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CONGRESS MUST BRACE UP.

to this writing seems to be that conscription, or assert publicly their loyalty to the government. forced service or universal service—take your A certain amount of patriotism may safely be choice for mellifluousness; they all amount to taken for granted. the same thing in the end-is the proper policy to pursue, but is going to be very unpopular. Congressmen having the bill in charge are out that if the United States does chase the dolseemingly coy about bringing it to the light of lars unduly, she san beat the world in turning day. A Chicago paper, which favors the plan them loose when necessary: by the way, has taken a poll of the members of both houses. In the senate, less than a major ity favored it, a small number opposed it and Stoger-Steiner von Steinstettin. If names almost a majority dodged any expression. In count, Austria is in this war to the bitter end. the House, almost equal numbers favored and opposed it, and nearly one third were "on the fence.

Meanwhile the war department, because it must get men somehow, we presume, has reverted to the old volunteer plan which it has Arequently roundly condemned, and with good reason. Voluntary military service has always proved an intangible asset, and in modern warfare is absolutely undependable. In the only full-grown war the United States ever experienced, both sides started out with a rush of patriots, constantly dwindling as the war grew fiercer and finally both resorting to through the dipping vats. "draft" or conscription as the only resource.

As much as one may deplore the necessity of enforcing military service, by ages and with no exemptions, it must be admitted that the United States cannot carry on a real war without it. At the bottom, it is the only fair way. It reaches the mouthy patriot who howls for war and slips into the back ground when war really comes. It places military service on the only safe basis, making it, not a matter of choice but a matter of performing a duty which the nation has a right to require of all alternoon to talke definite steps toward increasher able bodied citizens. It places the burden ing the supply of food crops. of war impartially on all of the people, not alone on the high minded and patriotic.

The appropriation of our young men just Amite City. A quarrel over twenty cents entering manhood may seem cruel, but neces- caused the tragedy. sity is always cruel. War itself is merciless and tyrannical. Those who realized this fully and desired to avoid it in any possible way were denounced for months as "pacifists" by many who are now aghast at the sacrifices it may entail. All of that is now past. The United States is actually in a state of war with a formidable antagonist. The supreme cruelty, the supreme injustice to the nation now. will be to make our preparations for it halfhearted and indifferent. To do this is to court the maximum of losses and sacrifices in the bitter end. Vigorous and relentless steps now contract for 7,000 yards of vibrolithic paving at will shorten the period of peril.

If congress shrinks from a course which its members know is inevitable in the end, it will do the country a grave injury which will prove costly in lives and money. Of course a rush of awhile, but it would be folly to expect it to solve the problem for good.

The sportingest event of the present peace disturbance is the action of little Bolivia in handing the German minister his passports and advising him to beat it. Bolivia hasn't a ship one nor a foot of seacoast, and a submarine would be obliged to climb a mile-high range of mountains to get to her, but the South American republic wants it known that it is a "regular fellow" and proposes to stay with the

. When Harry Wilson told the warlike ladies at Baton Rouge that they would serve their country just as patriotically by staying at home fand making gardens as by being Red Cross nurses he must have aroused as much enthusiasm as a dish of cold potatoes. One does not make garden in a frilly apron and fetching cap, and there is no romance in bugging pota-

Authorities seem to differ as to the origin of a recent sawmill fire at Pickering. The mill officials think it was due to the machination of German spies, while the president of the company believes that carelessness regarding sparks from the slab pit had something to do

One trouble is that when it comes to attending the school of the soldier, many of our able bodied young men desire to take a correspond-

Our e. c. the Berlin Kreuz Zeitung grandilomently remarks: "Thirteen hundred millions of the world's inhabitants are fighting 70 million Germans. Let the rest of the earth come as well, we will beat them all." At the time the editor made this vainglorious boast, however, he did not know that Guatemala and Costa Rica were ready to fling the gage of battle in Gernmany's teeth.

Add horrors of war: On a recent occasion King George of England was so busy that he worked nine hours and forty five minutes in a single day and lunched off two ham sandwiches. Kings, to hold their jobs these days, and Bel. Since Tuesday morning he \$1,500. The truck was wrecked. are obliged to punch the time clock promptly and make no claims for overtime.

With no disrespectful intention, The Bee expresses the hope that the golf clubs and the supreme moment will be delayed and crashed into the gallery sup-The concensus of opinion on the subject up ladies aid societies will not feel called upon to beyond any hypothetical limit with- ports.

Some of our haughty neighbors are finding

Austria's new minister of war is General

Bryan is willing to go to war in any old apacity, but T. R. wants to raise a division.

Guatemala shows symptoms of declaring war on Germany. It would take only a half dozen nations now to make this thing unanimous.

LOUISIANA CONDENSED.

During the first two weeks of April 6,000 out of Calcasieu's 40,000 head of cattle wen

Commander John B. Collins, a native of Louisiana; died at Annapolis, Md., of heart pasture of the Country club, who ing of the State Sunday School As-Harbaro As Nick Scutari, claim, disease, aged 67. 1882

The Louisiana State Teacher's convention will meet next year in Shreveport. During the

Alexandria convention, 4.348 were enrolled. The citizens of Zona had a flag raising and

patriotic speeches Saturday. Hammond citizens held a meeting Friday

Tot Howard, negro, is hiding in the swamps and his wife is dead from a pistol bullet near

Rudolph Enterkin is in jail at Vidalia charged with the murder of John A. Wuerster. A lot of whisky belonging to Wuerster was a bicycle, at Bienville street. He in the United States District Court the State Athletic commission and found in Enterkin's passession.

The McConnick gas well in the Lirette field near Houma is still running wild, all efforts to control it having failed.

A flag was raised in the presence of a large crowd at Mansfield Saturday.

Defersey & Naff have been awarded the Lake Charles.

Louisiana Knights Templar began their 54th annual conclave at Alexandria Sunday,

The federal supreme court has refused to volunteers might stave off the evil day for interfere in the case of Hilaire Carriere, slayer of Sheriff Swords and legal delays in his case áré nearly exhausted.

> New stained glass windows are being put in the Catholic church at Abbeville.

at Plaquemine to`E. Hirsch for \$10,500.

Opelousas has organized a branch of the

The negroes of Leesville are organizing company for the nation's defense.

Former Sheriff Jack Parker of Quachita has given bond for \$7,000 and will be ready for trial next week.

The new state food commission will meet in Baton Rouge April 25. The boys and girls agricultural clubs a

Amite City are preparing to cultivate the vacant lots in the town.

Kentwood ladies have converted their bridge club into a Red Cross circle. Hammond is to have a strawberry preserv-

ing plant, built by a Chicago concern. Veterans of the Spanish-American war a Vidalia are organizing a Nationl Guard com-

Webster parish farmers are pledging themselves to co-operate in the food preparedness campaign.

Tangipahoa parish has passed an ordinance imposing a tax on dogs.

Seventy eight have been enrolled in New lberia's new company,

Philip J. Aucoin, progressive and Firmin Thibodaux, democrat, are the opposing candidates for clerk of court of LaFourche parish. Election May 8.

JAMES H. BLENK GALLERY WRECKED

THE EMINENT LOUISIANA PRE-EATE IS RAPPOLY SINKING

in the predictions of the distin- Iron and wood fell to the pave

with the malady of Archbishop that Lennett escaped feath. Blenk is the grief and deep sorrow of his sister, Mrs. Eva Boos, a resi | CHURCH BELLS WILL TOLL dent of Hammond, La., who has been untiring in her vigils at the daughter, Mrs. A. L. Broas, at No. may come at any hour. 1732 Berlin street.

some time, having been severely injured in an automobile collision in of this city will be notified imme-New Orleans in February last. Archbishop, the bells of all the clic church in New Orleans." Catholic churches will be tolled so Auxiety over his condition, coup-

DIES OF WOUND RECEIVED

IN LINE OF BUSINESS Albert Broussard, negro, who was SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEET shoe in both legs last week by Alexander Webb, negro keeper of the day morning. When questioned by FOUR INJURED IN AUTO police shortly after the shooting, Broussard said h ewas an old-time chicken thief who had been in the "business" for over 20 years.

MBULANCE HITS CYCLIST

Turned Out to be Slight

the Marine hospital with one sick in the Chapity hespital and physi- Nancy Butler, widow f John Burler. person and had covered less than cians think that all will recover. one third of the distance before it was accommodating another.

ror while speeding up North Ramconveying him to the Charity Hospital, it continue for its way.

dight bruises of the legs.

Police Are Skeptical Because of lad's name is Joseph. Conflicting Statements

Sen Ericsen, 1042 Magazine street, cook aboard a United Fruit boat, complained to the police early yes. into the rear of the city by two tending the life of the present paryoung men who assaulted and liament until November. Efforts o flicting statements, according to the election failed.

At first Ericsen said he met the robbers in the restricted district and after having several drinks, he To Finance Aeroplane and Machine accepted the invitation to take a joy ride. While out in a lonely, dark H. & M. Uhry have sold their store building took the money away. Later Eric- who was arrested here, admitted tozine and Lafayette streets and after financing an aeroplane and mathe robbery they drove him back chine gun factory in Mexico City. irto town,

VITAL STATISTICS Births.

Mrs. Rene Gonzales, a hoy, 1938

Perdido street. Mrs. Sebastian Rogusa, a boy, Hotel Dieu.

Mrs. Augustin Simeons, a hoy, 2445 cubug street.

Marriages

Octave Casegrain, M. D., and Miss Ierone Montgomery John McCoy and Leona Christo-

Albert Lawe and Miss Camille Turnbull Guiesippe Picon and Miss Margaite Palmisano

Edgar Adler and Annie Banford. Deaths Edward Joseph, 33 years, 3614 S.

Rampart street John Rogusa, 4 hours, Hotel Dieu. Florence Banks, 48 months, 5212 Thartres street

Charles Tooraen, 59 years, Touro Infirmary. Clare Zenzel, Biloxi, Miss. Mrs. (Widow) Catherine Young, 13 Seventh street.

Anthony Bertucci, 38 years, 4507 Andubon street Conrad Freese, 62 years.

The double gallery at 828 Camp street was pulled down yesterday when an auto truck of the American Box Gompany, driven by Edward Lennett, 2014 Lafayette street, crashed into the post supporting it Archbishop Blenk has been given Damage to the property, owned by up by his physicians, Drs. Points Mrs. Fred Lambert, is estimated at

has been gradually sinking and his Lennett was driving down Camp death is believed to be a question street, a trailer attached to his of a few hours. Yet such is the re- truck. Coon reaching Julia street markable vitality of the eminent he swerved from the car track. As prelate that it might be that the he did so the trailer broke loose

guished men of science who have ment with a crash that was heard been attending him during his long blocks away. Hundreds of persons were attracted to the scene. It was A sad circumstance in connection only by a miracle, spectators said

IF THE ARCHBISHOP DIES

Archbishop Blenk's condition conbedside of Archbishop Blenk, until tinued with no perceptible change last evening, when on the verge of throughout the day yesterday, but a nervous collapse she was advised it is admitted to be most critical by Gottwald, the German quartermaster to retire to the residence of her the physicians in attendance. Death General for the Chihuahua military

Mrs. Beos has been an invalid for long yesterday said:

"When the end comes the people diately by the tolling of the bells! In case of the death of the beloved of the Cathedral and of every Cath-

that the faithful will be apprised of led with her own moor state of the passing away of the spiritual fleaith, has prostrated the Arch- pol. notes, \$170; H. T. Cottam & Co head of the Catholic church in bishop's sister, Mrs. A. E. Boos, at the home of her daughter in Berlin street, but her condition is not alarming.

> A number of Orleanians are in ! Monroe to attend the annual meet- Wittenberg et als, mandamus; Lingi

skull late Monday night when the tion Company, damages, personal inauto, in which they were riding juries, \$6,200. was overturned while they were Injury Treated at Charity Hospital trying to pass another machine. Walter Pickens Smith, Samuel John Bruno, Mr. Bruno's son and Daniels Peters, Mollie, I. Sullivan, An ambulance of Groetsch-Leitz Frederick Pernicone sustained min-Michael Steinmetz, Mrs. Elizabeth Company, undertakers, set out for or injuries. All of the injured are Buckley, widow of John M. Crowley.

Kehiman Mexic's case against the Pork was given a part street, the vehicle ran into Panama Ice Company in behalf of today in the state legislature. The August Hypolite, 23, who was riding his minor son was still in progress | Davis bill, drawn up to wipe out was put in the ambulance and after before Judge Rufus Foster yester- to abolish legalized boxing, was deof \$20.211.50 for the loss of the boy's assembly. Hypolite's injury consisted of left foot, which is alleged to have been crushed by an auto truck of the ice company at Canal and Ca-TOLD A STORY OF ROBBERY | rendelet streets Nov. 19, 1915. The

PARLIAMENT PROLONGED

London, April 17. By a vote of 286 to 52 the House of Commons lorday morning that he was taken passed on second reading a bill exobbed him of 861. He made con- a small group to force a general

GERMAN PLOT

Gun Factory in Mexico City spot, he said, they struck him and ler, former German army officer sen said he met the men at Maga- day that Chicago Germans were

JACKSON MAKES SEVEN

MORE CITIZENS FOR U. S. Final examination of aliens applying the citizenship for the month of April was concluded yesterday in the United States District Court by Wind SE.5 Naturalization Examiner J. E. Jackson. Seven more new citizens were made yesterday and ten the day before. In all sixty-seven were schedalled to appear, but failed to do so.

Those examined by Mr. Jackson took out their first papers two years ago. The law directs that this period must intervene before final examination in the District Court. The seven who received their tast

papers yesterday were: Anthony Seab, Erick Selander, Gottfried Gustavson, Santo Locascio, Jr., Vito Zichiehi, Frank Fasullo and Orluf

CALLAN TAKES THE OATH Judge Rufus Foster, in the United States District Court yesterday swore in Nicholas Callan as assistant Federa!

district attorney. News of his pointment was received Monday from Washington by District Attorney Joseph Montgomery, who was recently promoted, succeeding District Attorney Guion, who retired.



CLERK JOHN JACKSON, Of Central Station.

By International News Service

El Paso, Tex., April 16. - Franz zone, was arrested a week ago when Vice Chancellor Father J. J. Fur- he came to El Paso to buy supplies British pushed forward in the vofor the Carranza army.

> CIVIL DISTRICT COURT Sallie M. Adams vs. Percy J. Prosser, Jr., note, 8132; New Orleans Land Co. vs. Hypolite Rufin, notes, 84,455; Wilson & Co. vs. Chas. P. Apvs. C. Venture'la and Nick Ventureda, annullment of act of sale; Nelson Co-operative Association, The dispatches indicate entire co-Jnc., vs. Frank A. Barone and Jos. AMessina, Jr., claim, \$262,20; E.E. Lecvy vs. Charles A. Hoth, specific performance; State ex rel. Mrs. Emy C. Geribner et als. vs. Mrs. J.

caught him stealing chickens, died sociation, which opened yesterday. \$168.30: Dugan Piano Company vs. Laon, to turn the southern end of Chester B. Gand M. sequestration, 8545: Victor Mauberret, Jr., vs. Loui® OVERTURN WILL RECOVER Krieberg, addict; Mrs. Jane Thiery. Joseph L. Bruno, of 1430 Spain widow of Eugene Yvan, vs. Edward street, and Jacob Foto, of 1319 Spain F. Ralt. addict; Joseph Scaro vs. street, sustained fractures of the Crescent Forwarding Transporta-

Successions.

BOXING GIVEN LEASE OF LIFE SUES FOR LOSS OF BOY'S FOOT Aliaby, April 17,-Boxing in New day. He asks judement in the sum feated by a vote of 74 to 56 in the

U. S. DAILY WEATHER REPORT Wednesday, April 18, 1917.

Forecast thi 7 p. m. Wednesday, For New Orleans and vicinity: Showers, light southerly winds, For Louisiana: Weinesday and Thursday, unsettled,

LOCAL METEOROLOGICAL RECORD

Temperature Record Yesterday's temperature record at New Orleans, as shown by the thermograph of the U.S. Weather Bureau, on the roof of the Postoffice building, was as follows:

Time Chicago, April 17.-Rudolph Mul- 11 a. m...... 78 3 p. m....

> Weather Record The following is the weather data for April 17, 1919, at New Orleans:

7 a.m. 2 p.m. 7 p.m. **Temperature** Rel. Humidity 92 SE.9 WeatherCloudy

RIVER FORECAST

The Mississippi River below Vicksburg, and the Atchafalaya will rise; on account of recent rains crest stages are indicated as follews: Natchez, 49.2 to 49,7 feet, April 20th to 25th; Baton Rouge, 36.8 to 37.3 feet; Donaldsonville, 28.7 to 29.3; New Orleans 18.7 to 19.2 feet; April 25th to 30th; stage of 41.5 to 42.0 feet at Simmesport and 39.5 to 40.0 feet at Melville by April 25th; the Red River, below Shreveport, and the Quachita will change very little during the next 48 hours.

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GHEATEST BATTLEI OF WORLD RAGING

Along a 150-mile front battle line he French and British are pushing back the German armies in a titanic struggle for the mastery of the

western front, Stepping into the fray after the British had been hammering the German lines in the Arras region to bits for a week the French struck along a 25-mile front along the Aisne, carried the German positions to an average depth of from 2 to 2 4-2 miles, captured more than 10,000 prisoners and maintained all the ground won.

Last night, after the great success of their initial rush, Gen. Nivelle's forces occupied themselves with consolidating their new positions. and resisting German counter attacks. All these assaults were reoulsed and in the Ailles region, west of Craonne, the Germans suffered heavy losses, Their total casualties, allotted, in the first 24 hours. fighting, are estimated at 100,000

Both British and French reports oday indicate that the continuation of the operations is being hampere t in had weather. Nevertheless the gion between St. Quantin and Cambrai, advancing east of Epchy to Le Tombois farm, within two and a half miles of Le Carelet, where they threaten to cut the St. Quentin Cambrai main line of communica-

The strategic lines of the great! Anglo-French attack have been worked out in complete harmony by the staffs of the two armies. ordination for placing and timing the blows delivered so as to insure their greatest possible effectiveness. In a broa! way, it may be judged, the French now have for their immediate objective the isolation of

the Hindenburg line. The British already have pierced this line at the northern end. The idint operation apparently is aimed at the rolling up of the present German front in an effort to, compet curement on a greater scale than my yet wifnessed on the western front since the battle of the Marne,

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