OLD LA. CAPITOL
BE DEDICATED AS
WAR MEMORIAL

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BATON ROUGE, La., Nov. 6—Dedication next Tuesday at 11 a.m. of the
Old State Capitol of Louisiana at Baton Rouge as a memorial to the servicemen
and women of World War II who made the supreme sacrifice will highlight
Armistice Day activities in the state, Larry P. Baham, chairman of the pro-
gram and head of the special memorial commission appointed by
Governor Davis, announced today.

The dedication of this historic landmark will be made by Governor Jimmie H. Davis who will also be the
principal speaker of the day. James S. Reilly, state chairman of the Living War Memorial committee, will preside
as master of ceremonies for the occasion.

All Baton Rouge divisions of the Amvets, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled War Veterans, Order of the
Purple Heart, Spanish American War Veterans, and a post of the American Legion, will use the building as
headquarters.

The old state capitol, located on the corner of North Boulevard and St. Philip Street, is one of the most inter-
esting buildings in Baton Rouge, both from the architectural and historical viewpoints.

The building, which was planned by James Harrison Dakin, was started in 1847 and completed in December 1849
at the cost of $396,000. It was outfitted with furnishings shipped from Europe to the Emperor Maximilian of Mexico,
but which had arrived after that unhappy ruler’s death.

From 1850 to 1862, when Baton Rouge was captured by the federal troops, the building housed the Louisiana
state government. Following the federal occupation, it was used for several months as a military prison, later as
a garrison for the negro troops. In December, 1862, a fire almost destroyed the entire building. Only the walls
remained standing. It was not until 1882, that the building was reconstruc-
ted and another story added. Again it served as the state capitol until the
completion of the present capitol in 1932.