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ANCREASE PRODUCTION OF RICE.

While Louisiana can produce a greater variety of food crops than any other state in the union, in one of them the state stands preeminent and in spite of its pre-eminence can increase its production by fifty to one hundred per cent. That crop is rice, the Cinderalla of grains, which under the pressure of food shortage and high prices now is selling at double its normal price and is being eagerly sought.

Everyone who knows anything about food values knows that rice is a splendidly nutritious and healthful food, as well as a most palatable one, properly cooked. It is the staple food of over one-half the population of the Searth. It never has had the attention it deserves from the public of the United States; but those who have learned to enjoy it as a vegetable, not as a dessert, prefer it to potatoes; and those-who have learned to depend upon potatoes find rice a fine substitute for their favorite vegetable.

Of the 800 million pounds of rice produced in the United States, Louisiana raises over fifty per cent, but the state does not by any means produce up to the capacity of the facilities it has at hand. The acreage could be doubled without building a single new irrigatling plant or a single new rice mill to take care of the product. The truth is that, previous to the war and for sometime after its beginning. the rice industry was under a cloud. Home consumption did not keep pace with production, and the campaign for diversified crops turned the attention of some farmers away from the staple crop. Others were driven from rice culture by the banks which refused to lend money for the production of a crop of such uncertain and unstable value.

This has been an unusually backward spring, and preparations for the rice crop are just getting well under way. Rice can be sowed almost up to the middle of June, with reasonable assurance of producing a crop There are enough Louisiana farmers who know how to raise rice, to care for an immense increase in the acreage; and the present price of clean rice is assurance that the price will stay high enough to make this year's crop extremely profitable to the farmer.

It seems to us that the state food preparedness committee which held its first meeting in Baton Rouge Saturday could undertake no more effective task than to get behind a recordbreaking rice crop this season. The first step should be to see that, during the present era of high prices, sufficient rice is reserved for seed to provide for a largely increased acreage. The committee should also ascertain what irrigation plants are idle and what are not being operated to full capacity. Several large plants n western Louisiana have not been operated or several years, because the companies owning them had previously experienced some unprofitable seasons. One of the largest, known as the Schell canal, located near Opelousas, was sold at receiver's sale recently and the new owner has been talking of dismantling it.

Owners of plants either wholly or partly idle should be induced to put them in shape for capacity operations. The banks should be asked to finance the coming rice crop; there would probably be little difficulty on that score, as the price of the cereal for some year: may be looked upon as established on a new high level. The committee should have author ity to commandeer irrigating plants and plantations if the owner refuses to operate them.

The Bee believes that this is the one big thing that Louisiana can do, and should do, to add to the food supply of the nation quickly and substantially. Rice is a cereal used the world over, and to a greater extent in other nations than in the United States. At the same time, with plenty of rice and the inexhaustible supply of sea food along the state's coast, no Louisianian need be afraid of going hungry.

A Chicago recruiting officer is making Jess Willard's life a burden to him. Hearing of Willard's offer of his services to President Wilson, the Chicago man sent Willard a pressing invitation to join. Willard, in the meanstime, had gone to Norfolk, Va., and there informed a reporter that he had been rejected on account of his height and weight. The re-Shought from the Les Darcy incident.

The cut-over timberlands conference brack-Med the cattle tick and the tramp dog as two great national menaces. The conference recommends a war tax of a dollar a head on dogs. which it says, would yield \$25,000,000. The lumbermen's census looks rather inaccurate: we should say that there were at least that many dogs in Arkansas.

A correspondent suggests that we should le the young men in the cities and villages do the fighting and keep the country boys on the farms to raise the crops. As a movement to stop the farm boys from rushing to the cities this should be an unqualifiedly howling suc-

A Joplin, Mo., banker having secured a divorce from one wife, at a cost of \$307,000 now anniounces that he will wed another. Some men are reckless, some invite trouble and some eat it up.

Germany need not be so contemptuous of Cuba and the little Latin American republics as antagonists. The fighters in them keep them selves in trim by an occasional revolution.

The young couple who were wedded in New Orleans on Friday, the 13th, probably reasoned that as far as matrimony is concerned, one day is just as unlucky as another.

LOUISIANA OPINION.

They Love Sol and His Visits.

Abbeville Meridional: Our old friend So Bloodworth of the Fire Insurance trust visited Crowley the other day. He was no angel una wares whom the good people of Crowley enter tained, but he left them feeling about as happy as if they had the itch or stuck a big thorn in their feet. Sol was doing one of his famous inspection stunts. As a result Crowley has suffered a raise in fire insurance rates which will amount to about \$30,000 a year and has been assured that the \$60,000 spent on its waterworks system has practically been wasted and the entire shooting match is grossly inefficient and ready for the junk pile When Sol hits Abbeville we shall squeal also.

Getting Down to Hard Pan.

Lake Charles American Press: About now people are figuring how they can afford necessities like gasoline and tires by cutting off luxuries like new clothes.

Late Frost in St. Helena.

St. Helena Echo: You can set it down in your little book that there was frost in Greens- tainly reached its destination: burg last Tuesday morning. April 10th, 1917. 71 pairs of stockings, 19 shirts for Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wyler, damages t did but very little damage, however, as it

South Will Do Its Duty.

Shreveport Journal: The south will be rue to the nation and to itself. We are glad Dr. Vrooman came. He has pointed out our line of duty and we will unhesitatingly follow it, no matter what sacrifices and changes that course entails.

And in Saintly Parish, Too.

Franklin Watchman: Lent has passed for this year. Through the season of thanksgiv-many people harvested a heavy crop of barnacles on their knees by kneeling in submissive reverence.

Calls for More than Enthusiasm.

Monroe News Star: There is no room in Monroe for slackers. Every man who is qualified must demonstrate his willingness to go. He must do more than appland and wave a flag or hang "Old Glory" in front of his home or Mrs. R. W. Rogers 25.00 place of business. Nor is there room in Mon-Miss Anna Noson 2.00 post in the Second Citl Criminal roe or any other place in America for Joafers, Charles P. Fenner, Jr., savings street corner patriots or men without visible means of support. There are too many consumers and it should be the duty of the author ities to rigidly enforce the laws, compelling every man to perform some duty that will make for upholding the honor and dignity of the United States.

How Can We Avoid Them.

Ruston Leader: In assisting the entente Rev. Alphonse Kettels, Bilexi, allies to conquer Germany, it is earnestly hoped our government will not forget its traditional policy of avoiding entangling alliances and become tangled up in partnership with foreign countries. Remember, we do not form alliances with even home governments.

The governor has proclaimed Monday, April 16, as "Clean-Up Day" in Louisiana. New Orleans people need clean-up campaigns, to insure health and comfort during the summer, a much as the smaller cities and the country districts. See that your premises are made healthful and free of disease-carrying insects on Monday, ...

Boston burned Senator LaFollette in effigy cruiting officer thereupon rejoined that he the other day. Boston always has been a lawhadn't done any such thing and that Willard less and turbulent old town. For example, see would be acceptable. Big Jess should take the burning of the Salem witches and the Boston tea party.

Mr. George Denegre, chairman fo Louisiana for the Countission for Relief in Belgium, desires to report

for some time the uncertainty of shipping interrupted the work of the Belgian Relief Commission, but it has now been resumed with comparative certainty. Four ship cave landed since the breaking off

of diplomatic relations with Germany,, and all cargoes are insured so nothing is lost. Appeals from headquarters urze that help i needed more than ever if gallan Belgium is to be saved from starvaion and its little chibbren, the citi zens of the future, preserved from lisease and death.

The commission desires to thank Mrs. Whitney who at the Allied rete organized a very artistic booth where, assisted by Mrs. M. T. Slaufer, Miss Louise Stauffer, Mis Glenny, Mrs. Louis Hardee and Mrs beorge Denegre, she realized ; handsome sum for the Belgians making this shipment possible.

Mrs LeRoy Percy and Mrs. E. F. Richardson held a Tag Day in Greenville, Mississippi, which was wonderfully successful — the cititens responding generously. Mrs Percy's son has been for some time in Belgium working for the relief

A little over a thousand dollars has been received since the last report, which amount has been diviried to pay for one thousand anhirty-one pounds of rice purchased by Mr. Gordon S. Orme at the lowest rates without commission, and seven thousand, five hundred pounds of macaroni gien at cost price by Mr. Tujague; and arrangements have been made for a speedy and comparatively safe delivery. It is not expedient to publish how and when it is shipped. Mr. Hoover has visited the north of France in the recently regained territory and met thirty mayors of the little towns and villages who assured him, with touching gratitude, that the food supplied by the Commission was all that saved them from starvation. These supplies were almost entirement. This gives us hope that the people of Belgium too will be saved.

26 caps, 4 combination sets, 2 sacks, 1 hat, 1 woolen cape, 2 wool wrappers, I shawl, 9 suits, 2 pairs of shoes, 3 skirts, 6 knitted scarfs, 14 undershirts and union suits, 2 tailored suits, 1 dress, 2 trousers.

Donations were as follows: Col J. C. Hardy, Gulfport 5.00 wife of H. J. Bailey. Dr. H. M. Folkes, Biloxi, Miss. 10.00 Mrs. Alice C. Clark, Pass Christian, Miss. 25.00 Aponymous 1.00

Mrs. Ficklin 1.00 Mrs. C. M. Stewart, Laurel Hill

Mrs. T. P. Singletary, Baton Rouge Business College 12.00 Mrs. Allen Tupper 5.00 Mrs. A. I. Denis 10.00 surgical operation. Miss Eastwick 1.00 Anonymous, through Mrs. de Roaldes 3.00 Mrs. H. R. Labouisse Father Blomme, Hessmer, La.: 5.00 Mrs. B. A. J. 5.00

Miss Jean Gordon 1.00 Miss. 55.30 Tag Day in Oreenville organized by Mrs. Leroy Percy assisted by the following ladies: Mrs. C. P. William. Mrs. Happell, Mrs. Ralf Claggett, Mrs. Will Hayeroft

W. S. Pery, Clark Bros., Peo-Melancie Dennery 12.00 son, Mrs. George Denegre, Mrs. Mrs. Davis, Pass Christian. · Odeneal and Mrs. W. W. Stone. Miss.

People of Woodworth, La, through Mrs. Lula Southerland Mrs. Aline Shane Devin, Pass Christian, Miss Through Gayle Aiken

Beatty Brokerage Co., Lake Charles Through Mrs. Reynaud, Lut-15.65 gre, 3106 Prytania Street.

VITAL STATISTICS

Mrs. John Ferran, a girl, 2926 Carollton street. Mrs. Fulton Rolland, a girl, Pres-

yterian hospital. Mrs. Harry Critz, a boy, Presby-

erian hospital. Mrs. Vincent Serio, a boy, 711 Dau

phine street. 😽 Marriages Louis Hecker and Miss Marie Bal.

Leonard Benckstein and Miss

llaire Locke. Joseph Olillia and Mrs. Georgiana Kaford.

Deaths

Lizzie Thomas, 34 years, 627 Boli Louis Gaspard, 24 years, Charity

icspital. Pas male Albers, 58 years, 120 North Pierre street. Arthur Brady, 18 years, Great

akes, III.

John Benck, 50 years. Joseph Bruning, 56 years, Buckown Jefferson parish.

Lawrence Fallon, 65 years, 1740 lackson avenue.

Righard Allen, 48 years, Charity iospital. Charles Harris, 66 years, Charity

iospital. Mrs. (Wirlow) Catherine Kneiper

I years, 1121 Lafayette avenue. Mrs. (Widow Celia Ries, 73 years 324 Daughine street.

Richard Finley, 72 years, 4505 Dunaine street. Herman Hiles, 14 months, Charity

Nick Bonomo, 3 months, St. Maure and Urquhart street. Catherine Kuby, 13 years, Charity

hospital.

Primos Williams, 65 years, 214 Audubon street.

CIVIL DISTRICT COURT Hyman Hirsch vs. United Pants Manufacturing Co., Inc., claim, 11:30 \$305.09; James Henry Forsythe vs. New Orleans Stailway and Light Co., lamages, personal injuries, \$7,500; George Fandal vs. Albert G. Bear, note, \$650; Priward Coleman vs. Albert J. Buja, damages, \$510; Aida, 8:00 Huet vs. Paul Huet, divorce; Industrial Homestead Association vs. William R. Gilbert, executive process, \$2,554.14; Lawrence Bannon vs. Peter Ferage, notes, \$200; Frank B. Twomey vs. Mrs. Annie C. Haseman and Louis Haseman, her husband, to ly paid for by the French govern- authorize her, executive process, 82,500; Henry Schriner vs. Hotel Grunewald Ro., 4.td., Damages, personal injuries, \$7,250; Edward Shipment, of clothing made in March on a vessel which has ceral Barksdale vs. Edna Dinimones, his 1950 p. m.—Birmingham & Cincin 7.05 tainly reached its destination:

Wife, divorce; Mrs. A. F. Sintonin vs. 1820 a. m.—Asherille Express. 1. 8:25 tainly reached its destination: and injunction, \$1,000; Goldmuntz 2:50 Brothers vs. Joe Traverse, notes and 5:15 p. in.

Successions

Mrs. Mary Ann Riley widow of Edward O'Rourke; Edward G. Heyd. Mrs. George Blumenthal, John Eis-Westfeldt children \$ 2.85 worth, Mrs. Margaret J. Benson,

Mentality of Octopi.

"There is a great deal of difference in the mental attitude of devil fishes Mrs. F. L. Simonds 10.00 St. Nicholas. "In a tank in the Ava-Mrs. L. Quintero, 5.00 lon aquarium, which contains three or to enjoy being touched. A large Call-Mrs. Harry Dennery 12.00 forms sheepshead in this aquarium Mrs. Omer Villere 5.00 became so tame that it liked to be Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Pearce.. 24.00 scratched about the head with a wire or stick, and followed people about the tank, especially the man who fed it. It was interesting to see it change color as the man stroked it with

RECOVERED FROM OPERATION

J. Arthur Charbonnet, assistant court yesterday morning, after a bank containing 4.59 three weeks' absence caused by a

AFTER SUNDAY LAW VIOLATORS

Fifteen acrests on charges of violating the Sunday law on last Sunday in this city is proof that the lid Mrs. F. Reynard, Lutcher, La. 6.00 Most of the arrests were for selling

Mrs. George Denegre 10.00 Mrs. C. E. Richardson 20.00 Mrs. E. L. Joyner, Pelican, La. 2.50 Dr. A. R. Robertson 12.00 Mrs. Jean Capdeville Miss Adele Chrouet..... Donations of Clothing:

Mrs. Leo Berthe, S. Coles, Miss. Xhrouet, Mrs. W. J. Davis, Mrs. Robert W. Robinson, Mrs. I. H. Wande, Mrs. E. Duran, Mrs. Fickand Mrs. Gravie Alexander, 120,00 4in, Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Alfred Grima, Mrs. E. J. Hutzel, Mrs. Hertzberg,

> [5.00] Mrs. Leroy Percy sent from Greenville six large cases of clothes, a splendid donation gathered there 9.25 on Belgian Day.

Contributions can be sent to 500 George Denegre, Chairman, Com-5.00 mission for Relief in Belgium, Denegre Building, or in the absence of 6.00 Mrs. F. Parham, President of the Ladies Section to Mrs. George Dene-

There is a watchdog in a New York town who ought to be placed on charlty parol. An obnoxious beggnr there who had been tolerated by the residents because of his paralyzed condition, was caught stealing by the dog. chased six blocks and finally forced to climb a tree. One good thing about canine investigators into the reality of human suffering is that they are guided strictly by the facts in the case and

RAILROAD SCHEDULES.

are not troubled by any sentimentality.

UNION STATION.

ORLEANS ON ALL RAILROAD AND STEAMSHIP TICKETS, APPORISE TOUR-ISTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEL THE CITY. Illiants Central.

FREE STOPWERS ALLOWED AT NEW

m.-Chicago, F., Louis,

Louisville

1.30 a. m. - Local Mail 4.90 p. m. 1300 p. m. - Vorthern Express 8:10 a. m. 140 p. m - McComb Accomoda 140 p. m. - McComb Accomoda 140 p. m. - McComb Accomoda 3:00 a. m. The Merry Widow ... 10:10 conier Motor the feaves Union Station 5.78 m., 6:45 p. m., 9:30 p. m., and 11:25 p. m.

Yazoo and Mississippi Valley. Arrivo

00 a m.-Delia Express 55 p. m.-Memphis Fast Express 7:35 a fig. p. m. Bayon sara and Co p. III.—venights rast express 7.35 a. iii.
2015. p. III.—Bayon sara and Vivodellle Passenger 9:50 a. iii.
8:00 p. III.—Baton Ronge Special 7:45 a. iii.
besirehan Motor clar leaves Union Station
5:39 a. iii. 10 q. iii., 6:15 p. iii. aget 11:25 p. iii.

Southern Pacific Lines, Depart, 5:55 a. in.—TEXAS 196AL for Bouston and all station in-termediate 11:00 a. in.—SUNSET LIMITED for San Antonio, El Pas-

New Mexico, A. Protein, A. White, Trul and California.

55 a. m.—SI NSET MAIL, for Houston, Galveston, Austra, Waro, Fort Worth, Dallas Sin Autono bel Illo and latermentate.

3:05 p. in.—LAFAYETTE LOCAL for Lafayette and all stations intermediate

D. m. TEXAS LIMITED for In.—TEXAS LIMITED for Houston, Obiveston, Austin, Fort Worth, Delias and other North Texas points
 p. m.—SUNSET EXPRESS, for Houston, Galveston, Waro Tort Worth, Isalias, San Au-lonio, El Pase, Apoche Trail Chifocaia and intermediate fronts

mounts

Gulf Coast Lines.

m.-- California Special." Texas a m. For Houston, Galves-

(30 a. in.—Wash. & N. Y. Mail. 8 55 p. m. (35 p. in. birmingham Limited, 7:30 a. m. (59 p. in.—Birmingham & Cincin

Brewnsville and other

7:05 p. m.

£41 -1021 TRANS-MISSISSIPPI STATION.

Texas and Pacific.

-Alexandria Local [2:01] p. m.—Texas-Golorado I.I.-mited for Alexandria, Spreve-port, Dallas, Fort Worth and El Paso 7

TERMINAL STATION.

:00 a. m.—St. Louis & Chicago... :00 a. m.—Meridian — Accomodam.—Meridian Local, Hat-

15 a. m.—Carriere and int. New Orleans Great Northern (Daily Except Sunday)

m.—Jackson, Columbia. Tylertown, Bogalusa, Folsom
p. m.—Colombia, Bogalusa,
Tylertown, Folsom
(Sunday Only) :33 a. m.-Jackson,

p. m.—Folson. Columbia.
Tylertown, Bogalusa 10:20 a.
Sunday and Wednesday Excursions) ta Springs, Mandeville est Glen, Lacombe, Oak

Alexandria Angola

BAILROAD COMPANY

Angola

Arrive.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

a. m.-Buras Excursion 7:45 LOUISIANA SOUTHERN BRANCH GULF COAST LINES. (Station St. Claude and Elysian Fields Sic.)

ISunday Only)

00 A. m -Point & la Hache 5:00 p. m.—Shell Beach (Daily Except Sunday) 7.00 p. m.—Shell Beach

M re arrests were made vesterday for alleged violations of the lottery and hand book laws.

John Young, 3022 Grand Route St. John, who police says is a race hörse follower, was arrestod at St. Charles and Commen by Corporal Smith and Patrolman Kaufman, of the central station. It is charged be tried to induce a young man to make a bet. The conversation was overheard by the officers.

Patrolman Frank Kenner arresta ed Ernest Wilson, negro, 539 Decafur street, for carrying a concealed weapon and when he was searched at the third previnct station loftery tickets were found in his pockets, according to the police. He was charged accordingly.

George Dixon, 3022 South Franklin street, was arrested at General Taylor and Collisonan streets by Corporal Scheuerman and Patrolinan Conrat and after being searched at the seventh precinct station another charge was hilged against him. For it is a leged by the officers that they found lottery paraphernalia in his pessession.

Believed to have been implicated in a robbery, Frank Cardner, nezro, 2500 Delachaise street, was arrested at Exposition Boulevard and Prytonia street by Patrolman Louis Hereford. He foo had 'ottery tickets (in his peckets, and was charged with having offery paraphernalia in his possession.

No. 2818 Chippewa street, which place Patrolman Kennedy and Cor-(poral Fudger have had under surveillance for some time, was raided by the officers yesterday, Winifried Taylor, negress, was trying to dispose of lottery tickets in the back yard as they entered, the police report says. She was charged with having paraphernalia in her pos-

CRUSHED BETWEEN TWO CARS

Raoul Moise, Flagman. Dies. on His Way to Hospital

Crushed by tween two pox cars on the Gentilly Terrace tracks, Raout Moise, 19, 840 Burgumly street, flagman of the Li and N. railroad, was fatally injured yesterday morning. He died while being rushed to the havity Hospital aboard an engine.

Misunderstanging of a signal is said to have caused the accident. It is believed Moise, thinking that Just as he did the enzine backed and he was jammed between the

IDENTIFIED AS ASSAILANT

AND HIGHWAY ROBBER Louis Bailey, alias Louis White, negro, was accested Sunday by Patrolman Edward Delatte, of the Ninth precinct station, and posifively identified by 16-year-old Edridge Carleau, of Jefferson Parish. as the negro who knocked her down and robbed her at Protection I see ami Claiborne, Jefferson, last June. Bailey was charged with assault and highway robbery and is also wanted in Jefferson parish for breaking the

seals of box cars and petty largeny. TAKES TWO: DISMANTLES 200

The Federal government has deided to take over the hig wireless stations of the United Fruit Co. and the Marconi Company in New Orteans. All other private wineless stations, estimated to number 200 in this city, have been ordered dis-

NEW PASSES ARE REQUIRED

Persons having business on the locks will do well to seek new passes. The old ones have been revoked. The new passes hear personal descriptions, which will make their misuse more difficult.

LITTLE CHILD KILLED CROSSING THE CAR TRACKS

Samuel Plotkin, four-year-old. 2700 Marengo street, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon when he attempted to run across the street in frent of his home to join his brother and was struck by a Clio car driven by Motorman Murtin Scheetzle, 3136 R bertsen street; The unfortunate child's brother was playing "race horses" on his bicycle across the street and called to him Eager to get across, little Sample signored the approaching ear. He ran in front of it, Motorgian Scheetzle made a desperate effort to prevent the accident, but was too close upon the cild to avoid strik-

Best Italian Restaurant in City. 722 IBERVILLE ST. Anthony Guiffria, Prop