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IGNORANCE THE HEAVIEST TAX

At the annual meeting of the Public School Alliance Monday, the matter of entering a campaign to procure the voting of a special two mill tax needed for the support of the New Orleans schools was discussed.

This action leaves New Orleans still subject to the heaviest tax imposed upon human beings—the tax of ignorance and lack of discipline. Poor schools mean full jails, in dolence and a lowering of living standards that makes for the worsening of the community.

The cost of better schools to the New Orleans taxpayer if this tax were voted, would be twenty cents annually on each hundred dollars of his assessment or two dollars on each thousand. What does the school give him in return?

If he is a man in ordinary circumstances, it gives him an education for his children, better than he received, for schools have steadily improved. It gives the children a chance for a better start in life. It gives them playgrounds, entertainments and the hundred odd things that go to make children's lives happy and keep them from bad associates.

If the taxpayer is a man without children, or possessed of much property, he profits ever more by the pittance he pays for good schools. Crime is the big item in the public expense budget, and education decreases crime.

The more property a man has the more he needs protection for it. Schools are the cheapest protection. The best police force that could be assembled can't eliminate jails and penitentiaries, hospitals and juvenile courts, with all the burden of expense they place upon the public back.

A man of property who would vote against a school tax must be the most short-sighted being in the world. A man of small means who would vote against the tax that educates his children, gives them better equipment for life, and keeps them among good associates and in moral surroundings must be solid bone from his Adam's apple up.

The always reliable opponents of the schools are the chuckle-headed idiots who regard a few dimes more highly than the welfare of their own and their neighbor's children. To these, the time is always inopportune. The only thing to do is to run over them.

If this is an inopportune time to appeal to the sensible, fair-minded people of New Orleans in behalf of their schools, it is because the subject has not been persistently presented to them. Hundreds, if not thousands, of special school taxes have been voted in the country parishes and districts in the state.

A New York newspaper, finding fault with Mayor Mitchell's definition of treason as applying "to all residents enjoying the protection of our laws, whether they be citizens or not," suggests that hereafter Mitchell permit the president to write the war proclamations.

In speaking on the conscription bill in the senate Saturday, Senator Williams of Mississippi said: "There are a million traitors in America including a considerable number of German spies."

The action of the parish demonstration agent of Acadia parish in distributing one hundred and sixty pure bred Holstein calves among the boy and girl farmers of the parish is worth a hundred speeches each from a hundred members of the state food preparedness committee.

Before you weep over high prices, cast an eye on the market quotations from Constantinople: Sugar five dollars a pound, coffee nine dollars a pound and tea six dollars a pound.

LOUISIANA OPINION.

We Must Fight for Peace

Monroe News Star: But there can be no world-peace until the present war is ended. The United States must do its part to end that war. Every resource of the Nation must be called upon and the United States must live up to its record made in previous wars.

Collector Reports no Rush, So far.

Shreveport Journal: The internal revenue department is suggesting a practical way for citizens to show their patriotism. Those subject to internal revenue taxes are urged to pay them at once.

Walkers Have no Right on Roads

Ruston Leader: One important item in road building in this country is totally neglected, and that is the foot walk on one or each side of the road. In England especially the interest and comfort of the pedestrian is considered as important as those of the equestrian or rider in vehicles.

Remedy All in Own Hands

Thibodaux Commercial Journal: The people have the remedy for all evils if they will only fearlessly stand up for their own rights. If they permit themselves to be trampled over and have their rights disregarded it is their own fault.

Even Rhode Island Sees Light

Alexandria Town Talk: When Rhode Island, the traditional abode of "rotten boroughs," limited manhood suffrage, vested wealth and political corruption, takes this advanced step, we needn't be surprised at anything progressive in any part of the Union.

Sneering at our Weaknesses

Abbeville Meridional: Jefferson parish, Gretna and the Marrero, regime are going to get into the race horse game next season. Certainly why not? If this race horse gamble is the promoter of peace, prosperity and the pursuit of happiness as our New Orleans brothers and "business men" would have us believe how can we have too much of it?

Let the Laws Be Adjusted

Madison Journal: Morris & Company have under consideration the establishment of a Cattleman's Bank at New Orleans. The imperfections of the Louisiana laws surround the project with difficulties. The growing importance of the cattle business in this state makes it advisable that the laws be so adjusted that the banks can extend the credit necessary to further this industry.

DRUIDSTO GIVE PICNIC

The Grand Grove of Louisiana, United Ancient Order of Druids, will give their sixty-first annual May Festival for the benefit of the widows' and orphans' fund at the Fair Grounds, Saturday, May 12.

The details are in the hands of the following committee of arrangements: Peter C. Maurer, chairman; J. Paul Haller, N. G. A., ex-officio; R. H. Hamilton, vice-chairman; F. J. Speyerer, secretary; H. C. Bernius, treasurer; O. Pfister, L. L. C. Wake, P. Whitman, E. W. Olschner, B. Mendelson, F. J. Fikensirns, F. C. Vastelion, F. G. Walter, E. H. C. Wagner, D. P. Lagnens, Jr.; N. Adams, W. F. Day, L. Agosta, H. J. Clark, P. Artal, F. V. Gilmer, F. E. Sexton, R. J. Ames, W. C. Ermon, H. F. Bolinger, I. G. Higzans, M. E. Crotchet, J. Schreiner, P. Falcone, V. Macanuso, W. Seibert, E. H. Rivas, F. W. Bard, J. E. Landon, S. D. Carpio, A. J. Deslandes, M. R. Heintz, N. Tardo, A. M. Valle, C. E. Gross, J. Springler, t

PEACE TALK POSTPONED

Copenhagen, May 2, via London.—The speech which was to have been made in the Reichstag by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, on peace and internal relations, has been postponed to a more fitting occasion, according to word received here.

London, May 2.—The American steamer Rockingham has been sunk by a German submarine. Two boats containing 33 men were picked up yesterday, one by a patrol vessel. One boat containing 13 men is missing.

HOME BUILDERS

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Then reports of committees, meetings, election of officers and delegates to the United States League and choosing the next meeting place will be in order. The boat about 11 o'clock will reach Mandeville, where W. G. Davis, the mayor will make an address of welcome, and Charles F. Buck will respond.

The committees in charge of the convention and entertainment follow: Arrangements—William Pfaff, chairman; George H. Kostmeyer, E. G. Gould, A. F. Livaudais, S. Blasini and E. A. Wagner.

Program—George H. Mostmayer, chairman; Henry J. Ledoux and Emile A. Wagner.

Luncheon—William Pfaff, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Keller, Mrs. E. A. Wagner, Mrs. A. S. Cain, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Oertling, Miss L. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hartson, Miss Hattie B. Schoole, Mr. and Mrs. L. Schuler, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kostmeyer, Mrs. L. use Spurl, Mrs. P. J. Schoen, Mrs. J. De Wirth, Ed Roddy and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frower.

Theatre—E. G. Gould, chairman; W. J. Sonnemann, A. S. Cain, E. L. Herbert, J. F. X. Wegmann, Carl G. Friedrichs, Emile Seiber, Sam Blum and W. J. Montgomery.

Boat—A. C. Andry, chairman; George E. Morris, W. R. Douglas, Thomas O'Neil, J. H. Schluter, Geo. Ehrhard, Ernest Dienne, Henry Orland, J. J. Maloche, Sebastian Roy and P. A. Caplan.

Refreshments—C. J. Babst, chairman; N. S. J. arovich, Wyman Hoey, Mr. and Mrs. Emile Seiber, Mrs. J. J. Zollinger, the Misses Zollinger, Mrs. Joseph Eran, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Maloche, Mrs. R. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kostmeyer, Albert Guilbault, J. E. Flandry, Geo. M. Leahy, Mrs. J. A. Frowan, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wirth, Misses He'ron and Rosalie Roddy.

Cars—H. J. Dressel, chairman; C. H. Haight, O. M. Lind, P. J. Schoen, M. de Lucas, C. F. Goll, Jr., E. J. Spurl and J. F. Muller.

Dance—F. August Weilbacher, chairman; E. H. Fitzgerald, Joseph Dresner, A. D. Danziger, F. C. Quereys, David Hughes, George V. Fuchs and M. H. Manion. Sightseeing Trip—L. Schuler, chairman; M. J. Hartson, C. J. Babst, J. Niemann, H. L. Loomis, G. L. Deano, Gus Seaman, W. V. Seeber, Adam Gambel, W. E. Sharwood, George Montgomery, J. C. Dodi, A. W. Nolde and Louis Spurl.

WILL GIVE BENEFIT DANCE

The Seven-Eleven Social Club will give a benefit dance at Brunning's pavilion, West End, Sunday May 13. The officers of the club are S. B. Caro, president; Pete Testevient, first vice-president; Harry Carl, second vice-president; Pete Barrere, secretary; Robert Reiss, treasurer; Paul Richard, assistant secretary and treasurer.

Arrangement committee—S. B. Caro, chairman; Jno. Mark, ex-officio; W. E. Adams, F. Segura, J. Labarriere, L. McLaughlin, J. Custumano, W. J. Warren, M. J. Caro, J. Guate, J. Bonck, A. Johns, M. Rossin, Ed Gordon, Pat McGuire, V. Dantoni, Sam Galo, Jules Michon, Sr.; R. Gilli. Reception committee—P. Testevient, chairman; Harry Suss, ex-officio; T. P. Walton, Frank Stanton, Paul Heno, Jr.; Pete Pellegroini, Lawrence Abadie, N. Adams, J. Boyer, W. Kaiser, A. Fontana, A. Silvestri, V. Gallo, R. Graham, S. Truxillo, J. Michon, W. Michon.

FAVORITE OUTDOOR SPORT

London, May 2.—A compilation from British, French and German official communiques shows that 17 airplanes were shot down on the western front during April. The Germans lost 348, the French and Belgians 201 and the British 147. This is a great increase over the casualties for any similar period. The highest previous total was 322 in last September.

ADDING DAILY TO ITS QUOTA

Volunteering for U. S. Service Still Active in New Orleans. The fact that active participation in the war is growing nearer has not diminished the ardor of New Orleans' young men, but has rather increased it.

The Washington Artillery passed peace strength of a regiment—730 men—on Tuesday, but now has over 800 and will continue until a good margin has been acquired. For war strength, which will doubtless be soon ordered, something like 1,100 men will be needed.

For the navy, Lieutenant LeBounty enlisted twenty-two Tuesday and a goodly number yesterday. Lieut. Jean Wentz of the Naval Reserve, is also obtaining a good bunch of recruits daily. Adjutant General McCreary has received authorization from the Militia Bureau of the War Department to organize a second troop of cavalry. The troop will be organized as a National Guard unit, and will be drafted into the federal service later.

MR. FERGUSON IN CHARGE

J. E. Ferguson goes on duty with the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce in the Hibernia building tomorrow, succeeding Garrard Harris who, after spending a month here, has been transferred to Washington. Mr. Ferguson was in charge of the office for a time last summer.

TO ENTERTAIN SUNDAY EVENING

The Athlete Louisianais will entertain its friends next Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock, with a literary and musical program, at French Union hall, No. 928 North Rampart street. These annual events of the great French society are always eagerly looked forward to and enjoyed.

ON AN INSPECTION TRIP

Headed by J. H. B. Parsons, vice president and general manager, a party of Southern Pacific officials have been inspecting the Louisiana lines thoroughly this week. They will return today.

TOOK PATRIOTIC ACTION

The Supreme board of directors, Knights of Columbus, have removed the restriction classing soldiers and sailors as extra-hazardous risks as far as it applies to present insurance members who may bear arms for the United States and adopted a resolution expelling any member who may bear arms against the United States.

BUSINESS MAN PASSES AWAY

From his late residence, 1630 Napoleon avenue, at 4:30 yesterday afternoon, occurred the funeral of Claude M. Smith, aged 56, since early manhood engaged in business here. Mr. Smith was a dealer in stocks, was one of the organizers of the local stock exchange, and was an active figure in business circles up to a year ago when his health became shattered. Mrs. Smith and four children survive him.

Mrs. Julia Spellicigar, 3208 Grand Route St. John, was standing at Canal and St. Charles streets last night when an unidentified white boy snatched her purse and escaped in the crowds. The purse contained fifty cents and a passport to France.

READY TO TRAIN U. S. AVIATORS

British Headquarters in France (via London), May 2.—Already plans are being made to increase the number of Americans now flying for France, while all the members of the British Royal Flying Corps are ready to welcome and aid in the training of Americans in all the arts of war flying. It is realized that the United States army is not on a war basis regarding machines, but it is understood that both the British and French schools are prepared to furnish them temporarily, just as these two services now exchange machines as necessity demands.

America, of course, is expected to throw its organizing and manufacturing ability into supplying machines to its fliers, but the modern airplane with its tremendous power-houses in a very compact, very light engine, with delicate instruments, unerring balances and sensitive controls, is an extremely complicated affair and its construction is a matter of months.

Now the single seat fighting scout is the machine of the hour. Such machine must stand the terrific strain of fighting tactics—rolling, looping, nose diving, side slipping. It is no unusual thing nowadays to see a pilot seemingly fall out of control 2,000 feet or more, then flatten out and sailing serenely away. The strain of this maneuver is tremendous.

Officers of the British flying corps say America must be prepared to pay such a price; that it must remember this when the losses begin to mount up. It must understand, they point out, that out of these losses will come men who will reflect glory and lend brilliance to the brighter pages of its history.

It is, of course, possible to train men far from the battle field. They may become proficient in every trick of flying known to the science of this training. Their real service, however, only begins after they have proved themselves "over the line." The British have developed brilliant fliers at their training grounds in England, men who have mastered every technical point of aviation and who stand out clearly as potential leaders. But each one of them on reaching France must be attached to a squadron as an ordinary fighter and win his way upward through the soul-searching shock of actual battle.

American can render a great service to the Allies by sending over pilots at the earliest possible moment. They can join the British corps at once and can be reclaimed by America for organizing and training squadrons as these become available. The care and maintenance of airplanes requires the constant attention of skilled men. If America would render an immediate service, according to the view here, it might send over five thousand fitters, riggers and mechanics to take up this branch of the service now and learn every phase of the work of grooming and handling the delicate machines.

The air service does not stand still. Almost each day brings changes. It is the feeling here that America should lose no time getting machines under way and men in training. The Allies hold the hard fought mastery of the air, but they must be in a position always absolutely to overwhelm the enemy and keep him on the ground. The youth of America and Britain, it is believed behind the lines here, should with their common love of sport and common courage, skill and daring, find ideal companionship in this hazardous but romantic war in the air.

ON THE VERGE OF THE RIVER

Young Girl, in Fit of Anger, Saved by Two Guardsmen.

Following a quarrel with her father, which is said by the police to have resulted when he refused to let her go out, Mary Campes, 23, 6139 Chartres street, attempted suicide last night by trying to jump into the river at Delery street. She was prevented from doing so by P. L. Maserot and Chester Fellman, soldiers stationed at Jackson Barracks.

The soldiers turned Miss Campes over to the police of the Fifth precinct station where she was kept until her father took her home. The young woman expressed regret for her conduct and promised not to try suicide again.

In a fit of rage, it is said, because her father would not grant permission to her to go out, Miss Campes left the house and went to the river front. Her actions aroused the suspicions of Fellman and Maserot. When they saw the young woman walk to the water's edge, they rushed forward and caught her.

UP GOES ICE, AS USUAL

The first day of May was the signal for the price of ice to advance in New Orleans. A 100-pound chunk costs 30 cents now; a 50-pound piece 20 cents and a 25-pound lump, 15 cents. For a smaller sum you can get a damp spot on the gallery.

LEAVE FOR BATON ROUGE FOR STATE HIGH SCHOOL RALLY

New Orleans pupils, numbering an even hundred, will leave this morning at 6 o'clock on a special train over the L. R. and N. for Baton Rouge, at the State high school rally today and Saturday. Fifty-two buses from Warren Easton high school, twenty-three girls from Esplanade avenue school and twenty-five from Sophie Wright school will participate. A large crowd of friends will accompany the party.

AUTO STRIPPED BY THIEVES

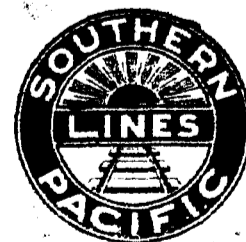
Tools, tires, front lamps and other accessories were stripped from an automobile belonging to James Rice, 2326 Robert street, by thieves who stole the car from in front of his residence and drove it to Audubon park yesterday. The machine was found abandoned and returned to its owner. The articles stolen are worth \$100.

"MASQUE OF LIFE" IS GREAT SPECTACULAR FILM NOVELTY

Those who want to see a film that is absolutely different and novel must be sure to get to the Diamond Theatre where "The Masque of Life," a tremendous seven-reel spectacle, will be shown all week. It is the most startling and unusual combination of romance, hate, tragedy, mother-love, heart-throbs, laughs and tears that could be imagined, and it truly has uncouth thrills. The thing that most people talk about in the picture is the work of Pete Montebello, the monkey star, who provides so much of the excitement. One of his stunts is to climb to the top of the 360 foot tall chimney with a real live baby under his arm. At the top of this chimney there is a thrilling fight between the monkey and the heroine of the story, who goes up the chimney on a guide rope to rescue the child.

Tremendous expense was incurred in making the spectacular scenes bigger than anything ever done before and the huge success of the film during a long run at the Park Theatre, New York, proved the popularity of a picture which entertains and thrills, without preaching any sermon or touching on forbidden subjects. "The Masque of Life" is clean.

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINES

\$19.30 GALVESTON And Return

On Sale May 7-8. Limit May 12.

Account Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association.

\$20.40 DALLAS And Return

On Sale May 10, 13, 14. Limit May 19.

Account Interstate Cottonseed Crushers' Association.

5-TRAINS DAILY TO TEXAS-5

Through Sleepers to Galveston and Dallas.

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