

Lake Borgne Pirates Will Be Suppressed

New Orleans.—The fleet of the Board of Commissioners for the Protection of Fish, Game and Oysters, armed with 1-pound rapid-fire guns, has been ordered to Lake Borgne to put an end to the depredations of the "pirates," according to F. M. Miller, president of the commission. The fleet comprises two vessels, the identity of which the game authorities refuse to divulge, and a third ship will be fitted up to join the fleet. The fleet will patrol the boundary line between Louisiana and Mississippi, and the men have instructions to arrest fishermen that trespass in Louisiana waters.

In speaking of the matter, President Miller said: "The commission has learned through complaints that the fishermen of Mississippi steal over into Louisiana waters and violate the laws which we are sworn to protect. No, we don't expect any bloodshed, but the men sent out with the fleet have been instructed to arrest any fisherman caught violating the law. Section 21 of act 189 of 1910 gives the game commission the right to provide for the necessary protection of the fish and oyster industry in Louisiana. This act also gives the commission the right to arm vessels, and, in accordance with these provisions, the vessels were equipped with a gun each, and a third will shortly be put in commission."

The attention of the board was called to the alleged unlawful operations of Mississippi fishermen through numerous complaints. The fishermen of Louisiana, estopped from hauling seines during the closed season for shrimp, salt water fish and diamond-back terrapin, complained that the fishermen of Mississippi came over the Louisiana-Mississippi line, made their hauls, and crossed over into Mississippi again. The supreme court of the United States, in a decision in the famous boundary dispute case between the two states, declared the boundary between the states to run east with the current of the Pearl river.

The False Mouth Bay, in Plaquemine parish, and all that section of Lake Borgne above St. Bernard, are the most noted fishing grounds in the South. In the waters of the bay the finest shrimp abound, and all through that section it is said that the diamond-back terrapin are found in great abundance. The reefs in that section have been devastated by oyster fishermen of Mississippi, it is asserted, and it was with a view to building up these beds that the game commission sent out two scouts on a hostile mission.

Postal Receipts Show an Increase. Alexandria.—Postmaster Charnley reports that the increase in business at the local postoffice is as follows: Receipts in postal funds for the year ending March 31, 1911, second-class postage, box rents, etc., total \$40,662. This is an increase over last year of \$4,466. The money order business, done for the same period as above, total number of money orders issued and paid, 79,525. The total amount of money handled was \$339,441, an increase over last year of \$23,726. The total amount of money handled in the Alexandria postoffice for the year was \$380,103.

Loses Life Trying to Board a Train. Gueydan.—Adam Prejean, colored, of this place, while attempting to catch a freight train at Morfe Station, six miles north of here, missed his calculation on the speed of the train and was thrown under the cars and almost instantly killed.

Organizing Girls' Clubs. Ghelaland.—The United States Agricultural Department has selected Bienville and Caldwell parishes in which to inaugurate girls' canning and tomato clubs this year, and a number of girls have taken up the work. Miss M. H. Key of this place has charge of the clubs in this parish. Instructions and seed are supplied from Washington.

Jennings Progressive League Formed. Jennings.—About 200 citizens met at the city hall and perfected an organization to be known as the Jennings Progressive League, the object of which is to further the interests of Jennings in every legitimate way. Fifteen directors were appointed for the purpose of choosing the officers and further outlining the work of the league.

Fugitive Returned From Texas. Franklin.—Sheriff Joe N. Magee has returned from Newton, Texas, where he went to secure Mateo Holmes, a negro, charged with murder committed at Warrington last December, since when he had been at large.

Crowley Property Owners Victorious. Crowley.—A special session of the district court was held to try the case of H. M. Bone et al against the board of commissioners of the Crowley and Sixth Ward Drainage District. Briefs were submitted and judgment rendered in favor of the plaintiffs, rendering the largest property owners of Crowley and the Sixth ward. The suit was a friendly one to test the constitutionality of the election held last summer to authorize the issuance of bonds by the Crowley and Sixth Ward Drainage District.

VOTE \$40,000 BONDS FOR CANAL

Franklin District Almost Unanimous for the Drainage Scheme.

Franklin.—A special election was held here by the property taxpayers for the proposition to incur a debt and issue bonds of the Franklin Drainage District to the amount of \$40,000, to run for a period of 40 years. The election was virtually unanimous in favor of the proposition, there being only one vote cast against it.

The first work the Drainage Commission intends to start is the continuance of the canal from the basin about one mile from Franklin, to the Southern Pacific tracks.

Is Saved From a Watery Grave.

Grand Cane.—E. E. Scott of Kingston was in the right place at the right time to save the life of a horse drover, J. H. Riggs purchased several mules from a Kansas City dealer, and while crossing a swollen bayou the horse drover and several of the mules, not being able to ascertain the exact location of a submerged bridge, plunged off into the bayou. Two of the best mules were drowned, and by chance Scott happened to arrive in time to save the life of the horse drover, who was then helplessly exhausted from his struggles with the current of the swollen bayou.

To Specialize on Farm Products.

Natchitoches.—The Parish Fair Association has arranged to begin work in preparation for the next annual fair to be held in October. Every effort will be made to make the fair better than ever. The Natchitoches corn grower, whose record at state and national fairs won all the prizes and brought this parish into prominence as a corn-growing section, received his first incentive in premiums offered by the local parish fair, and this has stimulated general interest in the fair for this year.

"Spotter" Says He Was Flogged.

Shreveport.—Following the acquittal of J. W. Hudnall, a storekeeper, on the charge of running a "blind tiger," Sam Blas, a negro, employed by city detectives to buy the drinks, and considered the prosecution's main witness, was arrested on the charge of perjury. His testimony having favored Hudnall. After his incarceration, the negro swore that a white man handcuffed and flogged him, after removing his clothes, threatening to kill him if he testified against any white man.

A Model Road Is Proposed.

Baton Rouge.—A movement is on foot for the building of another model road in this parish. This time it is proposed to build the road to Greenwell Springs and gravel the road. The persons who are developing the Greenwell Springs as a summer resort and watering place have offered to donate all of the gravel necessary to gravel the road for the entire distance from Baton Rouge to the springs.

Row on Oil Field Ends Fatally.

Lake Charles.—Following an altercation at the Vinton oil field, Jules Duhoton received part of a load of shot in his right side, inflicting a serious wound. Ben Whitaker was arrested and lodged in jail to await the result of Duhoton's injuries. The quarrel arose over some trivial matter.

Brick Plant Destroyed by Fire.

Amite City.—Fire destroyed the brickyard operated by Richard A. Kent at Fluker, six miles north of here, and several adjacent dwellings. The loss is estimated at \$35,000, partially covered by insurance.

A New Sugar Company Is Organized.

Franklin.—A new sugar company, with a capital stock of \$100,000, has been organized here, and its charter filed in the recorder's office. The holdings of the company are in Avoyelles parish.

Need Water for Rice Irrigation.

Plaquemine.—The river at this place is now 25 feet lower than the lowest record. Rice men of this section are having great difficulty in obtaining water to flood their fields.

Eleven Are Held for Parker Killing.

Lake Charles.—Four more citizens of Reeves have been arrested and lodged in jail, in connection with the killing of Martin Parker at Reeves, April 1, making 11 persons in all.

LOUISIANA NEWS IN BRIEF.

H. Porter Dowling was elected mayor of Grand Cane.

Congressman Broussard has returned from Honduras and will introduce a cattle importation bill in congress.

George Hathaway of Jennings was elected president of the Rice Association of America at its meeting at Crowley.

Besancan and Rodin, slayers of F. Reidel, a German watchmaker at New Orleans, have made their peace with God, they declare.

The committee appointed by the State Health Board to investigate the causes of pollution of the waters of Bayou Teche met at Franklin and Bayou Teche met at Franklin and made a report in which they attributed pollution to the fact that waste from factories and mills along the bayou is dumped therein.

The convention of the Arkansas-Louisiana Launderers' Association came to a close at Shreveport after having selected Hot Springs, Ark., as the next convention city.

F. B. McQueeny was unanimously re-elected secretary of the Baton Rouge board of trade.

Louisiana State News

Happenings of Interest for Our Many Readers

New Orleans' Plan.

New Orleans.—The completion of the Panama canal in 1913 will be celebrated in November of that year in New Orleans. During that month a series of national conventions will be held in New Orleans in commemoration of the event, under the general direction of the Southern Commercial Congress. This was decided upon recently, when Managing Director Dave of Washington, by authority of United States Senator Fletcher, president of the Southern Commercial Congress, met the official heads of twenty commercial organizations of New Orleans.

In explaining plans, Mr. Dave said: "The Panama canal will be opened in 1913, and its commemoration by the business forces of all the States is appropriate at this time. The Southern Commercial Congress, acting for all the Southern States, will invite all other States to New Orleans to take part in a series of conventions affecting every business, and drawing the nation's attention to the significance of the canal."

A telegram was sent to C. C. Moore, president of the Canal-Pacific Exposition Company, explaining that the project was not intended to be inimical to the interests of the exposition in San Francisco in 1915.

A committee of ten, under the chairmanship of C. H. Ellis, will immediately proceed with the plans for the celebration.

Rice Experiment Station.

Crowley.—Charles E. Chambliss, special agent of the United States department of agriculture in charge of rice investigations, was in Crowley to inspect the rice experiment station. He is now at Washington, La., where he will establish a government rice experiment station on the property of the Union Irrigation Company. This station will be located alongside the Schell canal at the intersection of the canal and the Opelousas-Washington road and will be in charge of Prof. J. M. Jenkins, the special agent of the department of agriculture in charge of government rice experiments at the Crowley station.

High School Names Contestants.

Houma.—A contest was held recently at the high school to select pupils to represent the school in the meet to be held at Thibodaux. The following were selected: Declamation, Miss Helen Wurzelow and James Haygood; impromptu composition, Misses Tom Bourg and Geraldine Daussett; physics, Miss Bernice Theriot; chemistry, Miss Tom Bourg; botany, Miss Mildred Theriot; drawing, Edward Wright and Miss Marguerite Bisland; athletic team, James Haygood, Albert Lecompte, Easton Duval, Elphie Daigle, Alex Connelly, Lawrence Porche and James Campbell.

New Orleans Rice Market.

New Orleans.—The market for rough rice was steady Saturday with a fair demand for Honduras grades. Offerings were light and met ready consideration. Japan grades were nominal. Clean rice developed a better undertone, and only a moderate volume of business was done owing to the light offerings. Rough-Honduras steady at \$1.50@2.75 per barrel; Japan steady at \$1.80@2.75. Receipts—Rough rice, 871 sacks; millers, 472 sacks.

Intercoastal Canal League.

Morgan City.—A meeting was held recently for the purpose of arranging for the convention of the Intercoastal Canal League, which was offered to Morgan City by Secretary Leon Locke of Lake Charles, who was present at the meeting. The offer was accepted by the citizens. Over 1,000 delegates will be in attendance at the convention to be held in October. Mr. Locke was given a hearty reception here. It is understood that the opening of the deep water channel to the gulf will also be celebrated at that time in Morgan City.

Improvement of River.

Washington.—The people are elated over the bill introduced in congress by Congressman Pujol asking for an appropriation of \$100,000 for improvement of the Courtaubean river, which is destined to reclaim the open navigation way from Washington to New Orleans and all outside river or water ports by removing from the Courtaubean drift near its mouth. It also assures the waters of the Atchafalaya for irrigation purposes.

Big Lumber Mill Sold.

Morgan City.—The Cummins-Moberly Lumber Company of Taft, La., purchased the mill and holdings of the Ramos Lumber Company of Ramos, La., for a sum said to be over \$800,000. The sale was passed this week and officially announced Saturday. Mr. Cummins has taken personal charge of the purchase.

Illinois Brewery Opens Depot.

Vidalia.—The Fecker Brewing Company of Danville, Ill., has opened a depot at Vidalia.

Eight Months in Jail.

New Orleans.—Twelve election officials of the city of New Orleans, who recently pleaded guilty in the so-called "ballot box stuffing" cases to charges of violating the State election laws, were sentenced Saturday to eight months' imprisonment each in the New Orleans parish prison.

At the election in question, held for the purpose of selecting a justice of the Louisiana State supreme court, Judge W. M. Somerville had no opposition, it being alleged that the ballot boxes were stuffed for the sole purpose of maintaining the apparently heavy voting strength of the respective precincts.

Two other officials who confessed are yet to be sentenced and half a dozen others are under indictment.

The men sentenced Saturday are Gus J. Yaeger, Thomas J. Cook, Jos. H. Glorions, Walter W. Ryan, William C. McGawley, Thomas Kennedy, Joseph Henrich, John Garlin, Henry Sullivan, P. E. Dominique, G. Heimgarten and J. Clever.

Shipped 52 Cars of Berries.

Independence.—Since last Monday a total of fifty-two carloads of strawberries have been shipped from Independence. Twenty-eight cars were shipped Monday, twelve cars Tuesday, and twelve cars Saturday. The prices ranged from \$1.35 to \$1.37½ per crate. Saturday officers of the Farmers and Merchants' Bank gave a banquet to the men who have been here buying and shipping the berries, and covers were laid for sixty. In the assemblage were buyers from Boston, Buffalo, New York City, Philadelphia, Denver, Chicago, Detroit and other large cities of the country. From now on the shipping of beans will be a prominent business feature here. The beans are fast maturing.

Minstrel Entertainment Given.

Franklin.—The black and white minstrel entertainment at the Jackson Ring, given under the auspices of the ladies of the Episcopal church, assisted by other denominations, for the benefit of the Episcopal church, was witnessed by a large audience. There were over sixty ladies and men in the play, the cast being made up entirely of home talent. Singing, dialogues and dancing featured. Refreshments were served. Over \$300 was realized.

Wilson Defeats Powlett.

Hammond.—In the municipal election M. C. Wilson was elected over Dr. S. L. Powlett, the incumbent, the vote standing 136 for Wilson to 72 for Powlett. The vote on the balance of the ticket was: Marshal, F. H. Meyers 123, S. C. Randall 87; alderman at large, H. A. Kohne 187. Aldermen—First ward, L. T. Little 28; Second ward, R. M. Tyer 39, A. O. Jones 32; Third ward, J. D. Killian 40, J. A. Hincley 30; Fourth ward, George Muller 30.

Police Jury Buys Grader.

Natchitoches.—A committee from the police jury has purchased, through J. G. Liver, representing J. D. Adams & Co. of Indiana, a road king grader, to be delivered at once, and subject to demonstration. Action on the purchase of a traction engine was deferred until May 1. Engineer W. B. Nox of the good road work was present, consulting with the committee.

Jennings' Municipal Officers.

Jennings.—At the municipal election rather a light vote was polled, and resulted in the election of the following officers: Councilmen, J. C. Laug, John Gamble, C. H. Dunham and George Maund; marshal, Juddson Harris; members of school board, George A. Courtney, S. A. Spencer and J. A. McCorkle.

Oil and Mineral Concern.

Jennings.—The Calcasieu Oil and Mineral Company is the name of a new company recently organized in Jennings, with a capital stock of \$50,000. J. A. McCorkle is president; L. R. Baker, vice president; John L. Anderson, secretary; W. L. Wright, treasurer. These gentlemen, with Mr. O. G. Daniels, make up the first board of directors.

New Orleans Sugar Market.

New Orleans.—The local sugar market was quiet Saturday. Trading during the early session was next to nothing, due to the light movement of receipts from plantations. Prices were unchanged. Refined sugars were steady and under fair demand. Molasses and syrups were nominal.

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Several Sites Offered.

Plaquemine.—The committee of the school board to select a site for the new high school building have had several good sites offered them.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Cummins Seeks Rigid Merit System



WASHINGTON.—Senator Cummins of Iowa, as chairman of the committee on civil service and retraining, proposes to push the consideration of a comprehensive civil service measure—one that will provide for the designation by law of all places under civil service classification, instead of leaving them to executive order, and which will regulate promotions and retirements.

As a member of the committee on interstate commerce he already has done some work on a bill to reorganize the interstate commission, increasing its membership and dividing it into five parts, these parts to have jurisdiction respectively over sections of the country corresponding to the traffic divisions as designated by the railroads.

It is not certain that the scheme for reorganization of the interstate commerce commission will be advanced beyond the preliminary stage at this extra session.

With respect to the subject first mentioned, however, it is the intention to introduce a bill within a short

time and to do as much work on it as possible in committee during the summer.

Hearings may be held and as an indication of Senator Cummins' intention to keep his committee busy, the first thing he did after reaching Washington the other day was to move his quarters in the senate office building from the northwest corner to the southeast corner, immediately adjoining the room allotted to the committee on civil service and retraining.

For years, until Mr. Cummins became chairman, this committee had been one of the "do-nothing" committees of the senate. In the last congress it held hearings on the proposition to provide for the retirement and pensioning of superannuated employees of the various government departments.

It now is proposed to embrace the civil service classification and the promotion and retirement features in one comprehensive measure.

There is no intention, it is understood, of assailing the executive branch of the government through the proposition to designate by law the positions that shall be filled under the civil service rules. It is designed, however, to make the rules more rigid and to prevent in the future the excepting of certain places from the application of the rules by executive order.

Sherman Hard to Keep in Line

VICE-PRESIDENT SHERMAN'S fondness for mixing with the crowd, talking politics with his old cronies in the house and a general dislike for formality, especially when the formality is a prolonged affair, almost disarranged the White House plans for the New Year reception.

Mr. Sherman was the first man received by the president. The vice-president then became a member of the president's receiving party. The presiding officer of the senate continued to bow sweetly as long as possible, and then quietly stepped into the line of guests which had already passed the president and walked out to the east room, where there were hundreds of politicians of various brands. The vice-president was having a fine time when he was interrupted by Capt. Archibald Butt, the president's military aid.

"Mr. Vice-President," said Captain Butt, "you have been missed from the receiving line. Permit me to escort you back in time to receive the diplomats."

"So long, boys," said the vice-president, waving his hand to his old cronies in the house. "See you later."

Diplomat after diplomat passed the



president, and behind them the vice-president saw an endless line of gold braid adorning the breasts of countless officers of the army and navy stationed in Washington.

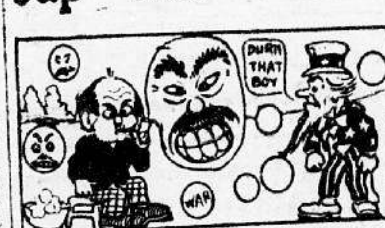
"Those fellows don't want to see me for anything," said the vice-president, as he slipped back into the east room. Half an hour later, while the vice-president was exchanging the compliments of the season and telling and hearing stories, he was again accosted by Captain Butt.

"I have been looking all over the White House for you," said the military aid.

"Well, here I am," remarked "Sunny Jim," slapping Butt on the back. "What do you want this time?"

"President Taft's party is ready to go to luncheon," said the captain, "and we are waiting for you to escort Mrs. Taft."

Jap War Talk Is Called Criminal



"YOU can take two friendly boys and bump their heads together until one of them will lose his temper and then you will have a fight," said a high-up official of the United States. "The same rule applies to nations. This talk about a prospective war between the United States and Japan if kept up for a few years will inevitably produce war between the two countries. It ought to be stopped, and stopped now."

"There ought to be some way of inflicting punishment on persons who indulge in this war talk when there is not the slightest foundation for it. The newspapers are not primarily responsible for this talk. I do think, however, that they ought to quit giving it publicity."

Some persons have recently made less.

the suggestion that it might not be improper for congress to start an investigation with a view to ascertaining why this talk of hostilities between the United States and Japan continues. It is pointed out that such an investigation ought to reveal whether as a matter of cold fact there is any basis for the stories that are constantly put in circulation. For nearly four years this talk has gone on here at the capital, and naturally has spread to other sections of the country.

President Taft has recently found it necessary to invite the ambassador of the Japanese empire to the White House and assure him personally that the administration is in no way responsible for the war talk that has recently been indulged in, and to reiterate to him that the United States has only the kindest feelings for Japan.

During the last month many stories, circumstantial in character, have been passed around here tending to show that Japan is preparing to fight this country. Every one of them on investigation has been found to be baseless.

Naturalists Busy on Canal Zone

ENCOURAGING reports are being received by the Smithsonian Institution from the naturalists who are taking part in the biological survey of the Panama canal zone, which was organized by the institution last winter. The principal branches of natural history are represented in the party, which includes seven experienced field naturalists, nearly all of them from the scientific bureaus of the government.

Naturalists throughout the world are greatly interested in this biological survey, because when the canal is opened sweeping changes probably will take place in the distribution of the animals and plants. A part of the fresh water streams of the isthmus flows into the Atlantic ocean and others into the Pacific.

It is known that a certain number of animals and plants in the streams on the Atlantic side differ from those on the Pacific side, but as no biological survey has ever been undertaken the extent and magnitude of these differences have yet to be learned.



It also is of great importance to science to determine the geographical distribution of the various organisms inhabiting these waters, as the isthmus is one of the routes by which the animals and plants of South America have entered North America and vice versa.

When the canal is completed the natural distinctions now existing will be obliterated, while by the construction of the Gatun dam a vast fresh water lake will be formed, which will drive away or drown the majority of the animals and plants now inhabiting the locality and might exterminate some of the species before the scientific experts had a chance to study them.