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INFLUENZA SITUATION

For the week ending, Oct. 31, 58 new cases of influenza have been reported to the parish board of health, 6 cases of pneumonia, 4 deaths.

Conditions at Angola State Farm have improved wonderfully only one new case being reported Thursday.

There is a general improvement all over the parish also.

E. M. LEVERT, M. D.
President Parish Board of Health.

TELEPHONE GOSSIPS

It's the agitator who does the harm during a panic. Avoid all such as much as possible, and stick to the fellow who smiles and says "Things might be worse"—Hammond Sun.

Much of the panic is due to the telephone gossips, who have kept the wires buzzing—and the telephone girls wild with nervousness—retailing all sorts of true and false rumors, frequently diagnosing cases of influenza before the physicians could do so, reporting deaths that never occurred, apparently not realizing that in passing on such rumors, they are creating an influence second only in harmfulness to the disease itself.

THE TEST OF CITIZENSHIP

In one of his public utterances, last September, Col. Roosevelt in recommending the national suffrage amendment to the Republicans, remarked: "The draft law, as amended, makes service the test of citizenship of men. Let us apply the same test to women. Let us demand service from every citizen and let us give suffrage to all who render the service. Let us base suffrage on service and not on sex."

This is significant not merely as a pro-suffrage argument, but bears still another aspect to the careful reader, who will note that service is advanced as the test for citizenship. If carried to its logical conclusion by the Republicans when the colored troops return to civil life it will bring about considerable complications. The Southern politicians, who can see through a hole in a board as well as the next one, and who know that even the apparently wildest assertions of the Colonel are not without political significance, should take steps at once to the enfranchisement of white women, to put the South on a stronger footing with regard to the vote.

UP TO YOU

Take a look at the advertisement in the upper left hand corner of the fourth page of this issue.

You will learn that there is a nationwide movement to raise funds to supply the enlisted men with their home paper, so that the individual soldier or sailor will not have to subscribe for his home paper himself.

Now one has only to read the letters of these absent boys to know that next to a letter from home, they prize the home paper. Yet newspapers are prohibited from supplying the boys with free copies and they must either subscribe or depend upon some one else doing so.

The True Democrat has some personal subscriptions, others from parents, but many more than these are deprived of the home news. It would be a gracious act for friends to combine and send the paper to some dear one either in a home camp or abroad, especially the latter, as the recent ruling of only one Christmas present to each overseas soldier will prevent many friends from sending remembrances. Such can send the home paper without let or hindrance. Few gifts would be appreciated.

Knowing how the Huns regard "scrap of paper" all this talk about a new constitution for Germany is neither impressive nor convincing. It all sounds horribly like Frederick William's rise in 1848. Not until the house of Hohenzollern is permanently retired from government is there even a slight guarantee of good faith.

A WARNING FROM CARL SHURZ

(Times-Playmate)

An American journalist, rereading the reminiscences of Carl Shurz, has found and republished a message from the latter's pen which might well have been written yesterday. As is well known, Shurz was one of the "Men of '48," who escaped from Germany after their effort to establish a free government in that country had been crushed by the treachery of the Hohenzollerns. In his reminiscences, published some twenty years ago, he described at length the revolt of the German liberals in that fateful year. The people of Berlin, after a struggle with the Prussian troops, "forced their way to the interior court of the imperial palace and summoned the king (Frederick William IV) to appear before them." Two days later Frederick William raised a tricolor flag over the royal palace, and "wearing the colors of the revolution on his arm, rode out and promised the people of Berlin all and more than they asked for."

It was announced that a "new and responsible ministry had been appointed, composed of members of the Liberal opposition; that a constituent assembly to be elected by the Prussian people should be convoked to frame a Constitution for the kingdom of Prussia and a national Parliament to be elected by the people of all the German states for the purpose of uniting all Germany under a constitutional government."

Later, when the peril was past this precious Hohenzollern "reconsidered." He ordered the national assembly to adjourn and sent Prussian troops to seize the machinery of government. Revolutionary rising were ruthlessly crushed. There were executions by wholesale, Shurz and hundreds of other German patriots eluded arrest and fled the country.

Reviewing all this in his later years, Shurz wrote down the following conclusion:

"The German revolutionists of 1848 fought for German unity and free government and were mainly defeated by Prussian bayonets. They committed many errors, but the greatest of these errors sprang from the childlike confidence with which they expected the complete fulfillment of all the promises which the kings and princes, especially the king of Prussia, had made under stress of circumstances."

Here is the warning from a distinguished German patriot who afterward became a distinguished American, that "the greatest error" which can be committed is to expect the "complete fulfillment" of the promises which "the kings and princes, and especially the king of Prussia," make "under stress of circumstances." At Berlin, the history of 1848 is seemingly being repeated today. A chancellor appointed by the Kaiser is going through the motions of democratizing the German government. But the error committed by the German revolutionists of '48 must not be—must not be—repeated. Neither the Allied nor the German peoples dare trust any promise made by the Hohenzollern "under stress of circumstances." German newspapers here and there are calling for the overthrow of the Hohenzollern house, with its traditions of tyranny, insatiable greed and perfidy.

OFFICERS FOR GENERAL ELECTION

List of Commissioners and Clerks for the General Election to be held Tuesday November 5th, 1918.

St. Francisville Precinct—J. E. Trecutt, Ovide Leonard, R. W. Tempel, Commissioners; Chas. Tadlock, Clk.; John Wilcox, Peace Officer.

Bayou Sara Precinct—Geo. Baier, H. C. Kaufman, L. Szabo, Commissioners; Harris Irvine, Clk.; C. E. Thibodaux, Peace Officer.

Second Ward—N. Harvey, J. C. Ball, H. H. Pigott, Commissioners; M. O. Daniel, Clk.; I. U. Ball, Peace Officer.

Third Ward—Iman Ryder, F. F. Converse, H. B. Maynard, Commissioners; R. O. Butler, Clk.; A. W. Wilcox, Peace Officer.

Fourth Ward—Ernest Dampf, Lonie Morris, S. C. Roberts, Commissioners; C. H. Argue, Clk.; Jno. S. Griffin, Peace Officer.

Grange Hall—J. F. Austin, J. P. Peterson, E. A. Wright, Commissioners; W. R. Campbell, Clk.; Ed. Peterson, Peace Officer.

Poplar Springs—J. A. Beckham, Willie Gore, Albert Thom, Commissioners; P. A. Smith, Clk.; Wiley McGraw, Peace Officer.

Sixth Ward—W. B. Davidson, P. O. Bourgoin, Joe P. Ortiz, Commissioners; J. S. Clark, Clk.; O. D. Smith, Peace Officer.

Wilhelm—E. J. Graham, M. McWaters, R. D. Wells, Commissioners; R. J. Abbott, Clk.; W. C. Wade, Peace Officer.

Angola—W. M. Lindsey, A. K. Smith, H. M. Spillman, Commissioners; E. R. Davis, Clk.; D. C. Curtis, Peace Officer.

Eighth Ward—E. E. McGehee, T. O. Woods, W. C. Percy, Commissioners; B. J. Barrow, Clk.; J. W. Dawson, Peace Officer.

Ninth Ward—Ida Cutrer, J. F. Maryman, D. W. Ard, Commissioners; Lee O. Lester, Clk.; Jno. Newton, Peace Officer.

Tenth Ward—E. J. Barrow, E. Haralson, Chris Metz, Commissioners; G. DeGrummond, Clk.; R. S. Towles, Peace Officer.

J. C. Mageard, Max Dampf, E. S. Muse, Supervisors of Election for the Parish of West Feliciana, Louisiana.

APPEAL TO VOTERS OF WEST FELICIANA PARISH

On the part of these women of West Feliciana Parish who believe in democracy, we earnestly ask your vote in favor of the Woman's Suffrage Amendment.

Men of the United States have been asked to die "to make the world safe for democracy." Yet democracy—the right of the individual to self government—which men are fighting to establish abroad, has not been granted in its entirety at home. President Wilson has revealed the falsity of our position when he states "If we be indeed democrats and wish to lead the world to democracy *** our professions will not suffice." In other words we must PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH. Women are taxed and women are governed, the identical title upon which any man votes. To deny this American principle of CONSENT IN GOVERNMENT is to deny the very cornerstone upon which American democracy is built! the democracy which we are demanding that Germany must accept as the price of peace.

In the name, then, of National Honor we women of your state ask at your hands that with Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, California, Oregon, Arizona, Kansas, Nevada, Montana, Illinois, New York, Arkansas, and Texas, Louisiana be made a true democratic unit of a democratic nation. By doing so you will record your faith in that other great protective principle of our government, the STATE'S RIGHT TO DEFINE ITS ELECTORATE WITHOUT FEDERAL INTERFERENCE. Thus, while conferring self government upon us as individuals, YOU MAY CONSERVE SELF GOVERNMENT FOR THE STATE.

We appeal for your vote on another score. The women of your state are the political inferiors of negro men in their United States citizenship. We ask that your hands remove this stigma of inferiority and not have redress come at the hands of men from other states through a Federal Amendment.

The eyes of the nation are watching Louisiana for a test of loyalty to the Democratic Party in the struggle now waging for national political supremacy through Woman's Suffrage. Will the democratic stronghold of Louisiana fail?

Our commercial and political future will be largely influenced by your vote on this question. In the name then of the silent suffragists of the parish, we ask each individual voter for his support of the Amendment.

FIRST: As a debt due to national honor.

SECOND: To preserve suffrage a state right.

THIRD: Loyalty to the democratic party.

FOURTH: To remove the white womanhood of your state from longer remaining the political inferiors of negro men and aliens in their United States citizenship.

WEST FELICIANA PARISH COMMITTEE OF THE STATE JOINT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

SUFFRAGE QUESTION BOILED DOWN

Gov. Pleasant has sent to the press a very strong appeal to the voters of Louisiana to support the suffrage amendment to the constitution, giving an able review of the arguments in favor of such action, but unfortunately the Governor failed to realize the limitations of the country newspapers of the state, taking into consideration the daily press of Louisiana cities alone, the article being very lengthy, hence his words, forceful and important as they are, will fail to reach many of the voters.

This can not be too strongly deplored, and is but another disadvantage the present campaign for woman suffrage is laboring under.

However all of the arguments, Gov. Pleasant's and every one else's reduced to their lowest terms must be:

Woman has a right to the suffrage. She has earned it now by her public services.

She will get it eventually by federal amendment, and the States to assure their own independent handling of the elective franchise should hasten to act before the federal amendment can go into effect. Such being the situation, it is the part of wisdom for Louisiana to take advantage of the present opportunity for favorable action.

SLACKER AND DESERTER

Are you keeping your pledge to buy a certain amount of war savings stamps? If you are not doing so, you are not only as bad as the slacker who evades army service on some false excuse, but you are besides as bad as a deserter from the ranks. You engaged to do a certain thing, and you have failed to do it.

What is that but a deserter?

J. L. Dupuy has sent in a novel for the enlisted men. This book collection grows very slowly. Wont some one spare a few volumes, readable, newly published books that you know a soldier would like?

WEST FELICIANA'S GRAND TOTAL \$38,900

J. F. Irvine and family, Mrs. L. W. Rogers, Mrs. J. P. Newsham, Mrs. Sidney Powell, Dr. Sidney Powell, Miss Hattie Ard, Frankie Trochiano, G. T. Barrow, H. R. Anderson, Frank C. Sphon, Emma Frazier, Walter Neustatter, Dave Richardson, Duncan Winder, L. W. Rogers, W. R. Daniel, Max Schaffer, Harris Irvine, Mrs. E. H. Irvine, Max Mann, Miss Edith Leake, Mrs. I. B. Thibodaux, C. E. Thibodaux, Miss Mathilde Mann, Rev. F. Rombouts, S. J. Mayeux, Napoleon McLaughlin, Mrs. H. M. Levy, Dan W. Levy, Levin C. Soule, S. L. Laverne, Wm. Butler Mrs. Wm. Dippel, Thos. Vincel, Harry Williams, Martha Winder, Mrs. C. E. McG. Stewart, Henry M. Stewart, H. A. Spillman, L. M. Walker, Mrs. S. M. Ventress, Mr. and Mrs. S. McC. Lawason, Chas. Weydert, Miss Oriana Pillet, Miss Emma Brasseaux, J. E. Robb, J. T. LeSassier, T. O. Woods, Jr., A. H. Moses, Ben Leopold, P. O. Hamilton, Miss Agnes Lee Petty, Niehs, H. Barrow, J. Aschaffenberg, Abe Mann, O. LeJeune, E. S. Muse, Leval Mackie, Max Neustatter, Maggie L. Johnson, Thos. Butler, M. D. Mrs. Wm. Kahn, Wm. Kahn, A. Schlesinger, Joe Buttenueth, Abraham Payton, Dan Baker, Ernest Dampf, Max Dampf, Mrs. Nan, nette Dampf, Mrs. J. M. Dampf, Lucile Dampf, Miss Fannie Dampf, Miss Jane L. Argue, Miss Eugenie Stewart, Mrs. M. H. Brown, M. O. Daniel, John E. Ringold, James H. Kilbourne, Mrs. Albert W. Wilcox, Jno. M. Bell, Mrs. A. F. Barrow, M. R. Jackson, Miss Louise Butler, Mrs. Lucinda Applegate Mrs. Addie Lewis, R. E. Lewis, Mrs. C. G. Hewes, Mrs. Caroline Petersen, Mrs. Edward Dwyer, A. Wade Noland, Geo. C. Lawason, W. H. Richardson, J. S. Clack, L. M. Walker, Jr., Mrs. Cheston Folkes, Mrs. Beryl D. Walker, E. H. Walker, Rudolph Teusch, G. W. Newman, H. A. Weis, John Smith, C. J. Bickham, Rev. H. Wall, Mrs. Mary Montgomery, Jas. Montgomery, Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Nelson, Covert Aiken Soule, Mary Bea Soule, Miss Ruth Soule, Mrs. A. L. Soule, Miss Agnes F. Wade, Mrs. John F. Irvine, A. K. Smith, Bayou Sara Lodge No. 15, K. of P., C. Elvin Bickham, C. H. Bickham, Miss Florence F. Golsan, Jos. L. Golsan, F. Paul, Mrs. G. W. Booker, Miss Helen Sechlesinger, Miss Amy Leake, Ewell B. Bickham, F. F. Harvey, Miss Lillian Daniel, Mrs. Jno. I. Daniel, Miss Ella Lee Daniel, T. D. Bickham, Mrs. Bernice S. Daniel, Miss Maurine Daniel, Mrs. R. H. Daniel, E. J. Daniel, Mrs. W. R. Daniel, T. E. Shay, J. R. Matthews, Mrs. M. A. Collins, Dave Chase, W. B. Davidson, Henry Sulser, Richard Cummings, Geo. Cummings, Mafor Raper, John Raper, Freddie Goings, James Ward, Jas. Veiges, Sr., Phil Bell, Emanuel Sanders, Len Dusey, Robt. Winney, Henry Williams, Mansfield Williams, Jas. Walker, Jas. Lee, Jr., Israel Gweal, Louis Taylor, Joe Handy, Chas. Netter, Jesse Williams, Liddle Anderson, T. R. Dupuy, Edw. Dwyer, Jr., S. Gluse, Ezekel Johnna, Willie Lee, J. E. Paine, R. G. Rogilio & Bro., R. J. Ruiz, Dr. R. S. Winn, L. R. Jeffries, Judge Fields, A. C. Winn, L. N. Walton, H. W. Spillman, Joseph Maron, Jno. A. Singleton, W. F. Byers, Fred Wilson, Lafayette Wilson, Len. Noran, J. T. Peterson, B. S. Comish, Chas. McCorry, S. M. Landrum, Willie L. Barnes, Wm. Coates, Wiley Austin, Dr. W. W. Burckhalter, W. R. McDaniels, A. E. Rogilio, E. R. Davis, Jerry Heeves, J. L. Jeffries, Dr. C. F. Howell, Calhoun B. Hamilton, T. H. Wilkinson, A. R. Anderson, Miss F. L. Holder, Mrs. J. M. Smith, Abe Stern, Joseph Stern, Louis Stern, Mrs. Eva B. Hamilton.

NO. 1 SUPERINTENDENT SECURED

Mr. D. G. Lunsford of Clinton, La. Supt. of East and West Feliciana schools, was in town, Saturday, to meet the committee of schoolmen and make the final arrangements concerning the consolidation. It was at our suggestion that Mr. Lunsford and the East Feliciana board were approached on the subject of consolidation, and naturally we feel proud of the result of the negotiations, which may be summed up as follows: West Feliciana gets an experienced school superintendent, whose success in our sister parish has been tested by long service; both parishes save some money, while Mr. Lunsford has a larger salary without having more to do than one man can well attempt, the school work of West Feliciana, being light as compared with many other parishes.

Notice of Application For Letters of Administration, Succession of William J. Fort, Deceased.

State of Louisiana, Parish of West Feliciana, Twenty-fourth Judicial District Court.

Notice is hereby given to whom it doth or may concern, to show cause within ten days from present notification, if any they have or can, why the application of William J. Fort, Jr., praying for letters of administration on the Succession of William J. Fort, deceased, should not be granted.

Witness the Honorable Charles Kilbourne, Judge of the 24th Judicial District of Louisiana, this 21st day of October, 1918.

E. S. MUSE, Clerk of said Court.

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Scarcity of raw material and shipping congestion is making it difficult for manufacturing plants to maintain their output and impossible for them to make rush deliveries. Unless implement and farm machinery dealers place their orders now for supplies, it is not likely they will get any this summer. That they may order now it is necessary they should receive from their farmer trade some indication of its needs.

Owners of Deering or McCormick mowers, reapers, binders, hay rakes and presses, or any other machinery of these makes will do well to order their repair parts now, as it may be impossible to secure them later on.

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It is really pitiful to see how much some persons fear contracting influenza in the army camps up to Oct. 22nd, is given at 15,672, which is a little over two thousand more than have been killed of the American forces in France.

There were 2,645 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in West Feliciana Parish, from the crop of 1918 prior to October 18, 1918, as compared with 2,242 bales ginned to October 18, 1917.

R. W. Tempel.