

LOUISIANA STATE SOCIETY ENJOYS ANNUAL MEETING

Ernest Wilkinson Re-elected President—Henry Vignaud Praised.

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Washington, Feb. 8.—Louisianians in Washington were admonished last night by George H. Terriberry not to be led by the hubbub of capital society and by such events as an arms conference into thinking that Louisiana is not keeping pace with the district of Columbia. Louisiana is absolutely abreast with any locality in the country in commerce, art, letters, music, preaching and length of skirts, he declared, in the course of a talk to the Louisiana Society of Washington.

Socially, the state is agog, and he cited the Sullivan-Salmen wedding to substantiate his statement. The success of this event, Mr. Terriberry avowed, has led King George to send a representative to Louisiana to get first-hand impressions so that the knowledge thus gained could be applied in the conduct of the wedding of his daughter, Princess Mary.

In more serious vein Mr. Terriberry told how the Industrial canal will multiply the chances for growth of commerce at the state's great port.

By unanimous vote the society adopted the following resolution proposed by Gallard Hunt:

"The Louisiana Society of Washington sends greetings to Henri Vignaud, honorary counselor of the American embassy at Paris and historian of the discovery of America, and extends to him felicitations on his long and distinguished career as a diplomat and a scholar. As he has remembered

Louisiana in his many years of absence so have Louisianians remembered him and wish him happiness in his retirement."

Mr. Hunt told the society that Mr. Vignaud had seen in The Times-Picayune an account of the reference made to his work at a meeting of the Louisiana Society a year ago and that he had received a letter from him expressing his appreciation of those commendatory references.

Mr. Hunt, who is drafter of treaties for the State Department, called attention to the fact that Mr. Vignaud's forthcoming work, which is expected to be the most monumental of his writings, will be dedicated to the late Alcee Fortier. He also called attention to the unusual imprint which the early French settlers in Louisiana had left upon the state and upon the nation. He recited the almost forgotten story of the manner in which Western Florida was wrested from Spain and how Baton Rouge at one time was the capital of the Republic of West Florida. He told of events in the life of Pierre Soule, who seven years after immigrating to Louisiana became that state's representative in the United States Senate. Louisiana, he declared, had exerted an influence in the formation of American character that is entirely out of proportion to its population.

Officers were elected as follows: Ernest Wilkinson, president; Lieutenant Commander F. L. Sandoz, vice-president; Mrs. Joseph H. Goldberger, vice-president; Miss Elaine Lazaro, vice-president; Mrs. Paul Wooton, treasurer; Miss Helen Vidrine, secretary; Joseph E. Colton, historian; the Reverend Allen S. Hawkesworth, chaplain.

Mr. Wilkinson was re-elected over his own protest. He admitted that he entertained views to rotation in office similar to those held by Martin Behrman, Senator Ransdell and Representative Dupre, but he was re-elected by acclamation.