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TO HONOR DEED OF PATRIOT FATHERS

WHERE THE EMBATTLED FARMERS STOOD NEAR BOSTON

LEXINGTON AND CONCORD DAY

To Be Fittingly Observed April 1 With Patriotic Program at Association of Commerce

Meeting was held yesterday in the council chamber of the city hall of those called by the Mayor to consider whether New Orleans in common with New York and forty-eight other of the large cities of the United States should properly celebrate the 142nd anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, which began the revolutionary war on April 19th. There were present: Major E. K. Russ, Charles A. Larendon, Mrs. P. S. Morris, Doctor V. K. Irion, Charles P. Buck, Rev. George Kent, J. F. C. Waldo, Pearl Wight, Acting Mayor A. G. Ricks, and W. O. Hart, who presided, and it was the unanimous opinion of all present that the celebration should be held and the As-

The feature of the celebration will be an illustrated lecture on "Lexington and Concord" and the surrounding historical spots by Rev. George Kent, preceded by an address on what the revolutionary war meant to the world, to be delivered by Mr. Charles F. Buck; Professor Henry M. Gill will read extracts from President Wilson's message of April 2nd, the midnigh ride of Paul Revere will be read by Miss Jessie Tharp; "Yankee Doodle," the "Star Spangled Manner" and "America" will be sung by the community chorus, of which Miss Ruth M. Harrison is the very efficient leader, and the audience is invited to join in the singing.

Special invitations will be sent to the principals of all the schools in the city asking them and the faculty of each school to send a delegation of pupils thereof and requesting the parents to attend and all patriotic societies will be invited as well as the public in general, no tickets or cards of admission being required.

The hall will be appropriately decorated and there will be other novel and interesting features. Doctor Irion and Mrs. Morris were appointed chairmen of two reception committees, one of ladies and one of gentlemen, to be composed of ten members each, to be selected by the chairmen; Major Russ, Mr. Larendon and Mr. Waldo were appointed a special committee to call on the mayor and ask that the magnificent electric flag in front of the city hall be placed in the hall for the exercises.

A committee to represent eleven of the thirteen original states wa appointed as follows:

New Hampshire, Major E. K. Russ; Massachusetts, J. F. C. Waldo; Connecticut, John Day; Rhode Island Rev. George Kent; New York, John Dymond; Pennsylvania, Robert Glenk; Maryland, Justice F. A. Monroe; Virginia, Professor Robert Sharp; North Carolina, Charles Carroll; South Carolina, Charles A. Larendon; Georgia, Miss Evelyn Pigrot, and members to represent New Jersey and Delaware will be appointed as soon as the committee can locate natives of those states residing in New Orleans.

The other members of the committee including those present at the meeting are the following: Dr. V. K. Irion, vice president Sons of th American Revolution; Mrs. Pendleton S. Morris, Regent Chapter Spirit 76, D. A. R.; rMs. T. D. Stewart, Regent, New Orleans Chapter D. A. R.; Miss Grace Gillean, Regent Galvez Chapter, D. A. R.; Miss Marion Brown, State Historian D. A. R.; Mrs. C. Hamilton Tebault, National Vice President, D. A. R.; Mrs. E. L. Alexander, State President D. A. R.; Mrs. M. L. Wade, State Vice-President D. A. R.; Captain Charles W. Drown, Continental Guards; Mr. Pearl Wight, T. P. Thompson, Judge Henry Renshaw, Charles F. Buck and A. E. Billings.

"Our country had to take up the [illegible] that were forced into her arms, had no choice but to grasp and wield the weapon wherewith to defend her honor, to vindicate the right and the justice of her cause, and to insure a triumph that will be the victory of civilization and humanity.

"In this solemn hour, then, when her fortunes are at stake, when all that she has stood for and stands for is jeopardized by the hazard of impending warfare, will not her sons hearken to her call, will they not buckle on the armor of the conflict, and, rushing to her rescue, lift high her glorious banner of liberty and justice? Our President having spoken and our national representatives having spoken, the response to the voice of authority they embody will be that we will rally around our flag with the completest fullness of devotion and with loyalest hearts and sturdiest arms plac all that we have and all that we are, at our country's service.

"We shall not shrink then from any sacrifice in her behalf. We will render to her want our Catholic faith and our Catholic teaching sanctifies. No demand on our American manhood or American citizenship will go unanswered, or will not find us true Americans, true children of our church, that never were found wanting in any crisis of American history. We will do, in a word, what our fathers have ever done in this loved republic of ours from the time it was set up among the nations and at every time that a hostile hand was lifted against her in the sweep of her beneficent, glorious career among the peoples of the world.

"Our path of duty lies clear before us. May the blessing of Almighty God enable us to walk in it steadfastly and unwaveringly to the end."

OFF ON BUSINESS TRIP

A. Clark, of the New Orlean Bag Company, left for Montgomery last night on business.

BRITISH CLOSING LINES AROUND LENS

By International News Service.

London, April 14.—The British "nut cracker" is closing on Lens, the center of the French mining industry, which is now held by the Germans. The Germans are evidently destroying the city. It is indicated that the city will fall within a week.

Many fortified villages and positions fell into the hands of the British advance today, the German lines around Lens being pushed back over a mile on a front of four miles. The British forty miles south made important inroads on the German positions guarding St. Quentin.

CARDINAL URGES LOYALTY TO FLAG

New York, April 14.—A letter written by Cardinal Farley, calling upon all Catholics to "rally around the flag with the completest fullness of devotion," will be read tomorrow at all masses in every church in [illegible]

FIGHT OVER CONSCRIPTION IS BECOMING MORE ACUTE

Telegrams and Letters in Its Favor Received, but Big Labor Federation Opposes It---Great War Bond Issue Bill Passed Unanimously

By International News Service.

Washington, April 14.—The most studendous war loan ever proposed in the world's history passed the House without a dissenting vote today. It authorizes the issue of seven billion dollars in government securities for war purposes.

Three hundred and eighty-nine members of the House voted in favor of the bill. Meyer London, Socialist, did not vote..

The Senate takes up the bill Monday and will rush it through quickly. The President will sign the bill early next week. The vote of the house was unanimous, Speaker Clark directing that his vote be recorded as aye.

Arrangements were completed today for the reception of the British and French Cooperation Commission which will reach Washington shortly to discuss American participation in the war.

A deluge of telegrams and letters supporting the administration's conscription plan poured into Washington today. The administration leaders in the House declared that the President could safely appeal to the country to force the enactment of his army measure.

One Texas congressman declared that a mass meeting of 10,000 of his constituents had endorsed the plan and that a flood of individual endorsements had reached him. Opposition to conscription has been strongest in Texas.

The Pacifists made a final attack on conscription before the House military affairs committee today. The strongest voice in opposition to the bill [illegible] tion of Labor, [illegible] Samuel G[illegible]

[illegible] on Boston streets and [illegible] is that only one in five knows what to do with his [illegible] walks. [illegible]

"Don[illegible] of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Navy, and the Secretary of War, with George Creel, another publicist, as a civilian member and chairman.

The committee was created a tthe request of Secretaries Lansing, Daniels and Baker, who, in a letter to the President, declared that the institution is needed.

REMNANTS

[illegible] few years ago was q[illegible] laxity, in fact, led to a revolt of the sailors in 1910 and the city of Rio was shelled. The [illegible]

[illegible] candidates for a [illegible] Archie Roosevelt [illegible] sickness is coming on again. I can hardly see anything. I know I cannot work now and I cannot give my boys anything. I am too miserable to live."

The above is the first paragraph of the note she wrote in a scrawling, nervous hand, before firing the shot that was intended to send her into eternity.

Mrs. H. C. Michell, landlady of the Rampart street house, was in the kitchen when she heard the report of a revolver upstairs. She ran upstairs and found Mrs. Rossas lying on the floor in her room. She was scantily attired and from a wound in her shoulder blooded poured out.

With a shriek, Mrs. Michell ruhe[illegible] to the wounded woman and asked what had happened.

"I shot myself," Mrs. Rossas answered between groans.

A Charity Hospital ambulance was summoned by an inmate of the house.

Mrs. Rossas' children, both boys, have been inmates of the Orphan asylum for Destitute boys.

The balance of her suicide note reads:

"I know I will lose my position and the struggle is too hard. Call Uptown 128 and tell D. Sutteon, who has my boys. Gladys knows my brother's address. Perhaps I have sinned and there is what God save me to bear and I am too weak. Good-bye to all. Gol bless my boys."

Mrs. Rossas, who is said to work in a St. Charles street restaurant, almost went blind twice. She had been living at 135 S. Rampart about a month. Her husband is dead.

NICK CAMPAGNO IS MISSING

Sixteen-Year-Old Lad Being Sough by Relatives.

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Relatives of Nick Campagno, 16 who left his home at 900 Washington avenue and had not returned yesterday, have asked the police to institute search for him. His sudden disappearance cannot be accounted for.

The lad is about five feet, four inches tall, weighs 120 or 125 pounds, has blue eyes, black hai and light complexion. He wore a blue serge suit, tan shoes and a soft blue hat. Any information concerning his whereabouts can b sent to police headquarters or telephoned his father at Jackson 2067

ENTRENCHING ON THE RIO GRANDE

El Paso, Tex., April 14. — Mexican laborers and soldiers began entrenching on the Mexican side of th Rio Grande today. Two machin guns were placed behind the em bankments.

The Carranzists disclaimed constructing the trenches with hostil intent, but insisted that every precaution was being taken to preserv Mexico's neutrality along the border.

The Mexican congress which convenes April 15, will enact a bill sending a hundred thousand soldiers to the border to prevent bandit raids.

BETHLEHEM INCREASES WAGES

By International News Service.

Steelton, Pa., April 14. — Th Bethlehem Steel Company increases its wages ten per cent.

THE FOOD-GROWING CAMPAIGN

By International News Service.

Springfield, Ill., April 14. Governor Lowden will issue a proclamation tomorrow urging food conservation and intensified agricultural operations.

SPRINGFIELD PARADES

By International News Service.

Springfield, O., April 14. — Ten thousand joined in a monster patriotic parade here tonight.

POLICE MAKE WAR ON RACE BETTING

FOUR ARRESTS YESTERDAY ON HANDBOOK OPERATING CHARGE

PLAIN CLOTHES MEN ASSIGNED

And Instructed to Keep Strict Watch for Violations—Detection of Traffic Is Difficult

With renewed energy, the police yesterday continued their campaign against violators of the lottery and hand book laws. Four arrests were made.

Police Superintendent Reynolds is determined to break up the hand book and lottery business in New Orleans. He has assigned special men in plain clothes to this work, especially in the business section. Strict instructions have been issued to the police force in general to keep their eyes peeled for violators.

Some of the violators, it is said, evade the police by conducting their illicit business in circles of friends whom they can trust. They wi not do business with strangers, thus making it difficult for detectives to get evidence enough to justify arrest.

Jerry Owen, charged with operating a hand book, was arrested at St. Charles and Common streets yesterday morning by Detectives Clifton and Martinez. The detectives say evidence was found in his possession and is being held for the trial.

A few minutes later, just a few feet from the arrest of Owen, the same detectives arrested Albert Morris on a similar charge. Sixteen slips of paper bearing names of horses and $39, which were in his pockets, will be used as evidence according to the detectives.

Corporal Johnson and Patrolmen Shannon, of the Twelfth precinct station, arrested Edgar Patterson, 2016 South Liberty street. He was charged with violating the lottery law. Police say Patterson was standing at the gate of his residence and when he saw the officers coming ran inside. They rushed in after him, cutting off all avenues of escape.

Charged with violating the hand book law, Charles Julian, 817 Dumaine street, was taken into custody from the Union Station, by Corporal Anderson and Patrolman Giraud. According to the officers, a book containing names of horses and bets placed was taken from him.

SLOT MACHINE ARREST

Charles Valetes, proprietor of saloon at 141 Seguin street, Algiers was arrested yesterday by Sergeant Peterson and Corporal Puech of the Eighth Precinct station, o charges of violating the Gay-Shal luck law and act 289 of 1914. H is said he had a slot machine in his place of business.

MINE HOST AMER RECUPERATING

Mr. Alfred Amer, of the St. Charles, is still across the lake recuperating after a hard winter's work. He is at the Pass with Frank Taylor, formerly of the St. Charles, who is now managing the big hotel at Pass Christian.

FLAG FLIES OVER RYS. POWER HOUSE

"Old Glory," measuring 12 feet by 18 feet, was raised Saturday at 9 a. m. on top of the central power house building of the New Orleans Railway and Light Company at Market and South Peters streets. The National emblem was purchased by popular subscription among the employes of the central power house.

When "Old Glory" was unfolded dozens of small flags floated through the air. The National emblem was unfolded by Mr. E. B. McKinney, superintendent of power, who acted as master of ceremonies.

The committee in charge of the fag raising included Thomas Leonard, chairman; Frank E. Dickson, Joseph Knecht, John J. Engert, S. S. Dunssan, Frank Volckmann.

RUSSIANS SOLID IF ALLIES WIN

By International News Service.

Amsterdam, April 14.—Upon the outcome of the battle now raging on the West front hangs the fate of the powerful Russo-German-Scandanavian Socialist peace movement.

If the Allies break through the Teuton lines the effect upon the Russian army will be so encouraging that peace will be doubtful. If they fail, Russia will be ready to make peace.

Such is the conclusion to be reached by a prominent diplomat here.

PREFERED DEATH TO BLINDNESS

Rather than live and be blind, Mrs. J. Rossas, 32, mother of two children, attempted suicide late yesterday at [illegible]

ARGENTINE MAKES WAR MEDICINE

By International News Service.

Buenos Aires, April 14. — Argentine's note to Brazil approves of th rupture with Germany, congratulating the Brazilian government on its stand. Little doubt is felt tha Argentine will soon break with Germany.

FARM WORKERS FOR LOUISIANA

By International News Service.

Savannah, Ga., April 14. — Th crew of the German steamer Hohenfelt will be taken to New Orleans today to be worked till ing th soil at the United States immigration station.

By International News Service.

Tampa, Fla., April 14.—The captain and officers of the Austrian steamer Borneo have been taken t New Orleans.

ORGANIZED GANG OF TIRE THIEVES

BROKEN UP BY ARREST OF FRANCIS FOWLER LAST NIGHT.

LATTER UNVEILS THE METHODS

By Which $2,000 Worth of Tires Were Secured at One Building. Six Other Under Arrest.

In the arrest last night of Francis Fowler, 18, of Shreveport, by Sergeant Eugene Casey, police believe they have broken up for good the gang of automobile tire thieves who have been plying their business with considerable success during the past few months. Fowler, known among chauffeurs as John Pender, is alleged to have been the ring leader.

Fowler was arrested as he entered his room in a lodging house in St. Charles street, near Poydras. Sergeant Casey, who had been working on the case for several days, assist[illegible] District Attorney Bel[illegible] led having participated in the robbery of 80 tires, valued at $2,000, from the warehouse of Stauffer-Eshleman Company, in Iberville street. The thefts covered a period of nearly three months.

Fowler is said to have described to the police how he and his associates entered the warehouse. Scaling a post, they got into an adjoining vacant building in Iberville street and from the roof effected an entrance to the warehouse by forcing a rear window.

Six alleged members of the gang were arrested a few days ago by Sergeants Casey, and Johnston and Detectives Martinez and Clifton. They were: Herman Sutton, 2117 Marengo street; Alex Schmann, 803 Baronne street; Morris Dickermann, 130 South Derbigny street; M. J. Glaser, 307 Hillary street; Joseph Dupuy, 2713 Baronne street, and George McManus.

McManus was one of the bandits who figured in the daylight robbery of $1,300 worth of gems from the window of aMagazine street jewelry two weeks ago. He was arrested at Ocean Springs, Miss., two weeks ago by Sergeant Johnston. He confessed and also admitted his part in the tire robberies, implicating Pender, whose right name he claimed not to know.

By chance a day or two ago, Sergeant Casey, who had been trying to get a line on Pender, obtained some information about the case and laid it before Police Superintendent Reynolds. The chief then assigned him to the case in citizens' clothes.

Casey was complimented on his good work last night by Superintendent Reynolds.

LOOKING FOR TRAIN WRECKERS

By International News Service.

Lexington, Ky., April 14. — An armed posse is searching for three Germans and one Mexican who to wreck a Chesapeake and Ohio train.

HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

Jules Esparies, charged with firing the shot that ended the life of Frank Glee, a Chinese laundryman, was held without bail by Judge O'Donnell yesterday to await the action of the grand jury.

SIX PATROL BOATS ON DUTY

Six patrol boats are now doing duty in the harbor at night. The establishment of a war zone about the mouth of the river by the federal government and the closing of the port at night have much increased the safety of the port.