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TO OPEN PORT TO LIVE STOCK IMPORTS

EVERY LOUISIANA CONGRESSMAN URGED TO CO-OPERATE IN THE PROJECT.

BROUSSARD IS INTERESTED

There Are Half a Million Cattle in Mexico Awaiting Shipment to the United States.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
New Orleans.—Efforts to open the Port of New Orleans to live stock from Central and South America are to be made through every Louisiana congressman and man of possible influence with the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Commerce and Labor, at Washington, and initial efforts have already been inaugurated by General Live Stock Agent W. G. Harding, of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, with headquarters at St. Louis.
"There are several hundreds of thousand cattle in Mexico and Central America that can be brought to New Orleans for shipment to United States packing centers, and the establishing of a large packing-house here is dependent upon favorable action on the part of the chiefs of the Bureau of Animal Industry in lifting the embargo on Southern cattle for import at New Orleans," Mr. Harding explained, when seen at the Hotel Monteleone.
Mr. Harding has just come from Washington, where he took the question up with Senator Broussard, who is co-operating with him. "The bureau permits the entrance of Latin-American cattle through the Port of Galveston, and that has done much toward making Galveston one of the great live stock importing centers of the country," he continued. "However, all ports south of Galveston on the Gulf of Mexico are closed to those cattle, with the result that practically the whole movement is directed that way, in what I consider direct discrimination against New Orleans."
According to Mr. Harding, there are upwards of 500,000 cattle in Mexico and 850,000 in Nicaragua, awaiting shipment to the United States via New Orleans as soon as the Bureau of Animal Industry can be persuaded to lift the ban which is now placed on them by the Federal Government in the operation of this port.

TO BRING GIRL BACK HOME

Citizens of Winnfield and Vicinity Raising Fund for Rosa Sisson.

Winnfield.—Citizens of Winnfield and vicinity will probably afford Rosa Sisson, the 13-year-old girl kidnaped four years ago by James M. Davis, now in prison at Middleport, Ohio, an early opportunity to return to the Southland for which her young heart yearns so strongly and unceasingly. A movement was started here Sunday by J. E. Clark and O. B. Thompson, both leading men of Winnfield, to raise a fund for the return of the girl to Winn parish and to provide a good home for her here. It is expected that before the end of the week the movement will have made material headway, if it has not successfully terminated.
While Davis took the girl away from Winn parish, it can not be actually said that he kidnaped her in a legal sense. Davis married the mother of the girl, although Rosa was not his child, and when he left Winn parish with the girl in his possession, he told his wife that he intended to place her in a good school. That was the last Mrs. Davis ever heard of either Davis or the girl. The mother died two months ago without knowing whether her daughter was alive or dead. Constant grief under the fate of her missing child undermined her health and undoubtedly hastened her death. If it did not actually produce it.

Tell Labor Agents to Go.

White Castle.—The labor agent who has been active throughout this section, securing negro families to move to north Louisiana, has been warned by prominent business men to leave. It is feared that should the labor agent return trouble will follow. Two white men, living in this city, are accused of helping the agent to secure this labor and they will be waited on next.

New Mayor of Napoleonville.

Napoleonville.—For business reasons, Frank Bergeron tendered his resignation as mayor of Napoleonville. Dr. T. B. Pugh, one of the leading physicians, was named mayor by the town executive committee to fill the vacancy.

Big Poultry Show Nov. 23.

Lake Charles.—Perhaps the largest poultry and live stock exhibit ever attempted in Louisiana will result from the plans started at the meeting of the Calcasieu Poultry and Pet Live Stock Association. The show will open November 23. Officers were elected as follows: President, D. M. Foster Jr.; vice president, J. H. Leveque; treasurer, H. Kyle Ramsey; secretary, Chas. Kimball. The entry fee this year is to be \$1 for single birds and \$2.50 for pens.

OUR EXPOSITION OF BIG IDEAS

PRESS OF MISSISSIPPI ENTHUSIASTIC IN SUPPORT OF LOUISIANA PROJECT.

STANDING FOR SOLIDARITY

Progressive Newspapers Unanimous for Slogan Linking New Orleans and Southern Progress.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
New Orleans.—The solidarity of New Orleans and Mississippi in war, peace, politics and commerce, reflecting as it does the solid South, was never better illustrated than by the whole-souled manner in which the press and leaders of Louisiana's twin-sister state have indorsed and supported the New Orleans exposition of big ideas. From the very first the press of Mississippi from end to end of the state and from the Mississippi river to the Alabama line adopted as their slogan the commercial war cry used by a distinguished citizen of Natchez during the recent Mississippi Valley Immigration Convention held in New Orleans. It is: "New Orleans for the South and the South for New Orleans."
When the representatives of the exposition of big ideas went to Jackson last week they found that the leaders of Mississippi were fully alive to what New Orleans and Louisiana were doing. The plans, aims and ideas of the exposition found the same hearty support from the progressive citizens of Mississippi that has greeted the exposition by the foremost workers in every field throughout the United States.

The interests of Louisiana and Mississippi in New Orleans are identical. New Orleans is the great port of both states. The growth and prosperity of New Orleans means their growth and prosperity. Make New Orleans a great factory center, for instance, and the immense storehouses of Mississippi raw material will find a ready and profitable market.

The press of Mississippi has given much space to the exposition and what it means to the entire South, especially to the "twin states." The press of the entire state has heartily endorsed it and in doing so it has accurately reflected public opinion. Among the many enterprising papers of the state that have given the movement their able support from the first are: The Clarksdale Challenge, Water Valley Progress, The Waynesboro News-Beacon, The Crystal Springs Meteor, The Pascagoula Chronicle, Columbus Commercial, Summit Sentinel, Vicksburg Democrat, Scott County News, Greenville Democrat, Clarksdale Register, Laurel Argus, Natchez News and the Hattisburg News.

MANY SCHOOLS BEING CLOSED

Because Parents Refuse to Have Their Children Vaccinated.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Mansfield.—The public schools at Spider, Cook, Ramin, Grove Hill and Bell Bowers, in De Soto Parish, will be closed by Parish Superintendent G. O. Houston because the parents of the pupils refuse to permit their children to be vaccinated as ordered by the state health authorities. At Spider not a child submitted to the order. At Cook two were vaccinated and thirty-three refused. At Ramin not a one was vaccinated. At Grove Hill all refused and at Bell Bowers none were vaccinated. All five of these schools will be closed at once.
There are 530 refusals in the parish, but not a sufficient number to close any other school. There were 1,525 pupils vaccinated.

Big Steamer 's Teche.

Crowley.—The steamer Hyacinth, 100 feet long by 19 feet wide, came up to the Crowley landing Tuesday. Although the water in the bayou was low, deep water was found along the entire route. Some of the bends in the river will be cut out so as to enable large steamers to run freely during low water. Colonel Lansing H. Beachy and Major Edward F. Schultz conducted the inspection trip.

Goes From Sugar Into Rice.

Donaldsonville.—Jacob Lebermuth, a leading sugar planter of upper St. James parish, is cultivating between 75 and 80 acres in rice on his Landerdale plantation, and is obtaining water from the Laplace drainage canal, but the supply is not adequate and the surplus water from the fields of C. H. Landry and Faustin brothers will soon begin to flow into Laplace canal.

Start on Big Road Project.

Lake Charles.—Work has started on Road No. 1 of the great million-dollar road improvement project of Calcasieu parish. The contractors are Ratcliffe & Clark, and the road will run east from Lake Charles to the Jefferson Davis parish line. This section of the road will be connected with the paving at the eastern end of Broad street and make a continuous paved highway to the Jefferson Davis line. The road will be brick crowned, nine feet wide, and the sides of gravel.

MASS MEETING SCORES THE COURT

ACQUITTAL OF THE LITTLES STILL A LIVE SUBJECT AT SHREVEPORT.

DEMAND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Charged That Court Was Uniformly With the Defense, Right or Wrong.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Shreveport.—District Judge Land and District Attorney Mabrey, who conducted the trial of Henry Little and his wife recently acquitted of the charge of murder in connection with the killing of J. J. Van Cleave, were scored in a committee report read at a mass meeting of citizens here.
The report was prepared by a committee of seven appointed at a mass meeting held several weeks ago at the time of the acquittal of the Littles, called to protest against the verdict.
The committee charged that the rulings of Judge Land were uniformly with the defense, "right or wrong." District Attorney Mabrey committed a "tactical error," the committee found. In taking the case up for trial on Saturday preceding two holidays. Attached to the sheriff's office also were criticized because, it is alleged, liquor was permitted to be given the jurors.
The meeting adopted resolutions demanding a "more rigorous enforcement of the criminal laws with respect to both men and women."
At the first mass meeting demand was made that Little and his wife quit Shreveport.

FAIR BUYS A RACE TRACK

South Louisiana Association Takes Over Donaldsonville Tract.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Donaldsonville.—The proposition made to the Lemann Company, Limited, by the South Louisiana Fair Association, for the purchase of the tract of land in the Lemann Addition containing the race track, has been accepted by the Lemann corporation. The property has an area of fifteen or sixteen acres, and the purchase price will be \$1,500, payable in ten years. An option will also be given the Fair Association on as much land contiguous to the A-muzo Park site up to fifteen acres.
At a meeting of the board of directors of the fair association it was decided to incorporate. The president and executive committee authorized to take the necessary steps. It was decided to take over A-muzo park. The fair association will assume the outstanding liabilities of the A-muzo company, approximately \$1,400, and will issue to shareholders of the racing organization certificates of stock in the South Louisiana fair association to the face value of \$2,000.

Freeze Sets Back Berries.

Ponchatoula.—Untold damage was done the berry crop by the recent freeze. Thermometers went as low as 30 degrees and ice was visible. Many farmers worked all day Sunday covering their berry plants and these will not be disturbed by the unusual conditions.

Distillers Will Buy Surplus Berries.

Ponchatoula.—A representative of a Northern distilling plant has contracted with the White Farmers' Association for all surplus berries from this season's crop. Both associations have negotiated for the sale of surplus fruit, but it looks like the surplus will be lacking.

Mrs. W. W. Wallis Elected.

Alexandria.—The sixth annual conference of the Louisiana chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution elected the following state officers: Mrs. W. W. Wallis of New Orleans, state regent; Mrs. Tiley Scovall, of Shreveport, vice state regent; Mrs. G. R. Mitchell, of Alexandria, treasurer; Mrs. H. Daspit, of New Orleans, corresponding secretary; Dr. Helen Flint, of Jennings, recording secretary; Mrs. John McCullough, of Shreveport, registrar; Miss Mary Hunter, of Alexandria, historian; Mrs. B. L. Price, of Alexandria, chaplain.

Typhoid Epidemic at Morse.

Crowley.—Typhoid fever has become epidemic at Morse, ten miles southwest of this city. It seems that the body of a woman, who died of typhoid fever at Vinton, La., was brought to Morse for burial, the coffin was opened and a number of people viewed the remains and many of these are now sick with fever.

Bean Shipments Continue.

Ponchatoula.—Shipments of beans continue briskly despite cold weather. A special car is sent out daily to accommodate the vegetable shippers.

School Tax Voted Down.

Bayou Chicot.—At the election in this parish on a special tax of 3 mills to enable the schools to run nine months, this box gave a majority against the tax. It is thought the whole parish voted likewise. Schools will close about April 12 as result.

JOHN BASSETT MOORE



Counselor for the state department at Washington, who recently resigned.

CHARGED WITH BEING TRUST

Independent Dealers Charge They Are Obligated to Buy Tobacco at Retail Prices.

New York.—The four companies into which the tobacco trust was disintegrated by the decree of 1911 were given until next week to present a plan for abandoning monopolistic practices which the attorney-general considers are in violation of the decree. United States District Attorney Marshall told the attorneys of these companies at a conference that the government intended to put an end to present conditions by injunction or other means, but promised to postpone action until later at the request of the tobacco attorneys.
The government is acting upon the complaint of certain independent dealers who charge that a monopoly of the jobbing business in this district, which was enjoyed by the Metropolitan Tobacco company under the old trust, still exists and that independent dealers are obliged to buy their tobacco at retail rates.
The corporations represented at the conference were the American, the Liggett & Myers, the R. J. Reynolds, the P. Lorillard and the Metropolitan Tobacco company.

FIGHT AGAINST REPEAL LAW

Personal Convictions Almost Obliterate Party Lines—House Leaders Oppose Change.

Washington.—Lines were sharply drawn for the opening of the most bitterly contested legislative struggle that has confronted President Wilson's administration—the fight to repeal the law giving American coastwise ships free passage through the Panama canal. Opposing forces divided for the first skirmish in the conflict, which will open when a special rule is presented on the repeal controversy.
For the first time since the democratic administration took charge of the government administration leaders found a strong, resourceful and determined element within the party opposed to a policy which President Wilson personally had espoused. Personal convictions on the question almost have obliterated party lines.
This political situation, with the international character of the question involved and the stress the president has placed on his position as necessary to the successful conduct of the administration's foreign policy, combined to make up a situation fraught with complications.
Aligned against the president's demand for the repeal are the three leaders of the parties in the house, headed by Mr. Underwood.

Malburn Takes Office.

Washington.—William P. Malburn of Denver, Colo., took the oath of office as assistant secretary of the treasury. Mr. Malburn will be in charge of the customs. He is a son-in-law of Senator Thomas.

Church in Chinatown.

Chicago.—Construction of a church in Chinatown to be supported by all denominations and the Y. M. C. A. will begin soon. Its purposes will be to give the 5,000 Chinese a simplified creed.

Fire Damage \$200,000.

Savannah, Ga.—Fire of unknown origin caused damage estimated at \$200,000 to the rosin and cotton wharves of the Atlantic Coast Line railway here. The British steamship Farley was damaged slightly by the flames.

Tolman Is Released.

New York.—Daniel H. Tolman, the former "loan shark king," was released from Blackwell's island after serving a six months' sentence for usury. He went immediately to his home in Montclair, N. J.

FRANK BATTLE SET FOR APRIL SIXTEEN

NOTICE IS SERVED THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY PLEA WILL BE MADE.

OLD TESTIMONY REPUDIATED

Many Affidavits Given in Which Former Witnesses Say They Testified Falsely at First Trial of Atlanta Man.

Atlanta, Ga.—Notice that an extraordinary motion for a new trial for Leo M. Frank, under death sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan, will be filed April 16, the day before that set for the young factory superintendent's execution, was served on the superior court here. The notice was accompanied by a copy of the forthcoming extraordinary motion, which alleges that new evidence favorable to Frank has been discovered since his conviction seven months ago.
Many affidavits are included in the copy of the motion. Several of these, signed by witnesses at the trial of Frank, allege that the affiants testified falsely against the accused man. Others charge conspiracy of evidence against Frank, and others attempt to establish an alibi for him. An effort also is made to prove that the notes found beside the factory girl's body were written in the basement of the National Pencil factory, not in the office of Frank, as James Conley, negro factory sweeper, and chief witness against the convicted superintendent, testified.

Among the affidavits submitted is one by C. B. Dalton, declaring false testimony he gave against Frank's character. Dalton, at the trial, testified Frank had been guilty of misconduct with several women. Dr. H. F. Harris, in his affidavit, alleges a microscopic examination of strands of hair, said to have been found on the second floor of the factory, and used at the trial to prove that the murder occurred near Frank's office, showed these strands were not from the head of the murdered girl.
Three affidavits allege that the affiants saw Frank on a street here between 1 and 1:10 p. m., on April 26 last, the time at which Conley testified he was helping the factory superintendent conceal Mary Phagan's body in the factory basement.

The filing of the extraordinary motion, April 16, will automatically stay the prisoner's execution. Should it be denied, it is expected, an appeal will be taken to the Georgia supreme court, which already has confirmed Superior Court Judge Bacon in denying a new trial on previously submitted evidence.

STEAMER DAMAGED BY FIRE

Charles Merriam, Used as Wharfbat at Cairo, Sustains Heavy Loss From Flames.

Cairo, Ill.—The steamer Charles Merriam, used as a wharfbat by the Iron Mountain and Cotton Belt railroads, was gutted by fire, and the loss is estimated at about \$12,000.
The fire was discovered about 1:45 o'clock, but had gained such headway that the firemen were unable to do more than confine the flames to the rear end of the boat and to save the Halliday-Phillips wharfbat, lying just south of the Merriam. All the baggage and express was saved, most of this being stored in the front part of the boat, the records, etc., in the ticket office, located in the rear of the boat, were destroyed. The origin of the fire is not known. The front end of the boat was not damaged and the stacks did not fall. The transfer steamer Henry Marquand, which was tied alongside the Merriam, was cut loose by the night watchman, and with Pilot John Crehan and Capt. Howard Frank aboard steamed away to a place of safety. The Merriam was built in 1883 at Jefferson, Ind. Her gross tonnage is 515, length 206 feet, gross tonnage is 515, length 206 feet, is valued at \$45,000.

Files Campaign Expenses.

Washington.—Representative Oscar Underwood, candidate for the Alabama democratic senatorial nomination, filed his campaign expense statement, showing expenditures of \$3,477.38, with contributions amounting to \$2,136.65.

Oyster Steamer Sinks.

Bristol, R. I.—The oyster steamer James Morgan, nearly a century old, filled and sank as she was entering the harbor with a cargo. Six members of the crew were rescued.

Socialists Are Victorious.

Dresden.—The socialists were victorious in a by-election in the Borna district, displacing Gen. Von Liebert, imperialist, unseated in the reichstag owing to irregularities. The socialists thus regain their 111 seats.

Will Try Blue Sky Law.

Creston, Iowa.—The clerk of the federal district court announced that the cases of sterilization of the Iowa state convicts and the Iowa blue sky law would be heard before three federal judges at Keokuk, Iowa, April 17.

WILLIAM S. KENYON



Iowa senator who got "in bad" in Washington as the result of misrepresentation in the report of a speech made in Philadelphia.

GOVERNMENT IN DIFFICULTY

French and Ewart May Withdraw. Important Conferences Are Held to Untangle Skein.

London.—That the government still is facing a situation of extreme difficulty is proved by the fact that Premier Asquith was not in a position to make his promised statement in parliament.

The air is full of extravagant rumors, the most credible being the report that Col. Seely, after all, is to quit the war office by an exchange of portfolios with Lewis Harcourt, secretary for the colonies.

The only new facts in the situation were found in the resignation of Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff, and Sir John Spencer Ewart, adjutant-general, from the army council. Rumors that other members of the army council have resigned could not be confirmed.

Negotiations and conferences between Biddingham palade, the war office and Downing street were carried on, and it was known that the strongest efforts were being made to induce Field Marshal French and Gen. Ewart to reconsider. The prime minister called a hurried meeting of the cabinet at his residence after it was decided to postpone a statement to parliament.

Later it was announced, with a show of authority, that both French and Ewart at last had consented to withdraw their resignations.

In Ireland no change has occurred. Belfast remains quiet, and although it is asserted that officers at the Curragh camp are determined to resign because of the repudiation of Col. Seely's guarantee by the government, no actual resignations so far as is known have occurred.

Brig-Gen. Gough, commander of the Third cavalry brigade, in the course of an interview, said:

"If Premier Asquith withdraws the guarantee he will have to overthrow the army council, and the government will be faced practically with disruption of the army."

The liberal press in the provinces while indorsing what Premier Asquith has already done, insists that he must go farther and actually withdraw the guarantee given the officers. These newspapers say the premier must make it quite plain to all officers of the army and navy that they must, under all circumstances, obey orders.

SCHOONER SINKS; SIX DIE

Wireless Is Received Telling of the Wreck of Hattie P. Simpson. Four Are Rescued.

Washington.—Loss at sea of the American schooner Hattie P. Simpson of Boston, with her captain and five other members of the crew, was reported to the navy department in a relayed wireless message from the steamer Caracas, which has on board four survivors of the schooner.

Three Die in Auto Smash.

Dallas, Tex.—Three people are dead and three seriously injured as the result of an automobile accident north of the city, when an auto left the road and plunged forty feet into a ravine. Dr. Samuel P. Tipton, prominent physician and owner of the car, and Mrs. Katie M. Loving were instantly killed and Mrs. Loving's son, Wm. C. Loving, died soon after being taken to a hospital. All lived in Dallas. Two women and a man were the others in the car. The condition of the two women was thought to be serious.

Leaves Money to Charity.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Two hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars is left to charities and churches by the will of Mrs. Francesca N. Gamble, widow of the late James N. Gamble, philanthropist, filed her for probate.

Miners Are Released.

Vancouver, B. C.—Twenty-two miners, sentenced to imprisonment after riots at Nanaimo, B. C., have been ordered released by the duke of Connaught, governor-general of Canada.

FIGHT AT TORREON IS STILL RAGING

REPORT REBEL LOSS 900 KILLED AND WOUNDED, FEDERAL 2,000. STILL HEAVY FIGHTING.

OFFICERS ARE EXECUTED

Wealthy Peons Join Hands in Extending Greeting to Carranza—Rebel Head Has Not Heard From General Villa.

Juarez, Mexico.—An official message from the front states that fighting is still going on for the possession of Torreon.

The telegram says the rebels now hold all positions except the main barracks and two smaller barracks. It is reported that Gen. Villa took Cerro de la Cruz and the Torreon foundry.

Another telegram admits a rebel loss in the last six days of 900 killed and wounded and places the federal loss at 2,000. As there already are at Chihuahua 500 wounded, the report of the rebel losses is thought to have been minimized. Among the rebel wounded is Gen. Tomas Urbina.

It is said that private soldiers taken prisoners are being taken into the rebel ranks, but their officers are executed, unless they take the oath of allegiance to the constitutional cause. All irregular troops in the federal garrison are executed on capture.

In Juarez it was confidently expected that news of the capture of the city would form the chief feature of the welcome to Gen. Carranza and the fact that no message of success of any kind was awaiting him was accepted as indicating that the fate of the city was still in the balance.

In the last few weeks Gen. Carranza has ridden horseback for 500 miles and in the last two months he has traveled 2,000 miles in the same way.

He looked the picture of health and vigor, a living contradiction to stories that he was feeble and that he had constant recourse to stimulants in order to bear up, and other reports of a similar nature. His appearance also broadened many throats of him as libels for they made him appear old and rather thin.

Gen. Manuel Chao, military governor of the state of Chihuahua, who came here to formally welcome the jefe supremo, galloped with his staff to a point three miles south of the city. Here Gen. Carranza and his staff and the reception committee met and then ensued a long wait for the troop train bearing the horses and men of Carranza's own army.

FIGHT TO DEATH IN HOUSE

Tense Situation As Canal Repeal Tolls Argument Continues—President Bears No Ill Will.

Washington.—No legislative issue of recent years has excited congress as has the controversy over repeal of the tolls exemption clause of the Panama Canal act. Last week's events which put on record a breach in the solidarity of the Democratic party, have created no end of conflicting political predictions to increase the tenacity of interest in the subject. The situation is one fraught with many complications.

Oratorical strife over the repeal renewed, the house resumed general debate on the Sims bill leading up to a final vote in that branch. In the senate discussion will revolve around one of the many side issues that have arisen. Senator James Hamilton Lewis proposing to discuss a resolution and bill he has introduced to follow repeal as a sort of balm to the wounds of the party members who thus far have opposed the president.

Senator Lewis' measure would give the president authority to suspend tolls whenever he should deem it in the public interest to do so. The Illinois senator will cite a long series of precedents on which he bases the right of congress to extend such authority to the chief executive.

Lightning Strikes School.

Upper Sandusky, Ohio.—Twenty pupils and their teacher, Miss Flo Barrett, were injured by lightning.

Old Resident Dies.

Chicago.—Mrs. Marie Charlotte D. Lang, descendant of Swedish nobility, a resident of Chicago for fifty-six years, died here. She was a grand daughter of Princess Sophia Albertina of Sweden, youngest child of King Adolphus Frederick.

Body Is Found.

Athens, Ga.—Information was received here from Oconee county, Ga., that the body of Charles Ferguson, 50, missing from his home for two weeks had been found in the woods.

Legislator Is Arrested.

Indianapolis.—William Essman, a former member of the Indiana Legislature, is under arrest here charged with embezzling funds belonging to the state of Wisconsin, in which he now lives. Essman, after the last gubernatorial campaign in Wisconsin, was made custodian of public buildings at Madison. He asserts he had charge of the distribution of the state's new statute books and that when an accounting was made he could not account for 195 of the books. His declares politics caused his arrest.