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GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW ANNEX

DOCK BOARD INCREASES GRAIN STORAGE FACILITIES

MORE THAN DOUBLE CAPACITY

Notable Addition to the Splendid Facilities Now Provided by the Commissioners of the Port

Active work was begun yesterday morning on the annex to the new grain elevator to be erected by the Dock Board, President W. B. Thompson turning the first spadeful of earth at the new site. Present at the ceremony were the dock commissioners, and representatives of the City Commission, the Board of Trade, the Cotton Exchange and other bodies working for the upbuilding of the city.

The initiation of work on this great grain storehouse, within a very short time of the completion of the building to which it is an annex, is significant of the determination of the port officials to provide facilities for the handling and storage of grain that will keep pace with the greatest possible demand. New Orleans is justly proud of its municipal system of docks, wharves, elevators and warehouses, which will in time make this city one of the world's best equipped ports.

The contract for the work was let to Janss Brothers, Boomer, Crain and Howe, the contractors who built the original structure and whose equipment is still on the ground. They get the contract on a 10 per cent commission basis, materials to be furnished by the board on competitive bids, and work under supervision of the Dock Board's chief engineer. The price is guaranteed not to exceed \$665,800 and it is expected the annex will be ready in four months, when the grain crop begins to pour in.

The building of the annex is undertaken in anticipation of a rush for storage room when grain begins to move and the shortage of ocean tonnage becomes acute. The newly finished elevator has a capacity of one million bushels, which the new annex will increase to 2,600,000 bushels.

MONEY ASKED FOR INLAND CANAL

A dispatch from Washington states that Representative Lazaro has introduced a bill seeking the appropriation of \$480,000 for the section of the intercoastal canal between the Mermentau and Sabine rivers. Of this, \$200,000 is to be devoted to widening and deepening the canal between the Mermentau and Calcasieu rivers and \$280,000 goes to the deepening and widening of the canal between the Calcasieu and the Sabine.

For the latter project the taxpayers of the Calcasieu navigation district have already voted a special tax that will yield \$250,000. It is desired to deepen the canal to nine feet with the usual overdepth for the purpose of providing a way to the Sabine ports for local industries and in particular one ship building industry, which, through lack of a sufficient depth of water, is limited to the construction of vessels of about a thousand tons.

As the government is now bending every effort to make the ship yards of the country available to their full capacity, it is believed that the bill has a good chance of passage.

BRITISH TAKE SIX MORE VILLAGES

By International News Service. London, April 13.—The British troops captured six more villages today, the war office announces tonight. The Germans were pushed back along a twelve mile front. The booty of the British totals 13,000 prisoners and 100 guns. The villages captured are Willeval, Baillieu, Vimy, Petit Vimy, Angres, Oivnehy-on-Cohello. They gained a footing in the German trenches north-east of Lens.

London, April 13.—The British hospital ship Salta was sunk by a mine in the English channel on April 10, the war office announces. Fifty-two persons were drowned.

The British hospital ship Gloucester Castle was torpedoed without warning in the English channel on March 30. All the wounded on the Gloucester Castle were saved. There were no wounded on board the Salta. A German wireless dispatch of April 11 says the Gloucester Castle was torpedoed by a German submarine.

By International News Service. Peking, April 13.—Chinese newspapers publish the report that the United States proposes a loan to China on condition that China enter the war.

By International News Service. San Antonio, April 13.—General Pershing, in an address to the Rotary Club, today advocated conscription. The Rotarians passed a resolution favoring the plan.

FRESH LIGHT ON A HOLDUP STORY

Daniel Lambert, the negro who applied at the Charity Hospital a few days ago to be treated for a gun shot wound he claimed was inflicted by a white man who held him up, was learned yesterday to be one of the blacks who fired at Juan Margavio, 2902 Joliet street, when he caught them stealing chickens in his rear yard and shot at them early on the morning of April 8.

Eugene Mitchell, whom Lambert implicates, was arrested yesterday, and the third black, whose name is now known, is being sought. Lambert's wound is slight.

FOOD COMMITTEE NAMED

Governor Pleasant Asks Citizens to Take Food Crusade On. From Baton Rouge Governor Pleasant has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of Louisiana to increase the food crops and conserve the supply in every way possible. The following committee has been named to formulate a state-wide campaign:

Harry D. Wilson, commissioner of agriculture and immigration, chairman; Dr. W. D. Dodson, secretary; Thomas H. Harris, superintendent of public education; Dr. Oscar Dowling, president State Board of Health; Martin Behrman, mayor of the city of New Orleans; I. N. McCallister, Many, La.; Mrs. John D. Wilkinson, New Orleans; Dr. B. O. Young, Youngsville; Mrs. Roydan Douglas, New Orleans; Mrs. H. B. Meyers, New Orleans; H. G. Chalkey, Lake Charles; E. P. Guymard, New Orleans.

A TEN-DA MOTOR JAUNT

Los Angeles, April 13.—To settle a wager Barney Oldfield, veteran motor racer, left here at noon Tuesday in a touring car in an attempt to drive to Indianapolis in ten days.

ARGENTINA A GERMAN ENEMY; HER VESSEL SUNK BY U-BOAT

Legislation for Food Control to be Drafted and Rushed Through Congress—Vanderlip Sees Difficulties in the Way of Five Billion Dollar Loan

By International News Service. Buenos Aires, April 13.—It was officially announced tonight that the Argentine steamship Monte Protegido has been submarined. A rupture with Germany is imminent. This announcement was made after a conference between President Igoyen and the German minister. The President also discussed the situation with his cabinet. Public demonstrations of a strongly anti-German character broke out when the news of the sinking of the Protegido was received. A resolution enacted by the people of Argentine congratulating President Wilson for his stand against Germany was handed to the American Ambassador for transmission to Washington today. It is believed that Argentine will follow Brazil in breaking off relations with Germany.

By International News Service. Washington, April 13.—Legislation giving the government control of food production, marketing and distribution will be drafted immediately and rushed through congress, Secretary of Agriculture Houston announced today.

Although the legislation will give authority to fix prices, such power will not be exercised unless the war exigencies render it necessary. Labor will have a place in the conference to plan the course of the United States in its war against Germany. Premier Lloyd George, of England, cabled Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today according to his request that British labor leaders be sent to America with the British co-operation committee.

Complete naval and military co-operation will be worked out by an exchange of visits between the American and Entente officers. American Army officers will soon go to London and Paris to study the experiences of those powers.

The House of Representatives will pass the seven billion dollar bond bill Saturday, thereby completing the first step in the most stupendous extension of the National credit ever written into law by any country in the world. By special agreement the debate tomorrow will be confined to the issue. The speakers are limited to five minutes. A vote will be reached late in the afternoon.

The consideration of the measure today developed little opposition. Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, suggested an amendment that no part of the loan go to any nation not now engaged in war with Germany. The amendment is not likely to pass.

The Senate committee on finance is prepared to rush the bill to final passage as soon as it can be disposed of in the House.

Today's session of the cabinet considered the general situation and agreed that every hour saved was valuable and sent secretary McAdoo to the capital to urge the speeding up of the passage of the bond bill.

Numerous other important war measures are pending. There is to be no partisanship fight. It is indicated that the Democrats, Republicans and Progressives are working in harmony.

By International News Service. Chicago, April 13.—Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York, who is here conferring with the Western bankers on war finances, said today that he does not believe the United States will have an easy task placing the five billion dollar loan to finance the war for the Entente powers.

MARENGO ST. HOME ROBBED.

During the absence of its inmates yesterday, the residence of Mrs. Isaac Baker, 2415 Marengo street, was broken into and robbed of jewelry and money amounting to \$25. Edward Coleman, 24, no home here, was arrested by Patrolman Kertz, of the Seventh precinct station, and charged with the offenses. He was booked for entering in the day time, petty larceny and carrying a concealed weapon, a razor.

CARRIED CARGO OF NARCOTICS

Suspicious-Acting Transient Picked Up by the Police. Unable to give a satisfactory account of himself, Walter Gadke, alias Walter Gerad, a German, whose actions at Berenville and Rampart streets early yesterday morning aroused the suspicions of Detectives Ford and Oblitz, was arrested, and when searched at the Central Station a bottle containing 79 narcotic tablets was found in his possession. He was charged with violating the State anti-drug act.

Gadke, who came to the United States in 1899 is not naturalized. According to the police he has been arrested in other cities for vagrancy and Harrison anti-narcotic law violation.

NEW MEXICO, TOO, HAS PLOT STORY

By International News Service. Santa Fe, N. M., April 13.—An alleged German plot to blow up the copper properties in the Lordsburg district of New Mexico was reported to Governor Lindsey today. The Governor authorized the issuance of rifles and ammunition to mine guards. Several arrests have been made.

GLEE'S WOUND HAD FATAL RESULT

Frank Glee, Chinaman, who was shot Thursday night at his laundry, 4001 Dauphine street, by Jules Esparres, 4033 Dauphine street, during the course of a quarrel over clothes, died in the Charity Hospital yesterday afternoon. The bullet pierced his stomach. The charge against Esparres, who is in the Parish Prison, will likely be changed to murder this morning.

VALUABLES GONE; ROOMER, TOO

Mrs. Coniwick Natel, 1335 Magazine street, complained to the police yesterday that a young man, representing himself as a detective, who rented a room at her house Monday night and disappeared before next day with a watch and a diamond ring worth \$25. The thief, Mrs. Natel said, stated he was from Kenner and had come here to get a prisoner. She did not discover her loss until yesterday.

NEWCOMB WINS DEBATE

Miss Lullie Westveldt and Miss Ruth Heller, representing Newcomb College, won over the University of Oklahoma, represented by Miss Olive Henderson and Miss Grace Vandiver, at Washington Hall Thursday in a debate upon the advisability of settling labor disputes by compulsory arbitration courts. The Newcomb students had the affirmative.

IMPORTERS, MEET MR. HARRIS

New Orleans importers and exporters assembled at the Association of Commerce yesterday to meet Garrard Harris, the new representative of the department of Commerce, who succeeds E. E. Judd, appointed to take charge of the New York bureau. Mr. Harris is a Mississippiian, an old newspaper man and alive to the trade interests of the New Orleans territory.

PARRAL IN HANDS OF PANGHO VILLA

By International News Service. El Paso, April 13.—Villa is again in control of Parral, according to advices from Chihuahua City. Villa is reported to be planning an attack on Chihuahua City.

El Paso, Tex., April 13.—Six Germans were indicted in the Federal court today for conspiracy to make war on the United States through Mexico.

WILL USE GERMAN SHIPS.

By International News Service. Washington, April 13.—The Senate will be asked to abrogate the German treaty of 1826, which protects German property in the United States. The treasury department today ordered the German ships repaired for active service.

BIDS ARE ASKED FOR LONG STEEL LETTER BOX POSTS

The New Orleans postoffice is in receipt of the following notice from the Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.: "All proposals received in response to the advertisement of January 23, 1917, for furnishing long steel letter box posts having been rejected, sealed proposals for furnishing said posts as they may be ordered for use of the postal service from time to time, during the term of one year beginning May 1, 1917, and ending April 30, 1918, will be received at the office of the purchasing agent until 2 o'clock p. m., April 18, 1917. Specifications and instructions to bidders, and blank proposals, will be furnished upon application to the purchasing agent for the Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C."

BRAZILIAN ANGER IS INCREASING

Rio Janeiro, April 13.—The government has decided to seize all German ships in Brazilian harbors. The government has also decided to arm all Brazilian ships sailing for the "barred zone waters" in Europe. Foreign Minister Lauro Muller has cabled the Brazilian minister in Berlin asking him to urge all Brazilians in Germany to leave within 24 hours. A decree has been issued withdrawing the exequaturs of the German consuls. The ministers of France, Great Britain and Italy conferred at length with Dr. Muller. An official inspection of the German ships seized in Brazilian ports showed that important parts of the engines are missing.

WANTED IN SAN ANTONIO.

Ross Carr, who is wanted at San Antonio, Tex., on a charge of wife desertion, was arrested yesterday at Comman and Camp streets by Detectives Stubbs and Behrman for being a fugitive from justice. He is being held in the Parish prison.

NITROGEN IN PEACE AND WAR

Rev. Thomas Clarke, S. J., will lecture in Marquette hall, Loyola University, Tuesday night on "Nitrogen in Peace and War". His lecture will be peculiarly illuminating as to the modern use of nitrogen. The address will be delivered under the auspices of the Jesuit Alumni Association.

WAGON AND AUTO COLLIDE.

Both drivers escaped injury yesterday when an American Express wagon, driven by Lawrence Krob, 1621 Saratoga street, collided with an automobile operated by Sam Grace, 1511 North Rochambeau street, at Canal and Elk Place. About \$50 damage was done to the car. One of the horses attached to the wagon was slightly hurt.

"CHICKEN THIEF" HIS OCCUPATION

ALBERT BROUSSARD HAD BEEN IN THE BUSINESS 20 YEARS

CAME TO GRIEF YESTERDAY

When Country Club Keeper Broke His Leg With Bullet—His Wounds r&e Serious

"Chicken Thief" was the occupation Albert Broussard, negro, 538 Howard street, gave Corporal Geo. Russell early yesterday morning when questioned at the Charity Hospital, where he was taken to be treated for serious wounds inflicted by Alexander Webb, negro keeper of the Oakland Lawn Country Club, who caught him in the act of stealing chickens on the grounds. "I've a ole time chicken thief," Broussard told the corporal. "Been in 'e business for ober 20 years. An' dis am de first time de ober catched me. I reckon I see a govner dis time, though."

Recently chickens were stolen from the club's grounds and since Webb sat up late nights to be ready for the thief should he return, Webb had not been in bed long yesterday morning when 3 o'clock when he heard a noise in the rear shed where roosts are kept and the chickens roost.

Obtaining a rifle, Webb stole into the shed. He saw the dim outline of a man in a corner and fired. Then he fired again, thinking the first shot had missed. A cry arose from the darkness.

Webb summoned a Charity Hospital ambulance, where the thief was learned to be Broussard. He was shot in the left and right leg below the thigh, the first limb being broken by the bullet.

TOOK WRONG SIDE OF STREET

New Sam Vernacio Is in Touro Infirmary, Nursing Bruises. Sam Vernacio, charcoal peddler, 2521 Third street, police say, drove his wagon to the wrong side of the street, at St. Charles and Second yesterday, when Norbert Ogden, 1434 Toledoan street, driving an automobile, tooted his horn for him to get aside and let him pass. As a result, the auto struck the wagon, throwing Vernacio from his seat onto one of the shafts. He received bruises and was taken to the Touro Infirmary.

SOLD LIQUOR TO MINOR, CHARGE

Emulating the deeds of the late Carrie Nation, Emile Gassie, 1310 Leondias street, member of the Citizens' League of Louisiana, yesterday preferred another affidavit against a saloonman for alleged violation of the Gay-Shattuck law.

The saloonist was Gabriel Mule, of Grete and Ursuline streets. Gassie says he saw Maurice Aime, 2731 St. Philip street, coming from the saloon with a bottle of wine, and accompanied the boy back to the place where he identified Mule as the man who sold it to him.

The boy was taken to the Juvenile Court. Mule was charged in the second city criminal court with selling liquor to a minor.

AN AGENT OF MISFORTUNE

Charged with having operated a lottery shop at 1151 St. Claude street, Hetter Williams, negro, was arrested yesterday by Patrolmen Fernandez and Sharp. Lists, plays and other paraphernalia are being held as evidence.