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AID OF THE STATE IS REQUESTED

TO MAKE AMERICAN PRISON CONGRESS A SUCCESS

WILL MEET HERE NOVEMBER 19

For a Four Days Session; Resolution to be Introduced in the Legislature

The American Prison Congress will be held in this city from November 19 to 24, both inclusive, and promises to be the most important ever held.

That the governor is hereby authorized and requested by official proclamation, to call the attention of the people of the state to the meeting in the city of New Orleans of the American Prison Congress from November 19th to 24th, both inclusive, 1917, and to appoint a committee of two hundred representatives of the state and one hundred from the state at large, said committee to cooperate with the committee of the Prison Reform Association of Louisiana, which association will be the host of the congress.

That the governor also be requested to invite the governors of the states and territories of the United States, the governor general of the Philippine Islands, the commissioners of the District of Columbia, the governor of Canada, the lieutenant governors of the different provinces of Canada, and the governors of the other chief officials of the island possessions in America, of Great Britain, France, Denmark and Holland, and the presidents of the republics of Mexico and Cuba and of the republics of Central and South America, to attend said congress or to appoint an official representative thereof and also to appoint delegates.

That the governor be requested to instruct the different departments of the government to give all the assistance in their power to make the congress a success and to take part therein, as far as they may be required, and find it convenient to do.

That the governor be requested to direct the officials of the state penitentiary and other penal and reformatory institutions of the state, to attend the sessions of said congress and to give all proper facilities to the members thereof, to visit their respective institutions.

CELEBRATED CENTENARY

A Eunice subscriber of the Bee writes in to tell about quite a remarkable family in that neighborhood, every member of which is above 70 years of age.

Poline Manuel, the oldest in the family, celebrated his 100th birthday last month, and his friends were emboldened by his good health to wish him many more returns of the day.

DENMAN AND GOETHALS TO HOLD CONFERENCE Washington, July 17. — Chairman Denman, of the Shipping board, and General Goethals, manager of the Emergency fleet corporation, probably will hold a conference tomorrow to settle details of the shipbuilding program.

FOOD ROBBERS ARE PRO-GERMAN

TREASON TO RETARD NATION'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS

PERNICIOUS BROOD OF TORIES

Vrooman Bitterly Denounces Business Men Who Seek Extortionate Profits

Washington, July 17.—A bitter attack upon the business men who are seeking extortionate profits from war business was made tonight by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carl Vrooman.

Vrooman declares that there is a pernicious brood of Tories, junkies and reactionaries in every large city who belong to no party, but who bear the black flag of financial piracy and the yellow flag of economic treason.

These elements, Vrooman declared, are really pro-German and are working to retard the economic progress of the United States.

LIEUT. LABOUNTY GOES UP HIGHER

Promotion has come to Lieutenant S. M. Labounty, naval recruiting officer at 700 Common street. On Aug. 10 he will be known as the navy recruiting inspector for the Southern division.

Lieutenant Labounty will relieve Lieutenant-Commander Johnson, the present Southern district recruiting inspector. He will maintain offices at the Southern division headquarters in the Queen and Crescent building. He will have charge of the recruiting work for the navy in the South.

Some time ago the navy department subdivided the country into four recruiting districts, placing the headquarters of the Southern district at New Orleans, with Lieutenant-Commander L. B. Porterfield, when that officer was called to Washington for service in the bureau of navigation he was relieved by Lieutenant-Commander Johnson.

Lieutenant Labounty, the newly-appointed inspector, is a native of Michigan, and graduated from the naval academy in 1908. He has had about eight years of sea service, most of which was in the submarine flotilla and as commanding officer of one of the torpedo boat destroyers in the Asiatic station. He came to New Orleans in October of last year, at that time relieving Lieutenant-Commander Porterfield, who was then the navy recruiting officer at New Orleans, and who was placed in charge of the Southern district when it was formed.

The creation of these four recruiting districts took place some months before the break with Germany, and as soon as the machinery of the districts started working smoothly there was a big jump in enlistments in the Southern district, in comparison, was greater than that of the other districts.

16 SUFFRAGETTES CONVICTED Washington, July 17. — Sixteen convicted suffragettes were committed to the district workhouse at Occoquan, Va., thirty miles below Washington. They will work with negro women and other convicts.

Argument Begun in Mooney Case

San Francisco, July 17.—Arguments in the trial of Mrs. Rena Mooney in connection with the alleged boom plot were started today. The case will probably reach the jury by the end of the week.

MURDER CASE TO JURY DURING DAY

John C. Comer, ex-policeman charged with the killing of Professor Sidney Bourgeois last fall, was placed on trial for the murder yesterday in criminal court. Most of the witnesses were heard during the day, and the case will go to the jury this morning.

After Newman, a cabaret entertainer, furnished the sensation of the trial when she testified for the defense yesterday afternoon, she told the jury that she saw Bourgeois knock Comer down, and then back away from him until he had reached the opposite side of the street.

Bourgeois reached for his hip pocket as though to secure a gun, she declared, and Comer raised up and shot him. She then declared that Jean Long, a cabaret waiter, placed his coat under Bourgeois' head, and took a gun from the latter's pocket. On cross-examination it was brought out that when the witness appeared before the grand jury she had said nothing about seeing the gun taken from the dying man's pocket.

Mrs. Hartley, who lives in Iberville street near Burgundy, told a different story for the state. She declared she saw Comer with Bourgeois under arrest. The latter struck Comer three times and then ran. Comer fired once, bringing Bourgeois to the sidewalk. He then ran up and emptied his revolver into the other man.

The jury may have to choose between these two stories in bringing in their verdict.

A number of other witnesses were examined during the day. Comer killed Bourgeois in front of the Chili restaurant, in Iberville near Burgundy streets, early in the morning of September 7, last. Comer was on duty as a patrolman at the time. He claims self-defense.

LEGISLATURE DOWN TO REAL WORK

The work of the special session of the Louisiana legislature is taking definite form this week. The Upson bill, to make Alexandria forever dry, will come up in the House tomorrow, and present indications point to its defeat.

The House has passed and sent to the senate bills creating a state council of defense, creating a state constabulary, protecting the oyster bottoms of the state, requiring the registration of aliens in Louisiana and regulating the assessment and taxation of foreign firms doing business in the state.

The senate has put through the cattle dipping law, requiring shipping every fourteen days, the bill to protect bridges used by troops, the bill penalizing insurrection and sedition, the bill providing for the recording of conventional mortgages which are liquidated upon the amortization plan and the bill making it unlawful to discourage enlistments in the army or navy or other and to the United States during war time.

FRAUD CLAIMED IN CIVIL SUIT

GULFPORT CITIZENS START NEW COURT ACTION

2 WOMEN PLEAD IGNORANCE

Alleged They Signed Papers Without Knowing What They Were Doing

Claiming that a fraud was perpetrated on them, and on the court by Ed Mulling, plaintiff in a suit entitled Ed Mulling vs. Clara Jones et als, Mrs. Adele Maloney and Mrs. Frank Leyland, of Gulfport, Miss., have instituted injunction proceedings to prevent the civil sheriff from selling their interest in certain property here. The sale was to be held next Thursday, and Judge Fred King will decide tomorrow morning whether to issue the injunction.

The order for the sale of the property was issued on June 1, after a purported confession of judgment by the two women had been on the court record five years. The order for sale shows that Sol Weiss was appointed curator to represent them, but they claim that no effort was made to locate them, and that they have just heard of the suit against them.

Going back to the original suit of Ed Mulling vs. Clara Jones et als, the record shows that on May 25, 1912, Mrs. Adele Maloney and Mrs. Annie Maloney signed a confession of judgment for \$5,116.77 alleged to be due on notes and for merchandise. On May 28 following the judgment was filed in court here.

Ignorance Claimed

The two women now allege that they had no idea what the purpose of the document was, or they wouldn't have signed it; that they never signed it before a notary, as is pretended in the instrument; that the document purported to have a relationship to a certain suit filed by Ed Mulling against Clara Jones et als, whereas such a suit had not been filed at the time. It is further alleged that Clara Jones is a fictitious person, and that Mulling has tried to work a fraud on the court.

At the time of signing the document the two were residents of Harris county, Miss., and have since resided there; accordingly the court here has no jurisdiction, they declare. They further assert that they have never heard of Ed Mulling, or had any dealings with him; and that no notes or other evidence of indebtedness have ever been filed in court.

BEHIND THE 14 DAY DIPPING LAW

The agricultural bureau of the New Orleans Association of Commerce is behind the proposed fourteen day dipping law which will be considered by the committee on agriculture in Baton Rouge today. The bureau yesterday sent a telegram to the chairman of the House committee urging the committee to give the proposed bill a favorable report. It was pointed out in the wire that much good could result from this bill and unless a fourteen day bill could be passed the federal government would withdraw its assistance in tick eradication work.

A similar message also was sent to Mr. Alexander, state conservation commissioner and also chairman of the bureau. He was urged to use his influence in getting the bill through the Legislature as in the opinion of the bureau tick eradication work was one of the most important works that the state was doing.

Peace Is Sought By German People

Amsterdam, July 17. — Developments today indicate two dominant parties in the German empire want peace before America throws its full force into the conflict. It is believed Germany realizes its submarine warfare is a failure and the hope of crushing England is gone.

HARDWARE MEN OPEN MEETING

Mayor Behrman welcomed the Louisiana-Mississippi Hardware Association at the opening session of its joint convention at Hotel Grammevald yesterday. Mr. Poguis, of Wisconsin, Miss., responded to the address of welcome. The convention opened at 10:30 o'clock with Morgan Curtis, president in the chair, and Secretary Walter Harlan, of Atlanta, Ga., at the desk.

One of the characteristics of the convention is that it is not a convention of speech making but on the other hand is a convention of questions and answers. Many questions pertaining to the hardware trade will be answered by experts who are attending.

The Louisiana-Mississippi Retail Hardware Association is a representative body numbering 500 local dealers who transact from five to ten million dollars' worth of business annually, and handle all the utilities with which the crops of two states are made. This, according to Secretary Morley, constitutes the body as one of the most important in both states. He says there is no way of telling how high the cost of hardware will climb, due to the scarcity of material. The farmers are doing extensive repairing at present, and Secretary Morley predicts that the big hardware business for a while will be the handling of parts for machinery already purchased. This prediction is along the line of argument used by Senator Williams in his address on Waste, wherein he emphasizes the necessity of the hardware man teaching the farmer how to take care of the machinery he buys. The convention will continue for two days.

RUSSIANS GIVE GERMANS VILLAGE

London, July 17.—Kaluz, an important Russian city twenty-three miles west of Galicia, was abandoned yesterday by the Russians as a result of pressure of the German reserves. Heavy fighting rages along the Galician front. On the west front the French recaptured the ground lost to Germans June 28 and 29.

WILL CALL IN AUTOMOBILES

Women of New Orleans who are physically unable to register on the women's registration day will have an opportunity to sign the good pledge and offer themselves for any other voluntary service. On registration day people in automobiles will go to the houses of those who cannot come to the city school houses and register and give their own opportunity to register. It is pointed out that the women will not be expected to do work in France. Only the Red Cross nurses will be permitted to go, but there are many ways such as in the conservation of food and the driving of autos, in which women may help.

POISON SQUAD HAS BUSY DAY

FIVE PEOPLE TAKE DRUGS WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

JOKE ALMOST IS FATAL

Man and Negro Woman Seek Relief in Vain Through Route of Suicide

The "poison squad" at the Charity hospital was kept busy yesterday answering calls for the ambulance from poison cases. Five residents of the city swallowed poison, but in no case was the result fatal.

Florence Fontan, aged 19, of 1015 First street, swallowed two anti-septic tablets yesterday afternoon. She told the police she took them for a joke, as her husband had dared her to. A prompt response from the ambulance students kept the "joke" from having serious consequences.

Aspirin Mistake

Mrs. Charles B. Mason, of 2123 Carondelet street, took a tablet of bichloride of soda yesterday morning, mistaking it for aspirin. She was left at her home out of danger.

Harriet Robertson, negro, of 1927 Annette street, who is supposed to be denatured, swallowing a quantity of ammonia mixed with some other medicine. The woman was taken to the hospital, where she is in a serious condition.

Man Attempts Suicide

John Bacas attempted suicide at his residence, 2021 St. Peter street, by swallowing a small quantity of crotonine while in a drunken condition. The ambulance surgeons relieved him of the poison.

Despondent over love affairs, a negro woman named Alma Mitchell, 316 North Rampart street, swallowed two anti-septic tablets. Her condition is not serious.

WILL TALK BREAD TO THE COUNCIL

Representatives of several labor unions of the city will be given the right to address members of the commission council on the bread question. This decision was reached yesterday at the council meeting when the request was made. Mayor Behrman instructed the committee to consult with Commissioner Stone and he told its members to appear in the mayor's parlor at 10 a. m. today.

Reports that the commissioner would introduce a bread ordinance at the suggestion of this labor committee were without foundation, Mr. Stone said Tuesday morning. Prior to the meeting of the council, Mr. Stone said, he had received no communication from members of the Central Trades and Labor council in regard to the bread investigation and this his only knowledge of their desire to be heard was from the newspapers.

Mr. Stone also said nothing would be done until he had received the requested information from the master bakers' committee.

NEW ORLEANS NEGROES ORGANIZE RED CROSS BRANCH

Negroes of New Orleans have organized the first negro branch of the Red Cross in the South. The organization was completed several days ago, according to an announcement yesterday of J. Madison Valere, a leader among the negroes. More than one hundred negro women started to work yesterday morning making garments for the soldiers, and they proposed to do other work so as to contribute their bit to the war.

MOVE TO SUBJECT ALIENS TO DRAFT

WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE U. S. ONE YEAR OR MORE

RULES GOVERNING THE DRAFT

Are Now Being Printed and Will Be Made Public the Day the Drawing Takes Place

Washington, July 17.—Rules governing the draft are being printed and will be distributed throughout the country this week. The text of the rules will be sent to all the newspapers for publication on the day of the draft. The president will issue a proclamation containing the rules.

Two measures aimed at foreigners with a view to drafting them, were framed in the senate today. One provides that all foreigners who have been in this country more than a year are subject to the draft, except those classed as enemies.

Italy and Japan, which have been in this country less than a year, are exempt.

The drafting of aliens may add 1,000,000 men. When General Crowder's office closed this evening only eight states had not reported their serial lists complete. This would indicate the finish of reports by tomorrow night, making possible the draft being set for Friday, but indications more strongly point to Saturday.

It is becoming evident that exemptions will be few. Physical deficiencies alone are being considered; is the only acceptable reason permitting exemptions. This blasts the hopes of thousands of guided youths who for the first time in their lives have gone to work, hoping to escape the draft.

10 MINUTE RULE ON IN SENATE

Washington, July 17.—A ten-minute debate rule on the fed control bill goes into effect in the senate tomorrow. The final vote probably will be Saturday. Government control is limited to food, fuel, gasoline, kerosene.

No change was made on the prohibition section, which will be left unconfereed between the two houses. Conference between the two houses. Senator Kenyon quoted Congressman Good, of Iowa, in which it was said J. F. McElwain, chairman of the shoe committee, of the advisory commission, had made a profit of \$53,000 more because 400,000 shoes were bought from McElwain's factory at 15 cents higher than the lowest bid. Senator Johnson declared that there should be restrictions placed upon the advisory commission in the matter of government contracts so that "there shall be no profit mixed with patriotism."

GERMAN SMALL SHIPS HAVE HARD RUN

London, July 17. — Late advice state out of seventeen German small ships attempting to run the British blockade from Rotterdam, four were sunk, four captured, four stranded and one was wrecked, two fled damaged, and one escaped unharmed. The British success was made possible by the presence of American destroyers in British waters.