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RETAIL RACING LORE TO COURT

MANAGER RENNYSOON TELLS OF R. M. R. A. FINANCES

EXPLAINS THE CLUB TICKETS

Judge Murphy Completed Testimony at Noon. — Intent was to Have Everything Strictly Legal

I. B. Rennyson, general manager and supervisor of the Business Men's Racing Association, took the stand yesterday afternoon in the Criminal District Court in the trial of the officials and directors of the R. M. R. A. before Judges Chretien and Baker. District Attorney Luzenberg went over the Association's accounts with the witness.

From the line of questions put by Mr. Luzenberg, it was apparent that the State is trying to show that certain men, so-called "layers" purchased \$10 "club tickets" that they might occupy advantageous positions in the Palm Garden in betting against the public. No point, however, was scored in this respect by the prosecution, it appeared.

Because they allow their holders to occupy boxes from which they could watch every movement of the horses along the track. Previous to the last meet, these tickets were not sold, as we did not have the boxes then." Examination of the accounts of the association by District Attorney Luzenberg, showed that on February 10 admission fees for men at the gate amounted to \$6,638; that money paid at the gate for admission by women was \$655, and that a total \$7,293 was taken in on "club tickets". During the entire 1917 meet, gate receipts for men \$212,461; women, \$26,112, and club tickets, \$174,872.

And besides, the association paid out more money this year than during any preceding meet," Mr. Rennyson continued. "We appropriated \$130,000 for the City Park track as an addition to City Park. The sum lost on the National Farm and Live Stock Show was \$17,000. However, the show was not held for personal profit. It was for the object of demonstrating the State's wonderful resources and show the possibilities of breeding meat-giving animals here."

Mr. Luzenberg wanted to know if \$10 club tickets had been sold to patrons of the farm and live stock show, and upon being told no, asked why.

"Wall," answered Mr. Rennyson, "because special positions were not necessary to get a good view. Few people occupied the grand stand during the exhibition. We hope to stage another such exhibition next year."

Then the witness was asked if he had observed any violations of the Locke law at the track. He had not. The total profits of the association for the entire meet, Mr. Rennyson said, were \$100,000. The purses amounted to \$175,000.

FIRE DESTROYS OLD COUNTRY CLUB

Two fires, breaking out at the same time in different sections of the city, early yesterday morning resulted in a total loss estimated at \$18,850. Both blazes originated through unknown causes.

About 2:40 o'clock, while making his rounds, Private Watchman Moberly discovered smoke pouring out of a rear window of the unoccupied two-story building at City Park and Esplanade avenues, formerly occupied by the New Orleans Country Club. He turned in an alarm.

The fire had been underway for some time before discovery and by the time the fire apparatus arrived it was beyond control. Firemen fought desperately to check the flames but the structure was destroyed.

Robert Werk, 2518 Ursuline avenue, owned the edifice, which was valued at \$18,000 and insured for \$12,000.

Less than a minute later an alarm was sounded from box No. 62, Callopie and Carondelet streets, for a blaze that started in the kitchen of the residence at 1731 Clio street, owned and occupied by Richard Leineweber. Damage was \$900. About \$50 damage was done to the adjoining dwelling of Harry Nolan.

NEGRO'S REMOVAL

By International News Service.

Memphis, Tenn., May 8. — A mob of five hundred dispersed late today after the sheriff had permitted a committee to search the county jail for Eli Persons, the negro who this morning confessed to the murder of Antoinette Rappal, a fifteen-year-old school girl.

Persons had been taken to the Nashville penitentiary at daylight.

POLICEMAN RISKS LIFE TO DO DUTY

Ignoring a revolver in the hands of a desperate negro at Jackson avenue and Clara streets last night, Supernumerary Patrolman Dominick Curran, of the twelfth precinct station, dealt the black a blow in the face and wrestled the weapon away from him in the struggle that followed. Curran's uniform was torn. The negro was taken to jail. He gave his name as Dan Smith and was fined \$10 or 30 days by night Recorder Chamberlain. He also faces a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

The story told by Curran on the stand in the night court was that he saw Smith and two other negroes at Jackson and Clara and it struck him that there was something suspicious about them. Curran walked up to the trio and questioned them.

When asked for his name and where he lived, Smith hurled an abusive reply at Curran who attempted to grab him. The negro flew back, pulled out a revolver and cried out no policeman in the world could arrest him. His companions fled.

Curran paid no attention to the revolver.

CITY FOOD COMMISSION MEETS THIS AFTERNOON

The Orleans Parish Food Commission will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the parlors of Mayor Behrman, its chairman, at the City Hall. Food preparedness will be the topic which will receive much attention at the hands of the membership.

SUPPER DANCE FOR DRUGGISTS

STATE PHARMACISTS GUESTS AT SPANISH FORT.

OPEN MEETING HELD TUESDAY

Addresses of Welcome and Responses Occupy Morning—Guests of Parks-Davis for Luncheon.

With a supper-dansant at Spanish Fort Tuesday night and a luncheon at noon at the Park-Davis Plant the social activities of the Louisiana Pharmaceutical Association which began its annual convention in New Orleans Tuesday morning was ushered in.

Mayor Behrman, who delivered the address of welcome, was made the recipient of many laudatory remarks on the part of A. D. DiTrapani who responded on behalf of the visiting druggists.

"No other city in the United States can boast of a mayor just like the mayor of New Orleans," he said. "If I individually controlled the destinies of this city, I should make him mayor for life." Plentiful applause greeted his remarks.

ROUTINE WORK IN CITY COUNCIL

An ordinance compelling the installation of opaque glass in all opening facing on the street in the district was introduced Tuesday morning by Commissioner Newsum at the weekly meeting of the Commission Council.

This action was taken as the result of the Bernardo G. Carbajal, alleged property owner of some of the residences in the district, refusing to comply with the requests of police authorities to install opaque glass in some of the residences which he is alleged to own. Commissioner Newsum in introducing the ordinance said that it was in the interest of public morals and that he wanted to make the custom uniform throughout the district.

Commissioner Newsum also reported that he had ordered signs placed at the proper intervals establishing a zone of quiet in the neighborhood of Milan and Camp street.

Protests against the granting of a permit for the erection of a picture show in Baronne between Milan and Berlin streets was presented for the property holders by Sprague Eastle.

A favorable report by Commissioner Lafaye was made upon a proposed ordinance to install a Public Bell switch track in Commerce street to serve the Provident Investment Company.

The passage of a safety first ordinance was one of the features of the Council session. The new ordinance makes it an illegal act to cross a steam railroad track without stopping within ten feet of the nearest rail.

MOTOR VESSELS AFIRE

Lost in Bay. A steamer believed to be the British motor vessel Sebastian is afire ten miles off Nantucket light-ship. A big liner standing by.

AMISS OF BATON ROUGE HEADS K. C.

Delegates and visitors from New Orleans to the meeting of the State Council, Knights of Columbus, are homeward bound, the convention having closed its sessions Monday evening, the final events were an automobile trip and a banquet to the delegates Monday night.

Local members of the order, as well as members everywhere in the State, are pleased over the election of L. Paul Amiss, of Baton Rouge, as State deputy, the highest office in the State. Mr. Amiss has been secretary of the State council ever since its organization, and to his faithful and conscientious work much of the growth of the order in Louisiana has been due. In electing him, the State council has bestowed an honor where it was richly deserved. He succeeds Hon. C. O. Mouton, of Lafayette, who has acceptably filled the office for two successive terms.

Other officers elected were John T. Bock, New Orleans, State secretary; C. A. Barker, Plaquemine, State treasurer; Leo Turrigano, Alexandria, State warden; J. A. Greenmill, Crowley, State advocate; A. J. Caillouet, Washington, and J. M. Prescott, Opelousas, delegates to the supreme council; J. E. Larkin, Monroe, and John X. Wegman, New Orleans, alternates. Lafayette was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Resolutions were adopted expressing regret over the death of Archbishop Blank, reaffirming allegiance to our country and pledging the order's undivided support, recommending the establishment of a national tuberculosis sanitarium and providing for a committee of three to look after the welfare of Catholic enlisted men in the mobilization camps of the State.

The meeting was called to order by President Charles A. McDonald. George McDuff, secretary, was seated at the desk with the president. Because Governor Pleasant could not appear and address the convention he sent his regrets to the membership.

Ernest Lee Jabneke, president of the Association of Commerce who also was absent was represented by Mr. Casanas. The Louisiana Medical Society was represented by Dr. Adolph Henriques and Dr. J. George Doucsey made an address on behalf of the Orleans Medical Society. Several other addresses were made.

The session today for the most part will be devoted to the business of the association.

NATIONAL EDITORS' MEETING

Chance for Louisiana Editors to Go if They So Desire

The thirty-second annual convention of the National Editorial Association is to be held at Minneapolis, Minn., July 9 to 12, and a very attractive program of business and entertainment has been arranged for the gathering under the direction of President E. H. Tomlinson, publisher of the Morristown, N. J. Record; Vice President H. C. Notalizing, of the Mapleton, Minn., Enterprise, and Secretary George Schlosser, of Watertown, North Dakota.

Following the convention the association will make an extended trip through northern Minnesota and western Canada, stopping at many points of interest as the guests of the various communities visited. An opportunity is afforded members of the Louisiana Press Association to participate in this notable summer outing, as the president of that organization, Savery M. Lewis, editor and proprietor of the Huston Leader, is authorized to appoint delegates to the national convention of editors. Interested newspaper folk may obtain all necessary particulars by writing either to President Lewis at Ruston, or to Secretary L. E. Bentley, care of the New Orleans Press Club.

KINDERGARTEN UNION MEETS IN BOSTON

By International News Service.

Boston, Mass., May 8. The International Kindergarten Union met here today for a five-day session. Miss Catherine R. Watkins, for eighteen years head of the public kindergartens in Washington, D. C., is president of the union.

HEAVY INCREASES OF TARIFF, INCOME TAXES AND LUXURIES

Provided for in New Revenue Bill Completed Last Night. German Prisoners to be Brought to U. S.—Senate Adopts Embargo; Conscription Deadlocked

Washington, May 8.—A ten per cent increase in the present tariff, an ad valorem tax of ten per cent on all materials now admitted to the United States free and total tax of 37 per cent on incomes above \$500,000 a year, are provided for in the \$1,800,000,000 revenue tax bill completed by the house ways and means committee tonight. The bill will be introduced in the house tomorrow.

In the house and senate the bill will probably be reframed during the debates. Among the provisions are an income tax of two per cent on incomes over \$1,000; for single and \$2,000 for married men. Increase taxes on beer, and whiskey and double the present tax on tobacco, theatre tickets ten per cent of their cost; passenger tickets ten per cent; freight expense bills three per cent; telegrams and telephone messages five cents; and also increase in letter postage. The postage on newspapers is unchanged.

Plans are practically completed for the transfer of prisoners taken by the entente allies to the United States. Prisoners will be put to work on farms here. The ships taking supplies to England and France will return laden with prisoners.

The senate after an all day executive session today adopted the embargo provisions of the espionage bill, permitting the president to declare an embargo on foodstuffs to neutrals where danger of their falling into the hands of the enemy exists.

The conscription bill still hangs in the balance in conference between the house and the senate with prospects of agreement growing more remote. There were four main points of disagreement left today after the conferees had smoothed out minor differences:

- 1.—The Harding amendment authorizing acceptance of Colonel Roosevelt's offer to raise a division for service abroad. 2.—The so-called Fall amendment, providing a patrol of three cavalry regiments for the Mexican border. 3.—The section relating to the use of liquor in the army. 4.—The provision fixing the age limit for conscription.

President Wilson will ask congress to appropriate immediately one billion dollars for the construction of 6,000,000 tons of American ships to defeat Germany's submarine blockade. Arthur ... appeared before the senate this afternoon in his speech he predicted the victory of the allies against Germany.

GOV. RETURNS TO CAPITAL

Returning from Washington Tuesday morning where he had gone to attend a meeting of the National Defense Committee, Governor Pleasant will launch into the routine of appointing men to handle Louisiana when the conscription bill becomes a law.

He shortly will name registration boards for each of the sixty-four parishes to handle the routine of the military census for the state. The sheriff, clerk of court and parish physician of each parish will be asked to serve and co-operate with these boards.

Governor Pleasant announced that Louisiana would be allowed a disbursing officer to be appointed by the governor. Mayor Behrman yesterday received several thousand registration blanks to be used in listing the men fit for military service. The blanks contained several vital questions and provision is made that not only will the single men have to register, but also those men of military age who are married.

"Guard and take care of the blanks" was the only instruction which Mayor Behrman received from the government.

OFFICIALS FLY MOVE OF TEUTONS

Washington, May 8. The state department tonight officially branded international socialist conference to be held at Stockholm in June as "most dangerous of all Kaiser's plots" some of the socialist leaders foreseen an attempt on the part of Germany to make cats paw out of the socialist party.

COUNTRY ENTERS INTO AGREEMENT

Washington, May 8.—The United States has made a gentlemen's agreement with Denmark whereby two German ships interned at Virgin Islands are safe from seizure. It is believed German residents of the

START A WEEKLY LUNCHEON SERIES

The first weekly luncheon of the Young Men's Department of the Association of Commerce was held Tuesday noon at Hotel Monteleone. An unusual large attendance was on hand and the entire proceeding, which is of an informal nature, was enjoyed by all.

Hereafter the young men will meet each week at the Monteleone and discuss subjects of interest to them. Alvin E. Johnson is chairman of the luncheon committee. One of the new features which the department discussed was the election each week of an attendance chairman. It will be his duty to work up larger attendances at each luncheon. In this way it is expected that much more interest will be created in the luncheon as each week a new chairman will be elected and thus rivalry will be introduced among the members of the department. The next meeting will be held Tuesday.

Announcement was made Tuesday of the calling of a special meeting of the executive committee of the department to gather at the Monteleone Hotel Thursday at noon. A special luncheon will be served.

Charles E. Dunbar, chairman, said that he was particularly anxious that the entire committee attend and especially those men who will attend the military training camp at Fort Logan D. Roots, Arkansas, and those who will be subject for military duty should the conscription bill be passed.

It is probable that at this meeting new members of the executive committee will be chosen to fill the places of those who will have to attend the camp or later may be called to the colors.

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PRESIDENT WONT GIVE UP HIS JOB

By International News Service. Buenos Ayres, May 8.—A revolution has broken out in Bolivia caused by the refusal of the president to abide by the result of the election Sunday, in which his successor was chosen.

CITY PLAN MEETING AT KANSAS CITY OPENS

Kansas City, Mo., May 8.—Mayors and other representatives of Western and Southwestern cities gathered here today for a three-day national conference on city planning.

CHINA SOON TO ENTER INTO WAR

Peking, May 8.—The Chinese cabinet yesterday voted to favor war on Germany. Decision was submitted to the president for transfer to parliament. A grave crisis is apparent.

ONCE MORE PEACE TALK IS DELAYED

Amsterdam, May 8.—German chancellor von Bethman-Hollweg today again delayed his peace terms speech in the Reichstag, according to Berlin advices, giving as his reason that he hopes to be able to announce so early "agreeable political events."

SANDALS FOR FARMERS. PENNSYLVANIA PROJECT

Sunday, Pa., May 8. The footwear of the ancient Greeks may become the fashion of Northumberland county during the summer. Farm clubs have been discussing the price of leather and have asked dealers to ascertain the cost of sandals. With some modern improvements, the promoters figure that sandals will be not only cheaper but more comfortable and healthful in warm weather. An additional saving will be effected by the absence of hoisery. By no means is this idea being taken up only by the sterner sex.