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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, 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.

Residents of the Louisiana and Texas gulf coasts have for more than ten years labored to promote the construction of an intracoastal canal from the Mississippi river to the Rio Grande, following the trend of the gulf coast a few miles inland.

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.

And he did not exaggerate. The ship yard is adjacent to an almost inexhaustible supply of the best timber on earth. It has an abundance of labor available and is headed by men with practical knowledge of shipbuilding.

The people of the district in which the shipyard is located have taxed themselves \$260,000 as a contribution to the deepening of this particular section of the canal, provided that the government will appropriate nearly an equal amount.

This is not the only drawback suffered by the uncompleted state of the intracoastal, which will cost only ten millions and but for the enemies of waterways would have been completed five years ago.

Russians say that they might consider peace if Germany would dethrone Kaiser Bill. Here is a chance for Bill to do his country a real service.

Richard Olney, who died a few days ago at 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.

The city clerk of New York says that the young men who marry as a precaution against conscription are "cowards." The city clerk is evidently 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 shark-fishing, a new industry is being created on its seacoast, the skins of the big fish being in much demand by the shoe manufacturers of the United States.

LOUISIANA OPINION.

Barge Line Is Needed.

Assumption Pioneer: The announcement made in the daily press that the barge line from St. Louis to New Orleans was discontinued, was quite a disappointment to people living along the Mississippi Valley.

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.

Abberville Meridional: That the population of Vermilion parish are a law-abiding people is established beyond cavil by the small amount of crime as shown by the records of the District Court.

Ruston Children Are Safe.

Ruston Leader: Automobiles are continually endangering the lives of children in the large cities, where the streets are constantly crowded with vehicles of all kinds.

School Thrift Club at DeRidder.

Natchitoches Enterprise: DeRidder claims the first public Thrift Club in the state, the pupils giving all the idle money that they usually spend on movies, ice cream, sodas and candy.

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.

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 hiring press, bought with somebody's gold.

There Are Always Croakers.

Ruston Leader: What is the use of our military and naval schools, that the people have so long supported and furnished with students, if they cannot furnish the armies and navies with capable instructors and drill masters?

STATESMEN SEEK SHARE OF THE PIE

Washington, April 12.—"Pork patriotism" is greatly in evidence at the Capitol. Members of Congress, realizing that the government will have to acquire great quantities of equipment and ammunition, have introduced bills for the expenditure of many millions of dollars in their districts on all sorts of projects from building roads to constructing munition plants.

These are some of the measures that have appeared in printed form at the Capitol: Bill by Senator Smoot of Utah appropriation one and one-quarter million dollars for a munition factory in his State.

Bill by Representative Hulbert of New York to appropriate ten million dollars for the development of an interoceanic canal along the Atlantic; also a bill for the appropriation of twenty million dollars to improve New York harbor as a military move.

Bill by Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey to appropriate \$200,000 for a target range and camp on the Great Piece Meadow of New Jersey. Bill by Representative Austin of Tennessee to appropriate five million dollars for a munition plant at Knoxville; also a \$200,000 for an army and navy hospital at that place.

Bill by Representative Lohack of Nebraska to appropriate \$100,000 to pave the military road from Fort Crook to Fort Omaha; also one for two million dollars to establish a military service school at Fort Crook.

Bill of Representative Baker of California to appropriate three and one-half million dollars for a military road from Los Angeles to Lake View, Ore.

Bill of Representative Gurry of California to appropriate one million dollars for a munition plant at Benecia, Cal.; also a bill for \$200,000 for a storehouse at that place.

TO BROOKLYN FOR BURIAL.

The body of Mrs. Sophie Worrell, wife of Hugh A. O'Donnell, who died Wednesday after a brief illness, 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. No shipping will move on the river at night except the ferries and an occasional excursion boat.

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 4:40 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. Whittington, of Alexandria, is among the interested attendants upon the conference for the settlement of cut-over lands. Mayor Whittington is being prominently mentioned as congressional timber in the Eighth district when the time rolls around.

TRACING LABELS 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 federal authorities and the secret service men are endeavoring to trace them to their author.

GAVE GOOD PRACTICAL ADVICE

John Barrett, director general of Pan-American Union was the honor guest at a business men's luncheon at Kohl's yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Association of Commerce. Mr. Barrett gave the company an enlightening talk upon the possibilities of Latin American trade and the probable effect the war will have on it.

RAIDED IN OWNER'S ABSENCE.

Money and articles amounting to \$35 were stolen from the residence of Jules Gerson, 522 Prytania street, sometime between April 5 and yesterday, when its occupants were absent. Entrance was gained by forcing a rear door.

ODDS AND ENDS OF NEWS THAT SHOW POPULAR FERVOR

By International News Service.

New York, April 12.—Many of the big corporations here will pay salaries of employes enlisting in the army or navy. Officers will give employes' families the difference between their salaries and what they get from the government.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company paid out in salaries to men serving on the border \$281,194; the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, \$61,800; the New York Railways Company, \$31,212; and the Consolidated Gas Company, \$20,000 a month.

Washington, April 12.—Army insignia for non-combatants to show they are not "slackers" will probably soon make their appearance. The government will have some which will be given to those exempted from actual military or naval service and otherwise serving the country.

Washington, April 12.—Sending all their postal savings and offering their father to the service of the country, if necessary, two little girls at Penn Yan, N. Y., have written the following letter to President Wilson:

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

"Me and my twin sister, Louie, have one dollar and twenty cents in postal stamps and you can have them.

"My papa is going to war when you need him. God bless you. (Signed) VIRGINIA MURRAY. "P. S. I 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 little ones, with a letter of appreciation from Secretary Tamm.

Gummerland Gap, Tenn., April 12.—Under the name of the "Lincoln 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 Lincoln Memorial University.

New York, April 12.—Five hundred 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. Drill is held daily.

New York, April 12.—"All women should learn to shoot," says Mrs. Jane Haughton, the expert rifle shot, who has organized the American Defense Rifle Club, with clubs in a range here. Mrs. Haughton hopes to form rifle clubs for women all over the country.

East Orange, N. J., April 12.—A contrast to mothers who pleaded with recruiting officers here to have their sons kept from military service was an aged woman who, just before the Fifth Regiment started away, begged Lieutenant Robert McNally to let her son join.

"Not a single generation in my family since the War of the Revolution has failed to be represented in Uncle Sam's army," said the woman. The boy failed to meet the Federal test. His mother wept as the disappointed youth joined her. "There's patriotism," said Lieutenant McNally, as they walked away.

Hoboken, N. J., April 12.—Recorder Carsten, 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 United States government.

Lieutenant William Moss, U. S. N., chief naval recruiting officer in Newark, N. J., on instructions from Washington, sought the recorder, but found him out of town. He called on Mayor Griffin and four of the City Council.

The lieutenant said the navy had lost twenty recruits because of the recorder's action. One mother was about to permit her son to join when she read of the incident and refused. She did not want her son in the company of drunkards and crooks, she said.

Mayor Griffin said Recorder Carsten meant no harm; like others, he had the impression the army and navy were good places for wayward boys. "I will not be satisfied unless I receive a frank communication from

Recorder Carsten L. the effect that he understands the United States navy is not a reformatory, and we do not want any men in it who are not clean all the way through," said Lieutenant Moss as he left.

Colonel William M. Claffield, U. S. A., stationed in Hoboken, wrote to the recorder, demanding an explanation. The recorder replied that one young man had been brought before him by his parents and the other was merely drunk. He did not consider either a bad citizen in the accepted meaning.

WOOD TO STAY IN EAST

President Changes Mind About Transferring Him

Washington, April 12.—Major General Leonard Wood is not to be transferred by the War Department from the command of the Department of the East, with headquarters at New York, to Charleston, S. C. Although orders for the transfer were issued by the department two weeks ago, they will not go into effect. The administration has changed its mind, and General Wood will remain in command of the most important division of the army, and if moved therefrom it will be to a place of even greater importance.

WON'T STAND FOR FINE PRINT

Kansas Supreme Court Raps Telegraph Company

Topeka, April 12.—The "fine print" on the back of telegraph bills or a bill of lading was given a jolt by the Kansas Supreme Court today. 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," all about 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 court for further proceedings.

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

"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 patrons they ought to be required to couch such contracts 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 Farm Loan Board has announced the appointment of land bank appraisers in the New Orleans district as follows: Hugh M. Wilson, of Opelika, Ala.; Ira J. Sandifer, Birmingham, Ala.; John R. McFain, Lineville, Ala.; Charles H. Pulley, Huntsville, Ala.; S. J. Wright, Clayton, Ala.; T. W. Scott, Eupora, Miss.; A. D. Campbell, Jackson, Miss.; W. L. Pryor, Laurel, Miss.; R. W. Lumley, Silver City, Miss.; and W. C. Mason, Corinth, Miss.

TO FORM "PLAN OF MARKETING"

Cut-Over Land Conference May Evolve Coherent Plan.

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

The formulation of plans to that end is in the hands of a committee comprising J. L. Thompson, Houston; R. M. Halliwell, G. A. Townsend, R. F. Morse and C. E. Schlagel, of Louisiana; F. V. Stevens, of Florida; C. E. Warden, and L. D. Gilbert of Texas; C. J. Mansfield, of Arkansas; S. E. Morton, of Alabama; F. B. Enochs and W. E. Guild, of Mississippi; C. B. Ucker, of Baltimore, and Walter Parker, of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce.

An assessment of one cent an acre up to owners of demoted lands to carry out these plans is proposed. This will yield \$80,000 from members of the Southern Pine Association alone. It is hoped to enlist the aid of other owners of similar lands.

DAY OF TRIAL FOR MANY BLUECOATS

An unusually large number of alleged delinquent bluecoats appeared on the mat in Superior Court yesterday to answer to various charges.

Supernumerary Patrolman Richard Braniff received the heaviest penalty. He pleaded guilty to charges of unbecoming conduct and drunkenness and was suspended 30 days. He had already been suspended 31 days, making the total 61. Because, it is charged, he failed to remove all the money from the pockets of a man arrested for being drunk, Doorman Oscar Taquino was fined one day's pay.

The case against Patrolman Joseph Troughhead, accused of having unduly interfered with a crawling party, was dismissed, as the officer proved his innocence.

The following all pleaded guilty to disobedience and conduct unbecoming and escaped with a light reprimand: Patrolman Amelie Landreaux, Edward Borges, Walter J. Weysham, John Fleming, John P. Scoway, Robert J. Laughlin, Thomas Alvarez, Joseph Conrad and Gilbert W. Fitter.

The trial of Patrolman Ernest Monvoisin, charged with unbecoming conduct and insubordination, was postponed indefinitely, as his case is now before the courts.

Patrolman John G. O'Connell, against whom are two different cases in which he is charged with drunkenness and unbecoming conduct, failed to appear for trial yesterday and will be additionally charged accordingly.

On their request, the trials of Patrolmen Robert Tangle and John O'Keefe, accused of neglect of duty and violating rule No. 159, were postponed, so as to enable them to get more witnesses.

MOOSE CONVENTION AT ST. LOUIS STARTS

By International News Service.

St. Louis, April 12.—Delegates of the National Progressive party from most of the States gathered here today for a national convention which will continue three days.

They will inaugurate a new program, to which they hope elements of the old parties will subscribe. They expect to break out the solid South, to be done. Many Democrats, Prohibitionists and Socialists are among the delegates.

The leaders say the war provided the reason for neglecting internal affairs, and they are therefore going ahead with their convention as if times 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. Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday: For New Orleans and vicinity: Fair, colder, light to moderate westerly to northerly winds. For Louisiana: Friday and Saturday, fair.

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 Temperature 7 a. m. 61 8 a. m. 62 9 a. m. 63 10 a. m. 64 11 a. m. 65 12 p. m. 66 1 p. m. 67 2 p. m. 68 3 p. m. 69 4 p. m. 70 5 p. m. 71

Weather Record

The following is the weather data for April 12, 1917, at New Orleans: 7 a. m. 7 p. m. Temperature 61 62 Rel. Humidity 100 98 61 Wind 8.3 8.8 Rain .00 .114 Weather Foggy Clear

RIVER FORECAST

The Mississippi River below Vicksburg, and the Atchafalaya will rise; on account of recent rains, crest stages are indicated as follows: Natchez, 18.5 to 49.0 feet, April 20 to 25th; Baton Rouge, 30.0 to 30.5 feet; Donaldsonville, 28.7 to 29.3; New Orleans, 18.5 to 19.0, April 25th to 28th; a flood stage, 50.0 feet at Melville, by April 25th; the Red River, below Shreveport, and the Ouachita will rise during the next 48 hours.

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