappers and miners. The peace footing of the engineering branch of the army is about 12,000 officers and men.

The artillery arm of Italy's land forces comprises 263 batteries, 110 companies and 51 depots.

Contrary to statements in the French and British press, Austria-Hungary opened no direct negotiations with Italy concerning possible territorial concessions. From the highest sources here it is affirmed that everything done in this line was due to Germany's initiative.

The action of the German ambassador to Italy, Prince von Buelow, it is said, was animated by a desire to eliminate the causes of the ancient antagonism between Austria and Italy, but even the work of the former imperial chancellor of Germany in this direction was cautious, so that decided statements which have appeared in one sense or the other were premature.

Money to Mexico.

Washington.—An American warship will take to Yucatan money to finance the movement of Mexico's sisal hemp crop, needed to make twine for binding the American wheat crop this year. The money—\$625,000 in currency which the manufacturers propose to advance to the hemp growers—is in bank vaults at Galveston, Texas, but until now no safe means of getting it to Mexico had been found.

Taft Praises Lurton.

Washington.—In his splendid tribute to the late Justice Horace H. Lurton of the United States Supreme Court, former President Taft, who elevated the lamented distinguished jurist to the highest tribunal in this country, praised him for his attitude on the state debt question, Judge Lurton having participated in that memorable political struggle in Tennessee as a "sky blue."

Auditorium Floor Collapses.

McAlester.—During the progress of the state convention of a fraternal order in session, the floor of the Armory Hall, in which the meeting was held, partly collapsed. Five hundred or more women in the building at the time were thrown to the floor. None was seriously injured.

Won't Mix in Political Row.

Washington.—The president has no intention of interfering in factional differences between Democrats in New York and Pennsylvania. He told callers that he thought the people of each state were able to look after their own affairs.

Children Thank Wilson.

Washington.—An exchange of letters between President Wilson and two little Belgians in Brussels, in which the children thanked the president for food sent by Americans and the president expressed his appreciation for their gratitude, was made known at the White House.

Appointed Special Agent.

Washington.—Major R. B. Keating of McCrory, Ark., former secretary to Senator Robinson's joint Indian investigation Commission, has been named as special agent of the Department of Commerce.

Liquor Shipment Goes On.

Madison, Wis.—The house killed the Frederick bill prohibiting the transporting of liquor into prohibition territory.

Will Pass on Dry Laws.

Washington.—Preparations have been made for consideration by the supreme court shortly after the Easter recess of litigation involving the constitutionality and interpretation of the Webb-Kenyon liquor law, enacted by Congress in 1913.



MRS. RICHARD P. STEGLER
The charges that officials of the German embassy in Washington have been involved in a plot to send German spies to England by means of false American passports were made by Richard P. Stegler, a German reservist, who is said to have been urged to take this action by his American bride. Mrs. Stegler is shown in the picture.

RUSSIANS CLAIM FURTHER VICTORY

WITH NEW FORCES THEY HAVE DRIVEN THE AUSTRIANS INTO CARPATHIANS.

London.—The news of a Russian victory and the renewal of the attack on the Dardanelles, given out lacks of official confirmation, but comes from sources usually well informed. Russian victories are announced in private telegrams received from Bucharest by way of Rome. These state that the Russians have won a great victory on the Austrian extreme right in Bukovina, and that with strong new forces they have driven the Austrians back in Nisak Pass of the Carpathians.

It is believed here that the Russians, by bringing up new forces, may have turned the Austrian right and reached the Seventh River, getting behind the Austrian army operating in the vicinity of Czernowitz.

Big events at Uzsok Pass were expected, as both Russian and Austrian official reports spoke of heavy fighting there, and with the troops released by the fall of Przemysl the Russians might be able to dispatch strong reinforcements quickly to this point.

The Russians also have assumed the offensive in the region of the Pillica River, Southern Poland, and, according to Petrograd, have taken an important German position; while in the north heavy fighting again is in progress along the East Prussian frontier, despite the condition of the ground.

Ask Wilhelmina Decision.

Washington.—As a result of several conferences between Chas. F. Towne, lawyer for the owners of the food cargo of the American steamship Wilhelmina, now held for a British prize court, and officials of the British embassy and the State Department, English solicitors representing the cargo owners will confer in London with Ambassador Page and submit a proposition for the advancement of the prize court proceedings.

Will Not Prosecute Odenwald Master.

Washington.—Criminal prosecution of the master of the German steamship Odenwald for alleged violation of the neutrality laws by attempting to slip to sea from San Juan, Porto Rico, without clearance papers, will not be undertaken by the Department of Justice for the present.

Wilson to Lay Cornerstone.

Washington.—President Wilson will lay the cornerstone of the permanent home of the American Red Cross at ceremonies at which former President Taft will be the principal speaker.

Mrs. Jackson at Rest.

Charlotte.—The body of Mrs. Mary Anna Jackson, who died here, was taken to Lexington, Va., and buried in that city by the side of her husband, General Thomas H. ("Stonewall") Jackson, the Confederate general.

Frank's Case Reest.

Washington.—Leo M. Frank's case remained undecided when the Supreme Court of the United States recessed until April 5.

Call on Turkey to Guard Americans.

Washington.—Ambassador Morgenthau, at Constantinople, was directed by the State Department to ask protection from the Turkish government for American missionaries and refugees reported in peril at Urumiah, Persia.

Free Lunches Under Ban.

Providence, R. I.—A bill prohibiting free lunches in liquor saloons was passed in the Senate. It will go to the house for concurrent action.

RECORD PRICE FOR STRAWBERRIES

FIRST CRATE OF LOUISIANA'S TWO MILLION DOLLAR CROP BRINGS \$12.

\$48,000 IN COMMISSIONS

Local Shipments Will Move From Now On, and Car Lots About April the First.

Independence.

The first shipment of berries was made from the Tangipahoa berry district. The Independence Farmers' Association, through their selling agents, the Louisiana Strawberry Distributing Company, sold two crates of pints, one to A. G. Zuller & Co., Chicago, Ill., and the other to Mr. Plovaty, Chicago. Each crate brought ten dollars. The Tickfaw Farmers' Association sold their first crate at the highest price ever paid for a crate of berries shipped from the Louisiana district. The price paid was twelve dollars, or fifty cents a pint.

Local shipments will move from now on, and car lots will roll about the first of April. The estimated value of the berry crop is two millions dollars.

It is estimated that the Louisiana Strawberry Distributing Company will handle about thirty per cent of the crop of berries. This will probably be valued at \$600,000, and the 8 per cent commission will amount to \$48,000, which must be paid by the growers, in addition to the usual charge of 5 cents a crate, which will amount to \$25,000 more.

BRIEF NEWS AND NOTES.

Wide discrepancy between the basis of assessment of property in the different parishes of the state is shown in figures compiled by the State Probe Commission. In one parish it is estimated as low as 15 per cent and in another as high as 75 per cent. The probe body some weeks ago asked the sheriffs and assessors throughout the state to furnish a statement of the basis of assessment. Replies have been received from forty-three of the sixty-two parishes.

Seven and possibly more subjects may be embraced in the call for the special session of the Legislature this spring, and the session probably will convene early in May. This information was obtained from sources close to the state administration. Gov. Hall, while declining to go into details, when questioned about the rumored outline of the session, admitted the subjects mentioned were receiving consideration.

The Hammond Farmers' Association has just completed an arrangement with the associations at Tickfaw and Albany by which the three organizations are united in a central selling agency, with headquarters in Hammond. All the berries grown by members of these three associations will be sold by this agency.

The State Board of Engineers has commenced an investigation of complaints that the railroad embankments through the low land west of Lake Charles obstruct the natural flow of water in the river, and were the moving causes in the high water of 1913, which flooded the eastern part of the city.

The seven banks of the parish, through Prof. J. A. Anders, local agricultural demonstration agent, are distributing seventy-five pecks of Calhoun Red Cob corn to the farmers of Lafayette, for the purpose of improving the quality as well as quantity of the product.

After an interesting meeting by the Eastern Stars in Morgan City, in which the Grand Worthy Matron, Mrs. Levy, of Lake Providence, La., was present, the local chapter entertained their guest at a banquet at the Costello Hotel.

An inspection of every railroad in the state will be made by the Louisiana Railroad Commission during the present year. The announcement was made by the commission. The inspection will be made by the commissioners in private cars.

The Miller Company brought 1- a 1,500 barrel producer in the Edgerly oil field at a depth of 2850 feet. The new well is in the extreme western edge of the field and will result in material development.

The present touch of unseasonable winter weather now prevailing over the entire South and extending even to the Gulf coast will exact heavy toll of Louisiana and Mississippi in ruined fruits prospects, truck gardens and lives tock, according to reports from points covering practically the two states. The extreme southern section suffered the least, but north of Alexandria, in Louisiana, and Jackson, in Mississippi, the damage resulting from the cold wave will most probably total many thousands of dollars.

The Louisiana Prison Reform Association at its annual meeting adopted a resolution, in connection with the report of Secretary J. L. Sutton, favoring the adoption of a law abolishing capital punishment in the state.

The report of President F. S. Shields reviewed the accomplishments of the year, including the adoption of the parole law in the Legislature with the Board of Control of the Penitentiary as the Parole Board, which is not considered a satisfactory plan, an outside board being thought better. The parole rules are good, it was stated, and 160 prisoners have been paroled under the law. The suspended sentence law also was commented on favorably.

The president stated that the reformatory for boys at Monroe will be ready about the end of April. It has been proposed to divide the state and establish another institution of that sort in the Florida parishes.

Mr. Shields said that the State Penitentiary has a debt of \$625,000 and the Board of Control has been authorized to borrow \$500,000 for operating expenses. This has caused concern to the Prison Reform Association, which has claimed that with proper administration the penitentiary should be self-sustaining. He commented favorably on the care of discharged prisoners under the management of Maj. Fegler, of the Volunteers of America. The president denounced the recent Shreveport mob and approved the demand made by the authorities for an investigation of the burning of a negro there.

In recommendations, the president declared for improvement of the system of criminal justice in Louisiana, which he said is behind the times in not helping to reform the criminal. He also urged improvement of penal, correctionary and reformatory institutions, especially to protect young offenders from association with others. The secretary recommended especially the establishment of a state reformatory for girls.

The Court of Appeals heard the "Ville Platte town marshal case" and took it under advisement. Under the law, the court will have to hand down a decision within twenty-four hours. Because of this requirement, the case was transferred from Opelousas. The court must render all decisions in Baton Rouge and it found it more convenient to hear it here.

Guy Guthridge, a field agent of the Southwestern Development Bureau, was at Alexandria interviewing local citizens and business interests with the object of organizing a bureau to solve the various market problems confronting the farmers of this district and the eradication of the cattle tick.

Some damage will come to the fruit as a result of the cold spell, the trees being in full bloom. A very small acreage of cotton will be planted this season in the hills district of Caldwell parish.

The Louisiana Agricultural Association will ask appropriations for an agricultural building and an agricultural demonstration farm for Louisiana State University of the Legislature when it meets in extra session here in May.

The board of directors of the association, meeting decided upon this course and its members have started a campaign to push the proposition. This afternoon the association called upon every officer in the state house with a contemplated bill and eliciting their support.

The association has not yet decided what amount of money will be asked for. It is proposed to build, ultimately, a \$200,000 agricultural building at the university, but most likely only a part of this sum will be applied for at the extra session. It is hoped to get enough to start upon the structure, and to obtain appropriations from subsequent legislatures to complete it.

The steambot Etowah, an Illinois river boat, will be placed in the Teche and Atchafalaya trade out of Baton Rouge, making weekly trips to New Iberia, Morgan City and intermediate points. The same rates will prevail out of Baton Rouge as are given by packers now operating out of New Orleans to the above-mentioned points.

In an effort to assist the farmers, the Chamber of Commerce of Monroe will call a meeting of the oat growers of Ouachita, Morehouse, Richland and Caldwell parishes in April for the purpose of arranging to market the present oat crop which will be harvested in June. At that time the subjects of grading, curing and shipping oats will be discussed.

Few "dope" fiends are found among the convicts received into the Louisiana penitentiary and when one enters the walls, the lid on "dope" is clapped on. Thereafter he must fight out his salvation alone. Every addict who has ever left the penitentiary went out cured out of the habit.

L. N. Marks, editor and manager of the Delhi Progress, was ordained a minister of the Baptist Church.

The New Hope Oil & Gas Company which proposes to find oil in paying quantities in St. Tammany parish has started work preparatory to drilling a well about fifty feet from the old pipe line of the well on the outskirts of Covington that was sunk several years ago but abandoned when a series of accidents made drilling impossible.