

# Drainage District Of Upper St. Johns

### Outlet to Ocean Close to Oceanus

## LETTER FROM COL. LADUE

#### Engineer in Charge of Florida District Advises Those Interested in Drainage of Attitude of Board of Engineers at Washington.

In a letter to those interested in the upper St. Johns drainage district, which provides for the drainage of several hundred thousand acres of land in three or four counties on the upper St. Johns river, makes known the attitude of the board of engineers of Washington, D. C., on several matters in connection with the project. Among these is the proposition to cut a canal to the ocean in the vicinity of Oceanus, or some other point nearby.

The letter addressed to the public follows:

To Whom It May Concern:

The chief of engineers has authorized me to advise those interested in property along the Indian river within the area of the possible influence of the drainage operations of the upper St. Johns drainage district, that the war department, in acting upon the drainage plans presented by the board of supervisors of the drainage district, including outlet canals to the Indian river, can consider only the effect of the execution of these plans upon the navigable capacity and usefulness of the navigable waters affected, and that all questions of property rights and property damages must be relegated to the courts; but that if the various parties at interest desire to join in presenting a request for permission to cut an outlet to the Atlantic ocean at Oceanus, or at some other suitable point along this stretch of the coast, the department will be inclined to give favorable consideration to the request if properly presented, and if accompanied by plans making adequate provision for the protection of the navigable capacity of the Indian river, and by satisfactory guarantees that the plans will be executed, and the protection assured.

Please communicate these views of the war department to any other interested parties who may be known to you.

Very respectfully,  
W. B. LADUE,  
Lt. Col. Corps of Engineers.

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"If you mean the one with white spots, I have," replied the student who had an eye for girls.—Exchange.

### MYSTERY IN SHOOTING.

#### Mike Griffin Found in Woods Mortally Wounded.

Jacksonville police are probing the killing of Mike Griffin, near Laekawana Springs.

Griffin was one of a hunting party which went into the woods near Laekawana Springs.

Alone in the woods, with only his dog as a companion, Griffin was found terribly wounded by Deputy Sheriff McCloud and Detectives Tipton and Johnson. He was brought hurriedly to Jacksonville and placed in the county hospital, where he died.

A companion, Mike Hogan, who was with the party of hunters, has been placed under arrest. A negro, with whom, it is said, the party had engaged in a quarrel, is also being hunted by the police.

Considerable mystery shrouds the affair.

### BIG BRIDGE PLANNED.

#### Million Dollar Span to Connect St. Petersburg and Tampa.

To give Tampa and St. Petersburg direct interurban connection, it is planned to build a million dollar bridge over Old Tampa bay. A concrete structure to meet all government requirements will, it is estimated, at least require the expenditure of that sum.

Preliminary plans have been approved by Lieut. Col. W. B. Ladue, United States corps of engineers, and the studies call for two spans of 1,000 feet each that will permit light draft craft to pass beneath the bridge without having to follow the channel. A hearing on the project is scheduled for the near future by the government.

### Good For Citrus Growers.

Florida growers of citrus fruits may expect excellent prices this season, according to C. E. Stewart, general manager of the Florida Citrus exchange. This is due to a short crop and unusual conditions prevailing in the big markets. With the upward trend of prices, people are prepared to pay higher prices for luxuries, and this will include citrus fruits of all kinds. The citrus fruit crop this year is reported to be of exceptionally high quality.

It is estimated that the waves of the Atlantic ocean that beat upon the British shores have an average force of one ton a square foot in the winter months.

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Looking backward through the years to the time when our forefathers were establishing in this country institutions that characterize a great and enduring civilization, there comes to our view no more significant hall mark of the fine Christian characteristics of the men and women of that day than the beautiful custom they began for us in observing a day of Thanksgiving and Praise. The people of Florida for the blessings of prosperity, peace and happiness that prevail in our commonwealth and in the nation should be profoundly grateful.

To us has been vouchsafed a year unmarred by epidemic, serious disturbances or economic loss. To us has been given a year of peaceful enjoyment of the prosperity of the commonwealth; and a year witnessing great progress in our industries and arts of peace. Our fields and groves are richly laden with the fruits of industry and are not laid waste in the devastating path of war. The busy whirl of the wheels of commerce have not been supplanted by the rumblings of the wheels of cannon, the song of the harvester is heard in the land and we have no discordant note of strife within our borders.

Therefore, in keeping with the beautiful custom which it delights our hearts to follow, I, Park Trammell, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby designate and set apart,

### Thursday, November 30th, 1916,

to be observed as a day of Thanksgiving.

That this nation of ours has been spared the suffering, loss and bloodshed, yea, even the wholesale slaughter of men, which are the necessary results of cruel and merciless war; that we have been kept out of its awful horrors, yet steadfastly have maintained the national honor, should fill us with a spirit of solemn gratitude.

For these things and for whatever our individual blessing and prosperity have been let us be truly thankful, reverently observing the day set apart in offering praise and Thanksgiving to The Giver of all Good who giveth the earth its increase and guides the destinies of nations.

Let the people gather where convenient for a service of Praise and Thanksgiving appropriate to the occasion, and manifest their gratitude also in substantial form by having thought for any unfortunate in their midst.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed this 16th day of November, A. D. 1916.

PARK TRAMMELL,

Governor.

Attest:  
H. CLAY CRAWFORD,  
Secretary of State.

### A BIG COTTON DEAL.

#### \$600,000 Paid For 3,000 Bales of Sea Island in Florida.

Three thousand bales of sea island cotton were sold at the municipal docks in Jacksonville at 50 cents a pound, the price paid being \$600,000. This is the largest single sale of cotton ever made in the state and brought the largest price per pound since the Civil war. It is understood the shipment will go to West Boston mills.

### Florida Widows Exempt.

With all counties except title officially tabulated at the secretary of state's office, it is evident that the property of widows will be exempt from taxation in Florida in the future as that amendment was carried. The suffrage and reapportionment amendments were defeated in the nine small counties and those to whom from cannot change the result it is announced.

### Cooking Rice.

Rice has a finer flavor if it is washed in hot water instead of cold before cooking.

### ON FRENCH FRONT.

#### Bad Weather Said to Be Hindering Operations.

Bad weather is hampering the operations on the western front in France, but the British nevertheless have taken 20 additional German officers and 752 men prisoner in the Amere sector, making their total of prisoners since the 13th of November 6,962.

Berlin says that in Saturday's fighting, which was over a front of seven and a half miles, the British met with a sanguinary reverse except for insignificant gains southwest of Serre and near Grandcourt. A French attack south of Sully-Sallines met with a similar repulse.

Attacks by the Austrians in the Adige and upper But regions, in the Alps, which the Austrians and Italians fought hand to hand, the Italian were victorious, according to the Austrian press office.

### World Library.

The University of Chicago is the largest collection of books in the western hemisphere, having the third in the world.

## World Situation Full Of Portent

### Important Affairs Face the President

### SITUATION IS PRESSING

#### For Next Few Weeks President and His Advisers Will Consider International Questions to Exclusion of the Domestic Subjects.

A portentous and complicated international situation now faces President Wilson and for the next few weeks will engage his attention and that of his advisers to the practical exclusion of all but the most urgent of domestic subjects.

In the last days of the campaign Secretary of State Lansing frequently spoke of the necessity of postponing action on the more delicate international questions because the uncertainty of the outcome of the political contest had a direct bearing on the success or failure of some of the administration policies.

From now on the president expects to deal with all foreign questions without embarrassment and he is receiving from his advisers a summary of the outstanding issues so essential to taking stock of the basic situation which must be met now that international relations have returned to their place of prime importance. While it is not evident that there will be any fundamental change in policy, freedom from fear that any move at all would be misinterpreted as inspired by an internal political struggle has been removed. President Wilson and Secretary Lansing feel themselves able to meet with a single eye to the international situation and their immediate conferences on the president's return to Washington indicate how pressing they feel the situation to be.

### TUG'S CREW DROWNED.

#### Leaving Port, Deutschland Collided With Vessel.

Five members of the crew of the tug T. A. Scott, Jr., which accompanied the German submarine Deutschland from New London, on her return trip to Bremen, were drowned when the submersible and the tug collided in the race, about twelve miles from New London, Conn. The only person on the tug saved was Capt. Fred Hirsch, of the German internal liner Necker. The tug, which belonged to the T. A. Scott Wrecking company, sank.

The Deutschland returned to her dock. Officials declined to discuss the accident, or to tell the extent of the damage inflicted on the submarine.

The tug and submarine came together in a relatively smooth sea. When it was apparent that the tug was fatally rammed the crew jumped overboard. Captain Hirsch swam to a life preserver thrown out by the Deutschland's crew.

The Deutschland drew out of her pocket at the pier of the Eastern Forwarding company, accompanied by the tugs T. A. Scott and the Casse of the T. A. Scott Wrecking company, sub-agents of the Eastern Forwarding company. She carried on her homeward dash a cargo valued at \$2,000,000, and consisting of nickel, rubber and silver bars.

### STRANGELY AFFLICTED.

#### Reported That Student Lost Voice by Shoveling Lye.

Working during his vacation in the employ of Libby, McNeill & Libby of Sunnyvale to earn part of his college expenses, C. H. S. Roberts, of the College of the Pacific, at San Jose, Cal., was put to shoveling lye into a fruit peeler. The lye blew into his face and mouth. From August 15 when the accident occurred, he has not been able to go on with his studies.

The State Accident Commission of California awarded Roberts \$30 in cash and \$7.50 a week compensation. Whether he will ever be able to more than whisper is doubtful, but in the event that his voice does not come back he will be paid this amount for 240 weeks.

### INAUGURATION DAY.

#### It Falls on Sunday, March 4, Next Year.

There will be no inauguration in the sense of President Wilson because of the fact that March 4, next, inauguration day, falls on Sunday, according to an opinion reached at the state department.

It became known that an account of reports that a lapse would occur and that 8 o'clock evening would be getting very dark on March 4, a form letter explaining the change has been prepared at the state department to be sent out to inspect to libraries on the question. While it is not expected that the formal inauguration of Mr. Wilson will be held until Monday, March 5, he will be advised by Secretary Lansing to take the oath of office on Sunday.

### Do You Have Sour Stomach?

If you are troubled with sour stomach you should eat slowly and masticate your food thoroughly, then take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. Obtainable everywhere.

### DRIVING ROUMANIANS.

#### Austro-Germans Report Progress Several Points.

On the Transylvanian front the Austro-German armies at almost all points continue to make progress against the Russian and Rumanian forces or to hold them back without gains when they attack. The reports from Berlin say the Rumanian allies have forced the narrow mountain passes leading to the Wallachian plain of Rumania and on the Danubian front near the junction of Hungary, Serbia and Rumania, have pushed the Orsova-Craiova railroad. Bucharest reports a Rumanian advance in the region of Dragoslavet.

From November 1 to November 15 the Austro-Germans are said to have made prisoners of 180 officers and 19,338 men and to have captured 20 guns, 72 machine guns and 17 million munition cars.

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