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#### **DEMAGOGUES HAMPER NATION'S DEFENSE**

The Federal Shipping board, it is announced, has completed plans for the construction of a large number of small wooden vessels, much demand by the shoe manufacturers of called "submarine chasers," and also for the building of a huge fleet of wooden merchant ships to take the place of the commerce carriers now being destroyed by German submarines. With the big shipyards busy on an unexampled number of battleships and submarines, the full capacity of every ship yard in the United States is required to furnish these vessels for which there is immediate use. Which reminds us.

Residents of the Louisiana and Texas gulf promote the construction of an intracoastal scanal from the Mississippi river to the Rio Grande, following the trend of the gulf coast North, is the main reason for giving up the Nebraska to appropriate \$100,000 to girls at Penn Yan, N. Y., have writa few miles inland. Part of the proposed barge line. With the advance of freight rates pave the military road from Fort route was through bays and natural watercourses and part through artificial canals increase of business, it seems that a barge line already constructed, so that with the money wrung from the indifferent and unwilling congress, in the face of violent opposition from the demagogues who bray "pork barrel!" whenever waterway improvement is proposed, a waterway which may be traversed by small boats is open from Morgan City to the Texas border and from Galveston to Corpus Christi.

The construction of even this little beginning of the coastal canal has stimulated traffic so much that there is demand for the widening and deepening of its completed portions. On is established beyond cavil by the small amount the Calcasien river, below Lake Charles and of crime as shown by the records of the Diswithin easy reach of the intercoastal canal a large ship building industry, which is prevented from expanding by lack of sufficient depth of water to float the completed watercraft out noon and Sunday morning filling in the to sea. When its manager was officially asked some time ago, how large a vessel the yard Church. Thus indeed is religion shown as the could build, he replied:

"Any size wooden ship ever constructed, provided we have water enough to take it to

And he did not exaggerate. The ship yard is adjacent to an almost inexhaustible supply of the best timber on earth. It has an abund ance of labor available and is headed by mer with practical knowledge of shipbuilding. But its usefulness is in a measure destroyed by lack of a sufficient depth of water either at the mouth of the Calcasieu or through the intercoastal canal to the Sabine river to take its completed product to the sea. It is limited to vessels drawing six feet of water or less, because hare-brained theorists and solemn asses in congress shout "pork-barrel" whenever an Sinternal improvement is proposed.

The people of the district in which the ship syard is located have taxed themselves \$260,000 as a contribution to the deepening of this parlicular section of the canal, provided that the government will appropriate nearly an equal Samount, so that ships of twelve to thirteen feet draft may be built and the other traffic on the canal have the proper facilities for movement but the government's share is not forthcoming. Meanwhile, it would take many months for the deepening of this section of the canal to be accomplished, even if the money for it was immediately available; so this particular ship yard cannot be fully utilized in the hour of the nation's greatest need.

This is not the only drawback suffered by the uncompleted state of the Intercoastal, which will cost only ten millions and but for the enemies of waterways would have been completed five years ago. The nation would have a safe, land locked route over which to move its craft from port to port if the canal had been completed. It would have an unfailing highway for the transportation of heavy and non-perishable supplies, relieving the railroads from the threat of congestion. It would beginning of the year.

Here is a chance for Bill to do his country a fault-finders and growlers, "flies in the oint- were absent, Entrance was gained real service.

Richard Olney, who died a few days ago at | 17 his home in Boston, was the man who, as secretary of state under Cleveland, enforced the Monroe doctrine to protect Venezuela from the European nations which sought to collect Venezuelan obligations by the warship method. NEW ORLEANS BEE PUBLISHING CO., LTD., That exhibition of firmness twenty years ago, was sufficient to insure South American countries from further attack.

> The city clerk of New York says that the have to acquire great quantities of army or navy. Others will give not clean all the way through," said various charges, young men who marry as a precaution against equipment and ammunition, have employes families the difference Lieutenant Moses as he left. conscription are "cowards." The city clerk is introduced bills for the expenditure between their salaries and what Colonel William N. Chatfield, U. vidently not a married man.

The opening of the baseball season will distract our minds from the tension of war, at least for a few days.

Advices from Mexico state that in sharkfishing, a new industry is being created on its million dollars for a munition fac Transit Company, 861,800; the New seacoast, the skins of the big fish being in tory in his State. the United States. This juxtaposition of sharks New York to appropriate ten million \$20,000 a month. and shoe manufacturers seems peculiarly appropriate somehow.

#### LOUISIANA OPINION.

#### Barge Line Is Needed.

Assumption Pioneer: The announcement made in the daily press that the barge line from Great Piece Meadow of New Jersey. the country. This is the scheme St. Louis to New Orleans was discontinued, was quite a disappointment to people living along Tomessee to appropriate five millcoasts have for more than ten years labored to the Mississippi Valley. It is said that owing to lack of support given the freight transportation business from New Orleans to points which is being asked by the railroads, and the along all Mississippi River points will have to be operated in self-defense.

#### What Will Come Next.

Alexandria Town Talk: It only remains now for Germany to announce that it was the United States that started the European war.

#### Religion as Upholder of Law. 4

Abbeville Meridional: That the population of Vermilion parish are a law-abiding people trict Court. That it is a religious community and largely Catholic is attested by the large crowds which may be seen every Friday afterspacious grounds in front of the Catholic handmaiden of the law.

# Ruston Children Are Safe.

Ruston Leader: Automobiles are contin- will move on the river at night exually endangering the lives of children in the cept the ferries and an occasiona. large cities, where the streets are constantly excursion boat. A similar regulacrowded with vehicles of all kinds, from the street cars down to push carts. Both children and drivers become careless. In fact, a little child has no business on such streets. In small towns, like Ruston, they are seldom exposed to danger of this kind.

# School Thrift Club at DeRidder.

Natchitoches Enterprise: DeRidder claims the first public Thrift Club in the state, the pu pils giving all the idle money that they usually spent on movies, ice cream, sodas and candy to their teachers and when a dollar is accumulated, that amount is put in the bank. The Monroe schools are following in DeRidder's foot-

# Chance for Louisiana Farmers.

St. Helena Echo: Announcement has been made of the fact that Morris & Co., of Chicago, have bought the Crescent City Stock Yards of New Orleans, paying \$500,000 for same, and will establish one of the biggest packing plants there in all the country. Say, Mr. St. Helena Farmer, here is the Old Lady Opportunity going to knock once more at your door. Get busy and go to raising cattle and hogs.

# Depends upon Point of View.

Lake Charles American Press: If you agree with the newspapers, they are the intelligent American free press voicing the opinions of the people; if you don't agree with them, they are the hireling press, bought with somebody's gold "gold" is the correct term in that connection, never any other kind of money).

There Are Always Croakers Ruston Leader: What is the use of our miliopen great supplies of home grown products tary and naval schools, that the people have so to the New Orleans markets. It would be long supported and furnished with students. worth its cost every year to the federal govern- if they cannot furnish the armies and navies der the auspices of the Association ment, and more than that to the hundreds of with capable instructors and drill masters? of Commerce. Mr. Barrett gave the miles of territory it traverses. The congress- Are our young men such dolts that they cannot company an enlightening talk upon men who have stood in the way of these needed learn these lessons? Perish the thought. We the possibilities of Latin American about to permit her son to join F. B. Enochs and W. E. Guild, of waterway improvements have been more believe they are as bright and intelligent young dangerous public enemics than all the German men as there are in the world, and as it ever "plotters" who have been arrested since the produced. That is what we think of them and of our officers. We may possibly be mistaken, but have regarded these complainers of in- \$35 were stolen from the residence Russians say that they might consider efficiency and lack of officers as malcontents of Jules Gerson, 1522 Prytania peace if Germany would dethrone Kaiser Bill. and knockers. There are always croakers, ment," everywhere.

Washingt n. April 12 .- "Pork patriotism" is greatly in evidence at munition plants.

These are some of the measures cent border mobilization. hat have appeared in printed form at the Capitol:

d Hars for the development of an infercoasfal canal along the Atlantic: also a bill for the appropria-

Bill by Representative Austin of adopted in Great Britain. ion dollars for a munition plant at and navy hospital at that place.

Bill by Representative Lobeck of Grook to Fort Omaha; also one for two million dol'ars to establish a military service school at Fort

Bill of Representative Baker of California to appropriate three and one-half million do'lars for a mili- have one dillar and twenty cents in tary read from Tas Angelles to Lake View, Ore,

Bill of Representative Carry of California to appropriate one million upliars for a munition plant at - (Signed) "VIRGINIA MURRAY. Benecia, Cal.; also a bill for \$200,000 for a storehouse at that place.

#### TO BROOKLYN FOR BURIAL.

The body of Mcs. Sephie Worrel wife of lingh A, O'Donnell, who lied Wednesday after a brief iliness, will be taken north on the Panama Limited, interment being at Brooklyn, her former home, Mr. O'Donnell has the sympathy of many friends here in his distress and grief.

# PORT CLOSES AT 6 O'CLOCK.

Beginning last night, the port of New Orleans will be closed every night at 6 o'clock. tion has been in force at New York and Galvest n for some time.

# POPULAR OFFICER DEAD.

After a long illness, Doorman Edward Reugger, of the Seventh Precinct police station, died at his residence, 178 Walnut street, yesterday afternoon, at 4:10 o'clock. He is survived by his wife. The funeral will take place from his late residence at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Interment will be made in Carrollton Cemetery, Reugger joined the force January 12, 1903.

# MAYOR WHITTINGTON HERE

Mayor W. W. Withington, of A! exandria, is among the interested attendants upon the conference for the settlement of cut-over lands. Mayor Whittington is being promineutly mentioned as congressional timber in the Eighth district when the time rolls around.

#### TRACING LIBELS TO THEIR SOURCE.

People who have the ugly habit of annoying loyal and patriotic German-Americans are likely to feel the heavy hand of the law, Anonymous letters received by some of the good citizens of New Orleans have been turned over to the feceral authorities and the secret service men are endeavoring to trace them to their author. Spreading false and malicious reports as to the patriotism of any citizen is punishable by fine and imprison-

# GAVE GOOD PRACTICAL ADVICE

John Barrett, director general of Pan-American Union was the honor at Kolh's yesterday afternoon, on-the City Council. trade and the probable effect the war will have on it.

# RAIDED IN OWNER'S ABSENCE.

Money and articles amounting to and yesterday, when its occupant; boys.

# ODDS AND ENDS OF NEWS DAY OF TRIAL FOR SHARE OF THE PIE THAT SHOW POPULAR FERVOR

the Capitol. Members of Congress, big corporations here will pay sal- navy is not a reformatory, and we can the mat in Superintendent Reyrealizing that the government will aries of employes enlisting in the do not want any men in it who are nolds' court yesterday to answer to

Bill by Senator Smoot of Utah ap- ries to men serving on the border citizen in the accepted meaning. propriation one and one-quarter \$281,191; the Interborough Rapid York Railways Company, \$31,212, Bill by Representative Hulbert of and the Cons lidated Gas Company.

Washington, April 12 -- Army insignia for non-combatants to show transferred by the War Department tion of twenty million dollars to im- they are not "slackers" will probprove New York harbor as a mili-lably soon make their appearance. The government will have some ters at New York, to Charleston, S. Bill by Senator Frelinghuysen of which will be given to those ex- C. Although edges for the trans-New Jersey to apprepriate \$200,000 empted from actual military or na- fer were issued by the department J. Weysham, John Fleming, John P. for a target range and camp on the val service and otherwise serving two weeks ago, they will not so Secures, Robert J. Laughlin, Thomas

Washington, April 12.—Sending Knovville; a 30 \$200,000 for an army a'l their postal savings and offering their father to the service of the country, if necessary, two little ten the following letter to Preci-Jent Wilson:

> "Dear Mr. President My pana told me that we were soon going to have war and you need money and

"Me and my twin sister, Louis postal stamps and you can have

"My papa is going to war when you need him. God bless you.

"P. S. A am eight years old," Enclosed in the letter were two of the regulation postal savings bank deposit cards bearing stamp receipts amounting to \$1.80.

The stamps were returned to the lift'e ones, with a lettler of appreciation from Secretary Tumuity.

Camperland Gap, Tenn. April 12 --Under the name of the "Linco's Sharpshooters," a regiment of Southern mountaineers is being raised here. The leadership in the movement was taken by Dr. John Wesley Hill, chancellor of the Lin-No. shipping colu Memorial University.

> New York, April 12.-Five hundreft employes of Thomas A. Edison, at West Orange, N. J., have formed a military training organization under the direction of Charles Edison, the inventor's son. Dril's arheld daily.

> New York, April 12 -- "All women should learn to short," says Mrs. Jone Haughton, the expert rifle shot, who has organized the American Defense hifle Club, with clubrooms and a range here. Mrs. Haughton hopes to form rifle clubs for women all over the country.

East Orange, N. J., April 12.-A intrast to mothers who pleaded with recruiting officers here to have their sons kept from military service was an aged woman who, land bank appraisers in the New just before the Fifth Regiment Orleans district as follows: High started away, logged Lieutenant M. Wilson, of Opelika, Ala.; Ira J. Robert McNally to let her son join.

"Not a single generation in my family since the War of the Revo≈ H. Pulley, Huntsville, Ala.: S. J. lution has failed to be represented Wright, Clayton, Ala.; T. W. Scott, in Unele Sam's arms," said the Eupera, Miss.; A. D. Campbell, Jackw man. The boy failed to meet the son, Miss.; W. L. Pryor, Laurel, Federal test. His mother wept as Miss.; R. W. Lumbley, Silver City the disappointed youth joined her. "There's patriotism," said Lieu- Miss. enant McNally, as they walked

Hoboken, N. J., April 12 .- Recorder Carstens, of this city, who discharged two men after they had accepted his suggestion to apply for admittance to the army and navy, has been called on to explain to the Inited States government.

Lieutenant William Moses, U. S. N., chief naval recruiting officer in

lost iwenty recruits because of the Cabert of Texas; C. J. Mansfield, of to 28th; a flood stage, 390 feet at recorder's action. One mother was Arkan-as; S. E. Morton, of Alahama; when she read of the incident and Mississippi; C. B. Ucker, of Baltirefused. She did not want her son more, and Walter Parker, of the in the company of drunkards and New Orleans Chamber of Commerce erooks, she said.

Mayor Griffin said Recorder Cars-

receive a frank communication from lands.

| Recorder Carslen to the effect that | New York, April 12 -- Many of the he understands the United States leged delinquent bluecounts appeared

of many millions of dollars in their they get from the government. This S. A., stationed in Hoboken, wrote penalty. He ; pleaded guilty to districts on all sorts of projects provision for dependents of soldiers to the recorder, demanding an excharges of unbecoming conduct and from sending roads to constructing and saffors follows the line of ac-planation. The recorder replied tion pursued at the time of the re- that one young man had been days. He had already been suspend. brought before him by his parents ed 34 days, making the total of 65. . The American Telephone and Tel-1 and the other was merely drunk. egraph Company paid out in sala- He did not consider either a bad

#### WOOD TO STAY IN EAST

#### President Changes Mind About Transferring Him

General Leonard Wood is not to be proved his innocence, from the command of the Department of the East, with headquar-

into effect. The administration has Alvarez, Joseph Conrad and Gilbert changed its mind, and General Wood W. Fitere. will remain in command of the most important division of the Monvoisin, charged with unbecomarmy, and if moved therefrom it ing conduct and insuler limition, will be to a place of even greater was pestponed indefinitely, as his importance. The fact that the gov- case is now before the courts, etument has abandoned its intentions indicates that political con- whom are two different cases in sideralwas are not to be permitted which he is charged with dranker-Department.

#### WON'T STAND FOR FINE PRINT

#### Kansaa Supreme Court Raps Telegraph Company

Topeka, April 12. - The "fine print" on the back of Glegraph b'antis or a bill of laden was given get more wifnesses. a jult by the Kansas Supreme Court to-may. William J Kirsch of Salina sent a message over the Postal Telegraph Company's lines and brought a suit for damages, because of the failure of the company to deliver the message. Then he found out, "for the first time," ab ut the contract he had signed when he sent the message. The telegraph company lost in the district court at Salina on the first round and won in the supreme court and the case must now go back to Salina county for further proceedings.

In the opinion, sending the case back for a new trial, Justice West

"To understand the contract on the back of the blank in this case the average citizen would need the help of at least one microscope and one lawyer. To say that he ever entered into such a contract is to express as absurd a notion as could be imagined.

"If common carriers who hire themselves out to serve the public are to be permitted to assert under such circumstances that their pafrom have entered into contracts they ought to be required to couch such compacts in plain terms and have them fairly and honestly called to the attention of the shipper before the patronage is accepted."

# LAND BANK APPRAISERS.

The Federal Far it Loan Board has auncinced the appointment of Sandfur, Birmingham, Ala.; John R. McCain, Lineville, Ala: Charles Miss.; aid W. C. Mason, Corinth

# TO FORM 'PLAN OF MARKETING

#### Cut-Over Land Conference May Evolve Coherent Plan.

As the outcome of the conference of cut-over land ewners now in session at St. Charles hotel, a permanent erganization will probably be formed to market and e donize these lands.

The formulation of plans to that Newark, N. J., on instructions from end is in the hands of a committee Washington, sought the recorder, comprising J. L. Thompson, Housbut found him out of town. He ton; R. M. Hallowell, G. A. Townguest of a business men's luncheon colled on Mayor Griffin and four of send, R. F. Merse and C. E. Schlagel, at Louisiana; F. V. Stevens, of The lieutenant said the navy had Florida; C. E. Walden, and L. D

An assessment of one cent an acre upon owners o demoded flands to tens meant no harm; like others, he carry out these plans is proposed had the impression the army and This will yield \$80,000 from memstreet, sometime between April 5 navy were good places for wayward bers of the Southern Pine Association alone. It is hoped to enlist the " Iwill not be satisfied unless I aid of other owners of similar

An unusually large number of al-

Supernumerary Patrolman Rich. acd Braniff received the heaviest. drunkenness and was suspended 33

Because, it is charged, he failed to remove all the money from the pockets of a man accested for being drunk, Doorman Oscar Taquino was fined one day's pay.

The case against Patrolman Jose-Toungblood, accused of having life duly interferred with a crawfishing Washington, April 12. - Major party, was dismissed, as the officer

The following all pleaded golde to disobedience and conduct unb coming and escaped with a we reprimand: Patrolmen Ameleo Landreaux, Edward Borges, Wolfee

The trail of Patrolman Ernest

. Patrolman John G. Ohleen, azninst to secret the operations of the War was and unbecoming conduct, failed to uppear for trial vester by and will be additionally charget people-

> On their request, the trials of patrolmen Robert Tonglet and John O'Krefe, accuse that a gloci, it duty and violating rule No. 159, were not, overd, so as to enable them to

#### MOOSE CONVENTION

AT ST. LOUIS STARTS

St. Louis, April 12. The egates the National Progressive party fro most of the States gathered here to-day for a national convention which will continue three days.

Ther will frame a new program to which they hope elements in the o'd parties will subscribe. They expect to break int the solid soul c Gr. Thing. - Many Descerat Prohibitionists and Socialists are among the delegates.

The leaders say the war provides sno reason for neglecting internaaffairs, and they are therefore 20ing ahead with their convention as fitimes were normal, for they desire to forestall any attempt by "reactionaries" to gain control in the hour of crisis.

# U. S. DAILY WEATHER REPORT

Friday, April 13, 1917.

For New Orleans and vicinity: Fair, colder, light to mo legate westerly to northerly winds. For Louisinnar, Friday and Satur-

#### LOCAL METEOROLOGICAL RECORD Temperature Record

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

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# The following is the weather data

or April 12, 1917, at New Orleans: 7 a.m. 2 p.m. 7 p.m. Pehmerature 98 Rel. Humidity . . . . (8) Weather ...... Foggy Cleat

# RIVER FORECAST

Mississippi River below Vickshorg, and the Atchafalaya will rise; on account of recent rains, crest stages are indicated as follows: Nalchez, 18.5 to 49.0 feet, Auril 20th to .25th; Bafon Rouge, 360 to 36,5 feet; Donaldsonville, 28.7 to 29.3; New Orleans, 18.5 to 19.0, April 25th Melville by April 25th; the Red River, below Shreveport, and the Ovachita will rise during the next 48 hours.

# 52 YEARS LIFE

Best Italian Restaurant in City. 722 IBERVILLE ST. Anthony Guiffria, Prop.