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GETTING INTO THE GAME

Dispatches from the Far East indicate that China is about to declare itself into the world war on the side of the allies. It is probable that China is taking this step more as a matter of self-protection than for sentimental reasons.

Japan has not wanted her neighbor to strengthen or make more intimate her relations with Europe, and in the guardianship asserted in the Japanese ultimatum following the capture of Kiaochoo the implication was strong that the Mikado's government would not consider such relations friendly to itself.

Some time past—that Japan's ambition somewhat overleaped itself on that occasion. There was a reaction of the Chinese national spirit against the Japanese pretensions which found strong support in England and America, or if not by the governments of those countries at least by public opinion. Japan sensed danger in the pressing of its demands and considerably modified them and today we see China taking a step that is an encouraging indication that the new republic feels its independence on a more nearly secure footing.

Nor can it be doubted that together with the remission of the Boxer indemnities China will stand to win other concessions by ranging itself with the other world democracies. It can hope to see the extra territorial claims of the Western nations extinguished. These are the treaty rights by which the outside nations maintained law courts and police on Chinese soil for the protection of their subjects and citizens. Too often these rights have been abused for the purpose of pushing foreign trade and concessions to the injustice of native competitors and to the deep wounding of national feelings.

The nature of the Chinese participation in the war probably will be similar to that of Japan. Chinese armies may not be expected in Europe, but Chinese industrial workers, already there in considerable numbers, probably will be greatly increased and by releasing European industrial workers for the trenches will in effect actually strengthen the fighting line. Chinese iron and coal will supply the Entente demand, and probably China will not neglect to ask after the war that these great deposits which have been largely taken from under her control by the "concession" and "ultimatum" routes be returned.

Of course, entanglement in a foreign war helps keep down the chances of domestic discord, from which China has suffered for some years, and to which she is still considerably exposed. True, it has not achieved that purpose in Russia, but the conditions in Russia have rather than the ordinary. When China, Japan, can enter the world war with prospect of financial gain instead of financial loss, but risking the safety of her people and with the prospect of having her autonomy protected by a group of powerful nations after the war, her participation would seem to be the part of wisdom.

Dr. Johanna Westerdijk, Holland's first woman professor returning from a trip to the United States said that American women have more chances of appearing in public and in some states the advantage of the suffrage, but they are really too conventional. The criticism may sound odd at first, but there is really some force to it. American women, as a rule, are unconventional when it is conventional to be unconventional. Unconventionality is constantly running shriekingly into hiding places, and being dragged out and smothered by smug conventionality. Very few of them do as they like, regardless of other people's opinions. Many a weary lady stays out till one a. m. because it is the thing to do, and would rather indulge in the unconventional luxury of going to bed at ten o'clock.

In these days of torchlight processions of figures marching across the pages of the daily newspapers, it is no wonder that the public mind is wobbling from talk of millions and billions. This is probably the reason why a local newspaper made the startling statement that New Orleans handled 500 million sacks of rice last year. Eight million sacks is the most the entire United States ever produced.

Chairman L. E. Thomas of the board of state affairs has tilted the assessment of four foreign corporations at Shreveport from \$25,530 to \$218,244. Now if some of the unsophisticated farmers with their \$8 an acre land and \$1.98 per head cattle are similarly shaken down, the state of Louisiana will have enough money to do business on.

The army bill, or conscription bill was passed by congress with three days of debate and rushed to conference committee where it has reposed for ten days with no immediate prospect of emergence. Congress seems to be a body of good impulses with limited power of finishing what it starts.

The Mexican army now has 207 generals and 2,638 colonels and lieutenant colonels to command an army with a paper strength of 125,000 men, or an average of one general to every 607 men. If Mexico gets involved in hostilities it evidently will not need an officers' training camp.

Gen. V. Carranza estimates that the revolution in Mexico has cost very nearly a billion pesos. This is a large sum on paper, but it really seems as if the Mexicans got their money's worth.

Advices from the other side state that the silk hat, the morning coat and the rainbow have all gone into the discard. War is evidently not the unmixed evil we thought it was.

LOUISIANA OPINION.

No Injury to Business

Shreveport Journal: Business need not worry about injuries to be inflicted by war economy. There is so much to be done in the production and distribution of food, the manufacture of clothes and shoes that can stand the strain of real wear; the more efficient handling of fuel and transportation, etc., that labor will be kept more than busy. Some lines of business may be injured. But they are apt to be the very ones that are useless and have been undermining the whole business structure of the present time. If they are checked and their energy turned into useful and legitimate lines they should be the first to welcome the change.

Law Violations Winked at

Monroe News Star: The people look to the officers for protection. It seems to be a notorious fact that certain laws are violated. Few private citizens care to incur the enmity of any man or set of men by reporting these violations, especially when the state, district, parish and city officers have taken a solemn oath to uphold the constitution and enforce the laws. Our officers are not blind yet even a blind man would come mighty near discovering that certain laws are violated. Concealing for one law breeds contempt for all laws. No community can be regarded as law-respecting as long as flagrant violations of the laws are tolerated.

Lists Were Not So Crowded

Ruston Leader: At one time in the history of Rome all the pay a senator got was the honor that went with the office. There were not so many candidates for the senate then as there are now in the United States on election years.

Too Many Auto Accidents

Baton Rouge State Times: We are having too many automobile accidents. One or more is reported almost every day. The speed regulations and traffic rules are being constantly violated. There are too many reckless, fool-hardy drivers. They must be taught or forced to exercise more caution and common sense, or the community will pay the penalty in a crop of broken necks.

Danger of High Water Over

Lake Providence Banner Democrat: The guards placed on the levees three weeks ago were removed on Friday of last week and the watching of the line is over. We had a high river nearly forty-five feet above the zero mark and within about four feet of the extreme height. The river did not remain against the embankments for any length of time. There was not a weak point reported on the entire line. Our country is glad the danger and suspense is over.

Deficient on Publicity

Abbeville Meridional: Abbeville is by no means a back number. Only we don't get in the front row and raise hally hoo as other towns do. We have the country and the people. But we don't pull just right.

They Prefer Domestic Hostilities

Madison Journal: Contrary to feminine form our new congresswoman does not take much stock in hostilities.

State Purchasing Agency

Assumption Pioneer: A State Purchasing Agency to attend to all the needs and to make the purchases for the several State departments is now being discussed as a proper economic measure.

RED CROSS NETS A LARGE AMOUNT

Receipts from the Red Cross membership drive, conducted on Tuesday, continued to climb yesterday as additional returns were received. To date more than \$3,000 has been realized, and it is expected to swell this total by a supplementary campaign.

In several city wards no committees had been appointed, and consequently no campaign was conducted in those wards. In a few days committees will be appointed, and on Tuesday, May 15, a campaign for members will be made in the first, fourth, fifth, sixth, ninth and twelfth wards. There is some expectation that the membership receipts can be pushed above the \$4,000 mark.

Special thanks are due the ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary for their work. Stated Secretary E. H. Frith, "In one day they have accomplished as much toward securing members as the entire Red Cross branch in six weeks work."

Mr. Frith took exception to statements made that the work of the Red Cross in New Orleans is premature. He pointed out that since the beginning of the war the Red Cross had sent to Europe seven units, each containing three sergeants and twelve nurses, and is preparing to send seven more units in a short time. Since the beginning of the war \$1,000,000 had been expended by the order in the relief of suffering.

Mrs. Joseph Friend is chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary, and Mrs. W. J. Bolan, chairman of the membership committee. The prize for the best record in securing memberships was awarded to the Council of Jewish Women, who had turned 8,650 into the Red Cross treasury by yesterday noon.

IN THE CLOSING STAGES

Argument of the suit of Dr. Clarence Pierson against the Times-Picayune for \$100,000 for alleged libel will begin this morning. The trial has been in progress six weeks.

OMIT THIRD VERSE, PLEASE

Wording Might Offend Some of Our War Allies. Grand in the Philadelphia Public Ledger: At a number of schools the "Star Spangled Banner" is now being omitted the third verse, which is regarded as an unnecessary slur upon England. "And where is that band so vauntingly swart That the bayonet of war and the battle's confusion A home and a country should leave us no more? Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution; No refuge could save the hireling and slave From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave." That does sound a bit raw to apply to the soldiers of an allied power; but it wasn't raw when Key wrote it, more than a century ago. In the midst of a war when the enemy had captured and burned our capital at Washington it must have seemed fairly tame.

Just think of all the harsh things written about the French, and Vice versa! Recall the loads of bitter epithets heaped upon Americans by Englishmen! Are we going to rewrite history just to make it appear that nations were always friends? It is my guess that no real Englishman would ask to have that old song rewritten any more than an American would like to have a Dickens said about us burned or what they wrote of Lincoln in London Punch obliterated.

SEIZED WITH DIZZY SPELL

Seized with a weak spell at Barnard and Canal streets, John Aikman, 64, 136 South Rampart street, a paperhanger, fell to the sidewalk and received bruises and a concussion of the brain. He is in the Charity Hospital, where his condition is not considered serious.

DRY LAW IS "BONE DRY"

Kansas City, May 9. "John Smith," about 60 years old, arrested Wednesday night on a Union Pacific train on the Kansas side for having beer and whiskey in a suitcase, was fined \$100 and sentenced to thirty days in jail by Judge A. L. Herold in police court today. He said he was a retired ranchman of Salina. A \$25 fine has been customary in the case of first offenders against the "bone dry" law.

HORSE DIED OF FRIGHT

Supply, Okla., May 9. Joe Davis took a blooded team up to the Santa Fe depot just as an engine drawing a heavy train pulled and shrieked into the yards. One of the horses quivered, sank to the ground and died. A veterinary said it had died from fright.

WAIT ORDERS FOR TRAINING CAMP

A number of would-be officers from New Orleans were on the anxious seat Wednesday, not having been notified by the government to report at the officers' training school at Little Rock, Ark. On the last day of recruiting for the camp, which was last Friday, 96 men were certified, of whom about half have been notified so far to report at the camp, while the remainder do not know what disposition is to be made in their case.

The first contingent of citizen-officers left Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock on a special train over the Texas & Pacific. About 175 New Orleans men were on the special, which is due to arrive at Fort Logan H. Root, opposite Little Rock, Thursday morning. Other men certified to the training camp will leave Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and the Texas & Pacific will attach special cars to its Colorado Limited for their convenience.

NATION'S PAY TO ITS DEFENDERS

The pending army bill adds \$4 a month to the pay of every enlisted man. Present yearly pay in the United States army and navy is as follows:

The Army: Major General, \$8,000; Brigadier General, \$6,000; Colonel, \$5,000; Lieutenant Colonel, \$3,500; Major, \$2,900; Captain, \$2,400; First Lieutenant, \$2,000; Second Lieutenant, \$1,500.

Those of the lower grades are paid the following per month: Electrons, \$15 to \$17; sergeants, \$20 to \$25; cooks and horse-holders, \$30; corporals, \$21 to \$24; mechanics and artificers, \$21 to \$24; privates, first class, \$18; other privates, \$15.

Officers get 10 per cent extra pay after five years, and 20 per cent extra after twenty years. They also have heat and light free and are allowed for quarters.

Privates get \$18 a month during second enlistment, and each subsequent enlistment adds something up to the seventh, when the pay is \$25.

The Navy: Admiral, \$13,500; Rear Admiral, \$6,000 to \$8,000, according to rank; Captain, \$5,000; Commander, \$3,000; Lieutenant, \$2,000 to \$2,400, according to grade; ensign, \$1,500; midshipman, \$600 while at the Naval Academy, \$1,400 in service; warrant officer, \$1,500; mate, \$1,125 to \$1,500.

The pay of lower grades is by the month, as follows: Chief petty officer, \$50 to \$70; petty officer, \$30 to \$55, according to class; seaman, first class, \$24; ordinary seaman, \$19; apprentice seaman, \$16; cook, \$25 to \$35; fireman, \$30 to \$35.

Gunners are classed as warrant officers. Gunner's mates are classed as petty officers.

Both officers and men in the navy, as in the army, get allowances for heat, light and quarters, and extra pay for length of service.

Marine Corps: The pay for officers is the same as in the army. Privates, \$15 a month. Both officers and men get extra pay for length of service, and heat and heat are free.

Additional pay is granted marine and army officers and men on foreign service.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births: Mrs. John Ricome, 1920 Magazine street, a boy. Mrs. Fred. Thome, 600 N. Alexander street, a boy. Mrs. Adolph Armstrong, 2112 Virtue street, a girl. Mrs. Ernest Authement, 615 Dryades street, a girl. Mrs. Placide Augustin, 1151 North Derbigny street, a boy.

Marriages

Alexander Fischer and Louise Roth. Edward H. McLaughlin and Myrtle Tardy. Amelius Francois and Louise Moore. Edwin Faumont and Mrs. Margaret E. M. Goey.

Deaths

Herman Busch, 31 years, 17 South White street. Mrs. Louise Bollbeck, 34 years, 3136 Annunciation street. Miss Mary Mallard, 59 years, 1917 Berlin street. Mrs. Emily Gomez, 29 years, 1217 Magazine street.

Deaths

Mrs. Widow Mary La Salle 47 years, 2924 Bourbon street. Mrs. Albertine Williams, 28 years, Alexander Burgeois, 14 years, Clarity Hospital. Eugene Gilmore, 12 years, 2922 South Franklin street. Westley Johnson, 44 years, Charity Hospital.

DR. D. O. DOWLING AT P. M. CONVENTION

Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the state board of health, is in Winnfield today attending the annual convention of Louisiana postmasters. Dr. Dowling is slated to deliver one of his usual vigorous addresses at tonight's session of the convention.

He will urge upon the postmasters the importance of keeping postoffices in first class sanitary condition, not only on account of the large number of people using the postal facilities but because of the effect of the example, especially in the smaller communities.

THIRTEEN ADDED TO NAVY ROLLS

Recruiting for the United States navy yielded thirteen additional men Wednesday, that number being certified to at the recruiting station, 730 Common street. As fast as the men are enlisted, they are sent off to training schools, except that some applicants with special aptitudes are being kept here.

The navy is especially in need of mechanics and firemen. A machinist of the third class receives \$14 per month and all wages, and has an opportunity to qualify eventually for a position paying \$2,400 a year. Firemen are in line to become machinists. Among the men accepted yesterday were three firemen.

Net results of yesterday's recruiting were about 10 applicants, of whom half were provisionally accepted, with papers issued to the thirteen following men: Milton Adelphi Tay or, re-enlisted from Kansas City; Oscar John Fuchs, 213 Joseph street, city; Samuel S. Zubin, Dunham Springs; Delta Ray Quiley, Jennings; John Hamilton Whitton, 2915 Louisiana avenue, city; Walter Godfrey Sanderson, Lacombe, Ill.; Madison D. Young, Oberlin; Aras P. Herbert, Welsh; Joseph Jerryzine Hebert, Welsh; Benjamin Franklin Kilpatrick, Ruston; William Graham Scott, Ruston, Miss.; Louis John Wagon, 720 Alme street, city.

SIX ARE PINCHED FOR LAWBREAKING

Detectives and plain clothes officers detained in various sections of the city yesterday made three arrests of lottery law violators, jailed a saloonkeeper on a charge of allowing a woman behind his bar and took into custody two men who are alleged to have operated a hand-book.

The alleged handbook operators are Joseph Guiffre, 500 Chartres street, and Anthony Bova, 2518 Tulane avenue. They were arrested at their place of business, 2832 Tulane avenue, by Detectives Porretto and Gregson. A search of the place was made and police say, in addition to race horse "dog" sheets, baseball lottery score cards were found. An additional charge of having lottery paraphernalia in their possession was lodged against them.

Patrolman Lecher and Conrad arrested Joseph Maguire, saloonkeeper at 2021 Magnolia street, when they accused of allowing a woman to serve behind the bar.

Lottery law arrests were made by Patrolmen Fernandez, Sharp, Hoffman and Bell and Corporal Burke. The accused are: Elmer Patterson, 1510 Bourbon street; Alva Jones, negro, of McDezhyville; and Harry Hall, negro, 1526 North Claiborne street.

EXPLOSION IS CAUSED BY THE TESTING OF PINE OIL

Yesterday afternoon was started by an explosion in the office of Entley Pipe Product Company on the seventh floor. To one Farley, head of the concern, was slightly burned on the hand. Little damage was done. The explosion occurred while pine oil was being tested. It was either caused by over pressure or a leak, according to the police.

ON WARRANT FROM ST. TAMMANY

On a warrant from the Twentieth Judicial District Court of the parish of St. Tammany, James S. Whitfield, of the Maple Manufacturing Company, was arrested in his office at 626 Whitney Building yesterday afternoon by Detectives Stables and Behrman. He is being held in the parish prison.

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