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## NEAR AGREEMENT ON FOOD CONTROL

### HOOVER OR A BOARD OF THREE BONE OF CONTENTION

### BEST BET, HOOVER BY HIMSELF

Joint Committee to Boss Expenditure on the Toboggan—Hope for Agreement by Tonight

By International News Service

Washington, July 27.—The senate and house conferees on the food control bill are at loggerheads over whether Herbert Hoover or a board of three shall administer the food control provisions. The house favors Hoover alone, and the senate a board of three. It is hoped the conferees may reach an understanding before tomorrow night.

Sentiment is said to favor the elimination of the Smoot amendment authorizing the President to commandeer all the liquor in bond and the elimination of a joint committee of the senate and house to pass on war expenditures. Unless the administration puts its foot down on the Sheppard "dry" resolution and pigeon-holes it in the house the submission of the nation-wide prohibition amendment to the states seems certain. Adoption of the Sheppard resolution by the senate next Wednesday is assured, the "drys" assert and they back up their claim with a poll showing sixty-six votes pledged to the measure.

## "COME SEVEN!" BIFF! BOOM! BANG!

Those St. Bernard parish sports can't pass up a dice game for love or money, according to all reports, so it was not surprising that when William Nobors, 112 Melite avenue, saw a crap game in progress at North Basin and Conti streets he should stop his car to join in the fun.

There were six negroes in the game, according to Nobors' version of the affair. The white man pulled out a dollar, laid it on the pavement, and nudging the "bones" lovingly in his hand.

"Come you seven!" he pleaded, as the dice rolled and spinned toward the banquet. Seven it was. Nobors' hand reached out for the money, but his dusky protagonist was a little bit quicker. Five nimble fingers closed over the two dollar bills, and a pair of nimble fingers legs got into action a second later. Nobors ran to his machine, and securing a revolver fired three times at the retreating spade, but the gun hasn't been made yet that could have sent a bullet flying through space as fast as the winning loser was traveling.

Nobors was arrested by the police on charges of shooting dice on the sidewalk and discharging firearms in the city limits.

## AUTO TRUCK FLAG HIGHEST IN CITY

Auto truck company No. 2 have the honor of hoisting their flag to the highest point in the city. Yesterday the flag was hoisted on the 210 foot smoke-stack of the Consumers Electric Company at Conti and Basin streets.

The following compose the members of the crew that staged the flag raising: Captain V. Lagard, Lieutenant Fred Smith, C. Frisard, Fred Brown, A. Berrol, G. Maronne, T. Scott and A. White.

## Chicago Faces Big Railroad Strike

By International News Service

Chicago, July 27.—Efforts to avert a strike of the railroad switchmen on all nineteen railroads entering Chicago tonight proved fruitless. The strike was called for 6 a. m. tomorrow.

## QUICK ACTION SAVES INJURY

The presence of mind of an automobile driver saved two men serious injury at Claiborne and Carrollton avenue yesterday. As Joseph Weaver, of 2310 St. Thomas street, was driving in on Carrollton avenue two men got off the South Claiborne car and started across the street in front of the car. Weaver swung his machine into the guard railing at the canal crossing, and the automobile upset, without, however, injuring the driver.

## 47 ARRESTED DURING WEEK OVER TRAFFIC

Affidavits have been filed against three automobile drivers for alleged violations of the traffic law. This brings the total number of persons arrested in a week for violating the traffic law to 47, indicating a vigorous campaign on the part of the police.

## TAXATION COMMITTEE NAMED

Archie M. Smith, president of the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants, yesterday appointed Emile Bienvenue, Paul Havener, Charles E. Wernuth and Dr. M. A. Albrich to represent the society at the eleventh annual conference on taxation to be held at Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 13 and 16 under the auspices of the National Tax Association.

## AGED BUTCHER DIES

J. B. Lewis, 53 years old, president of the New Orleans Butchers' Co-operative Abattoir Company, died yesterday after an illness of two and a half months. His funeral will be held from his residence in St. Andrew street this afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will be made in Lafayette Cemetery No. 2.

## SOLONS GET OUTING

State Conservation Commissioner Alexander took a number of Legislators on an education trip through the oyster bed sections of the coast and to Grand Isle. They will return Monday.

In the party on the State yacht Alexandria, are Hewitt Bouanchaud, E. J. Gay, J. M. Hamley, Horace Wilkinson, Ben Ashford, Senators Boyer and Provosty and several others.

## LIVE AND LEARN—86. SHE GOES TO COLLEGE

Madison, Wis., July 2.—Mrs. Amy D. Winslip, eighty-six years of age, oldest college student, has returned to attend the Summer session at Wisconsin university.

Because of the difficulty to get to classes during the winter she attended college at California University.

## MRS. ROBERT BINGHAM DIES AT LOUISVILLE

Louisville, Ky., July 27.—Mrs. Robert Bingham, who until her marriage to Judge Bingham last November, was the widow of Henry M. Flieger, a Florida multimillionaire, died this afternoon of heart disease at the age of 50. Her estate of \$60,000 reverts to Mrs. Louise Lewis, of Cincinnati, a niece to Flieger.

## LA. LAWMAKERS HERE IN FORCE

### FOLLOWING FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE LEGISLATURE

### MAIN RESULTS SATISFACTORY

Several Bills on Subjects of Call Failed—Governor and Senate in a Tangle

New Orleans was full of returning legislators and pilgrims from Baton Rouge yesterday, following the adjournment of the legislature. The refusal of Gov. Pleasant to recognize the senate's refusal to confirm Brunson as a member of the Atchafalaya levee board and his statement that Brunson will continue as a member of the board furnished the closing sensation.

The basis of the governor's attitude was declared to be the failure of the law creating the levee board to provide that the appointments of commissioners would have to be confirmed by the senate. The appointment of Mr. Brunson, it was claimed, had been sent to the senate merely as a matter of courtesy, and obedience to a rule of custom.

Forty-four bills and concurrent resolutions were adopted during the session, covering nearly all the subjects named in the call. Several will require amendments to the constitution to become effective.

Eight bills carrying subjects of the call, failed of passage: Vagrancy bill; declared too stringent.

The Smith labor bill, urged by the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.

Taking of testimony of witnesses outside the state.

The Epion ten-mile dry bill for Camp Stafford.

The Douglas anti-vice bill, sent to Baton Rouge by the Shreveport Rotary club.

Moratorium bill, exempting men at the front from suits for debt.

Public utilities bill, to provide salaries for the New Orleans commissioners.

Barrett's constitutional amendment to exempt river craft from taxation for ten years.

## PLAGUE OF MICE DESTROYS GRAIN

Sydney, Australia, July 27.—Mice by the million are overrunning a large part of Australia. They are adding mightily to the war time troubles of the farming community and officials. The havoc they are causing in bagged wheat—for Australia has not the grain elevator system as yet—standing in many rural districts awaiting possible shipment to overseas markets is fast becoming a question of grave import. The farmers face huge losses and are beginning to ask whether the federal government fully realizes the extent of the plague and if so what it intends to do to check it. It is said that only those living in the infested districts have a comprehension of the holiness, prevalence and destructiveness of the rodents.

At a small place named Sheep Hills in Victoria seven tons of mice were killed without any apparent diminution in their number. Each house swarmed with them and hardly anything is safe from their depredations. Should their destructiveness continue there may be a famine in seed wheat.

## CURTAIN RIDING FOR PLEASURE

### DEFENSE COUNCIL SOUNDS WARNING TO AUTO OWNERS

### GASOLINE SUPPLY IS SHORT

Oil Development Does Not Keep Pace With Demands for Liquid Fuel

Washington, July 27.—Pleasure riding in motor cars should be curtailed to economize in the use of gasoline. That is the warning sent out to the country by the petroleum committee of the Council of National Defense, stating that the Nation faces a gasoline shortage. What made the statement of unusual significance was the fact that A. C. Bedford, head of the Standard Oil Company, is chairman of this committee.

"In view of the abnormal conditions confronting the Nation by reason of the war, it is peculiarly important that the country should understand the serious situation now prevailing in the petroleum industry.

Drawing of Reserve Supply  
"This country is producing crude oil at the rate of about 300 million barrels a year, but it is using it at the rate of 335 million barrels a year. The amount of crude oil in storage, all grades, May 1, 1917, was 165,688,797 barrels. The country is absorbing the entire current production and drawing very rapidly upon its reserve supplies.

"The rapid development of the motor car is largely responsible for present conditions. In 1910 there were four hundred thousand motor cars in use in the United States; in 1916 the number was 2,350,000. Today there are more than 4 million cars, demanding over 10 million barrels of gasoline a year. Other uses of gasoline and oil are expanding upon an enormous scale.

Economy Is Necessary  
"The meaning of the foregoing is this: If our government is to have the petroleum it will need to prosecute the war successfully and supply all necessities directly growing out of the war, two steps will have to be taken, namely:

1. The public will have to economize in the use of gasoline. Sufficient gasoline should be available to provide for all the normal uses of motor cars. But pleasure riding should be curtailed. People should look upon their motor cars as necessities to be used only when needed. Not a gallon of gasoline should be used in the present emergency except for some useful end.

2. Every oil producer in the country should be encouraged as a patriotic effort to secure the utmost possible output of crude oil. The present expense of drilling new wells is very great and increasing, and the results are often discouraging. But there is oil to be had if producers in the oil business will redouble their efforts to get it out of the ground."

## CRISIS NEAR IN RUSS SITUATION

London, July 27.—The Russian situation is approaching a crisis. Today Kerensky ordered the "extraordinary council" to meet in Moscow on July 31; began the prosecution of counter revolution leaders, and ordered Tarnopol to be retaken. The Roumanians today advanced over seven miles, taking eleven villages from the Austrians. The Russians in Galicia are showing more courage.

## ALLEGED IMPURE FOOD PURVEYORS

### CHARGED IN COURT BY STATE HEALTH BOARD INSPECTORS

### ROTTEN MELONS FOR SALE BY

Impure Milk and Unlabeled Butter Substitutes Basis of Other Charges Filed

Following an investigation by inspectors for the state board of health, affidavits were filed in the First city criminal court yesterday morning against fifteen food dealers for alleged violation of the sanitary law. A. Palermo, J. Ancona, B. Gordia and C. Gaierattino, of 319 Poydras street, are charged with having for sale sixty-four decomposed watermelons, and A. Caracci and J. Canzo, of 3322 Annunciation, with having eighty-two rotten melons.

Other affidavits were filed as follows: R. C. Brown, 1326 Baronne, violating pure milk law; Mrs. H. Schroeder, Southport, violating milk ordinance; Joe Ferraro, 1708 Carrollton avenue, adulterated milk in possession; Chris Calozis, renovated butter not labeled; P. J. Cajoleas, 300 Camp, and S. P. Salles, 148 St. Charles, same charge, Louis Vieron, 503 Baronne, and George Caties, 111 Baronne, process butter not labeled; Geo. Kee, 1106 Canal, and O. Afferis, 129 Camp, oleomargarine not labeled; H. Schaumberg, 322 St. Charles, renovated butter not labeled.

## 123 PHYSICIANS WILL EXAMINE

Exemption board No. 13 started yesterday sending out its notices to the men to be called before it for examination. Practically every physician in the city has been called to the service to assist in the examinations of the men summoned before the various boards. These physicians now are winding up their affairs in order that they can devote three days during next week to the examination.

The medical examining staff of the boards of this city will consist of 123 men. Every board already has appointed its medical staff.

Bearing to the clerkship of New Orleans the welcome message that those of their number who have been drafted and who wish to claim exemption will not have to be examined—that ordeal being postponed until the exemption application is acted upon—the following message went from the office of Mayor Behrman to the division boards Friday: TO ALL LOCAL BOARDS.

In response to special inquiry, this office is advised by Adjutant General McGrotry to the effect that any person called by a local board and notified to appear for physical examination who shall file a claim for exemption on the ground that he is a clergyman, and the board is of the opinion that there is reasonable ground for believing that any such person is entitled to exemption on the ground stated, such board may postpone the physical examination of any such person until after his claim for exemption or discharge shall have been heard.

This advice is communicated to you for your information. Very truly yours, Signed, MARTIN BEHRMAN, per W. Mayor.

## War Chiefs Favor an Aircraft Board

By International News Service

Washington, July 27.—Congressman Hubert, of New York, submitted to the senate committee on military affairs today a substitute for the bill creating a Department of Aeronautics.

The substitute makes official the organization of an aircraft production board, coordinating the activities of the war and the navy departments. The plan closely follows the English system and is favored by Secretaries Daniels and Baker.

## U.S. PLANS FOR WAR PROGRESS

By International News Service

Washington, July 27.—Secretaries Daniels and Baker, during a conference with newspapermen revealed that the United States is better prepared for war. Where observers looked for the greatest difficulties remarkable progress has been made and preparations are on a scale of completeness hitherto only hoped for. Baker made it plain no difficulties had been expressed, in keeping the first million soldiers recruited to the authorized strength. More men fully equipped will be in France sooner than is expected.

## NAVY IN NEED OF GOOD COOKS

Orleanians between the ages of 18 and 25, who have had experience as cooks, have an opportunity to enlist in the Navy at a good rate of pay which carries with it a six months course at one of the Navy's training schools.

The Navy Recruiting Officer at New Orleans, Commander T. J. Clark, received a telegram from the Navy Department Friday requesting him to enlist a number of cooks for New Orleans for service aboard Uncle Sam's war vessels and at the new naval training camps that are being established. Commander Clark has taken the matter up with the leading hotels and restaurants and asked the proprietors of these concerns to help him enlist men who have had experience as cooks.

The pay received by Navy cooks immediately upon entering the service is about \$33.00. Upon enlistment recruits are sent to one of the commissary schools and given a course in cooking and baking. It is a well known fact that the men in the United States Navy get the very best food and all men that are trained are given a thorough course of instructions to help them keep up the good standard. Men from this rating have been advanced to higher ratings paying as much as \$1,000 a year.

During the past week Navy recruiting has reached the high water mark, over sixty men being enlisted since last Monday. Most of the men who have joined did not come within the draft age and the fact that enlistments were many was not because the men who joined wished to escape being drafted.

The local recruiting office was advised by the Navy's publicity Bureau at New York Friday that the recruits for the past three months enlisted at this station proved to be as highly desirable as those enlisted at the other stations. In fact, the local station was given a rating of 100 per cent from the standpoint of desirability of applicants. It is a rare occurrence to have a man enlisted at the local station rejected at the training station for physical defects or for showing inaptitude for service in the Navy.

## JURY INDICTS TEXAS GOVERNOR

### NINE COUNTS ALLEGING MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

### OTHER OFFICIALS ACCUSED

Move to Impeach Gov. Ferguson Culminates Wednesday—Result of Sequence of Charges

By International News Service

Austin, Texas, July 27.—Governor Ferguson today was indicted by a grand jury on nine counts, seven charging misappropriation of public funds, one embezzlement, and one diversion of public funds. The governor gave a bond of \$5,000 in one case and \$1,000 in each of the others. Indictments were also returned in four counts against Secretary of State Bartlett, charging the misappropriation of public funds, against C. O. Austin, state commissioner of insurance and banking, in four counts, charging violation of the state banking law.

The indictment of Gov. Ferguson is the culmination of a long series of charges that have been publicly made against him during the past several months. The house of representatives will meet next Monday day to discuss the bringing of impeachment proceedings against the governor.

The indictment of Governor Ferguson is the culmination of one of the bitterest political fights in the history of Texas. Ferguson was elected as a "wet." At a recent session the Texas legislature had a big dry majority, but Ferguson vetoed all measures.

Ferguson also caused an investigation of the University of Texas, which aroused animosity. Enemies accused him of placing his friends in office and using the office to further the political, social and financial interests of his supporters. The indictment comes as a climax to this political wrangle.

Governor Ferguson tonight said: "This is the work of my political enemies and I hereby announce myself for a third term as governor." He had intended to be a candidate for the United States senate.

## DON'T APPEAL TO PRES'T WILSON

Washington, July 27.—President Wilson, "court of last resort" for those seeking exemptions from the draft, will grant no plea not specifically recommended by the War Department.

Already letters—pathetic ones—are reaching the White House from mothers, fathers and sisters appealing for exemption of their loved ones. Different means are taken to reach the President. Letters are sent to members of the Cabinet and some write Mrs. Wilson, believing that through her the message more quickly may receive attention.

But the President takes the position that war plays no favorites. There can be no privileged exemptions under the selective draft. Pleas for exemptions from draft involve a million homes. The hearts of all mothers are affected alike. The President holds, and appeal of one cannot be heard unless an ear is turned to the voice of all. The President will use his exemption powers only when directed by the War Department.