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itered as second-class mail matter, at the Postoffice at New Oricans, La., under Act of March 3, 1879.

### DEVELOP THE WATER ROUTES.

The Bee yesterday morning contained an account of the departure of the new river steamer East St. Louis, on the last leg of its Second round trip to the port of New Orleans, carrying a goodly number of passengers and a large freight cargo. President Rogers of the St. Louis-New Orleans Navigation Co., operatsing the steamer, made the statement that if the business nien give the new steamer sufficient patronage, other steamers will be put in the trade by the company in sufficient number to take care of all the traffic that can be deweloped.

The desirability of developing river traffi is not exactly a new topic in New Orleans Workers for the benefit of the city have preached the doctrine of water transportation here until their voices have almost given out but with little success. Nobody likes to leav the beaten path in any line, and railroad freight service is so convenient, so speedy and so well established that it is hard to persuad local business men to try any other.

Only a week ago it was announced that the much talked-of barge line to St. Louis and up the Missouri as far as Kansas City had been discontinued because of the lack of patronage from the southern terminal city. The owners declared that the south bound traffic was all that could be desired, but on the north bound in it, and would leave the statute still in force trip their watercraft have been going almost for the benefit of those who do not wish to borempty.

Of course, the states and cities of the south bordering on the Mississippi, as a rule, buy more than they receive from the north central states, because much of what they produce passes out by sea to eastern or foreign ports. Cotton, corn, sulphur and other products are and we do not really have as many products to weeks in the upper valleys no alarm need be upon his naturalization papers as for them is developed. On the one item, of levees

lumber, we would have enough traffic to keep the Mississippi alive with commerce if it were not for the congressional four-flushers who get red in the face and shout "pork barrel" every time the improvement of a stream for water traffic is proposed without investigating or caring to know whether the project is merite rious or not. If the waterways were devel oped to place New Orleans in easy reach of the mills, interior Louisiana could alone keep several barge lines busy.

'President Rogers' offer to put as many steamers in the St. Louis-New Orleans trade as can be profitably employed is, however, espe cially worthy of attention at this time. Warn ings of an impending car shortage when the government begins to move men, provisions and munitions, are being given on all sides. At Memphis last Saturday, a high official of the department of agriculture, solemnly cautioned the people of the south to produce as much foodstuff as possible, because it may soon be impossible for the south to depend upon supplies by fail.

In the great river which flows through the city, New Orleans has a highway of transportation which can never become congested. Sufficient water craft to transport the supplies for the south in case of urgent need would be only Fordinary precaution. New Orleans merchants and manufacturers could do no greater work for themselves and then own protection, not to speak of the community interest, than to throw all the support possible to the building up of water transportation facilities, in view of the imperative need we may have for them in a few weeks or months.

So many nations have declared war upon Thim that the Kaiser has probably lost count by this time. 👙 🍪 🔅 🗥

Washington hears rumogs that more than t score of German submarines are in the Gulf of Mexico, some of them since early in February. As long as they are so quiet and well behaved as they have been, no particular harm is done, but such inctivity is not in keeping with German methods.

a little loose pocket change to last him until looked after, and when the good roads bonds discovered the hold was flooded to a man who has taken out a marriage candidate for congress against H. congress can find him some real money.

The first number of the New Orleans Advertiser and Financier, devoted to the fostering of the trade between New Orleans and Latin America appeared this week and in its opening anouncement gave the following utterance: "We are coming to light, small and consequently devoir of all pretensions." New Orleans ought to like this sort of platform for a new newspaper. It has, at least, the merit of

Hint to housewives: Save your champagne corks. Dipped in ashes, they are useful in cleaning silverware.

'At Oklahoma City, the other day, J. V. Rich shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide. The theory of the police is that they had some domestic trouble. These modern policemen for perspicacity and brilliant thinking have Sherlock Holmes backed off the boards.

### & LOUISIANA OPINION.

# Can't Be Done, Lawyers Say.

Winnfield Times: There is a law in force in Louisiana known as the widow's dowry which-provides that when a man dies leaving a widow and minor children or either, \$1,000 of his estate shall be exempt from all debt, and this sum shall be paid to the widow or the minor children before any other claims are paid. Under the law this right can not be waived or signed away by the wife or minor children. In our judgment this will be agains the operation of the farm loan act in Louisiana and the law will have to be amended before the Farm Loan Bank can do business in this state. We think that the law is good and should, by all means, remain in force, for it throws a safeguard around widows and orphans, and, in many cases, saves them from actual want and distress. But the law should be amended, and that as speedily as possible in order to give the widow the privilege of waiving her dowry in favor of a federal farm loan mortgage creditor. This would take away every objectionable feature of the law so far as the Federal Farm Loan Bank would be concerned row money or waive their rights.

## One Evil We May Miss.

Madison Journal: The relative high stage eph H. Imborden, chief engineer of of the river followed by rains in the upper valley makes certain a river of something over cer. Hamilton had been told that fifty feet on the gauge at Vicksburg. Unless Imborden had denounced President marketed abroad or on the Atlantic seaboard. there is unexpected rainfall in the next few Wilson and promised to trample send north, as could be wished until a market felt considering the present condition of the

# The Universal Wish.

Monroe News Star: Out of the silence of the ages, through long centuries of mysteries unfathomed and secrets unlearned, will come Easter Sunday at least one familiar anthem whose refrain echoes in temples of Christian worship the world over-"Christ, Our Lord Is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!" Amid the din and confusion incident to a world war. Easter wil be observed toniorrow. May another Easter find the nations of the world at peace each with the other, hallowed by the blood of the martyrs who dared to defend their flag.

# "Slacker" Hunt Now in Order.

Rayne Tribune: Official announcemen was made in Washington yesterday that for eigners in the United States who conduct them selves properly will suffer no loss of properly or liberty as a result of the declaration of a state of war. Allied residents of America, who are evading military duty in their respective countries may be forced to respond to calls bergtofore made upon them.

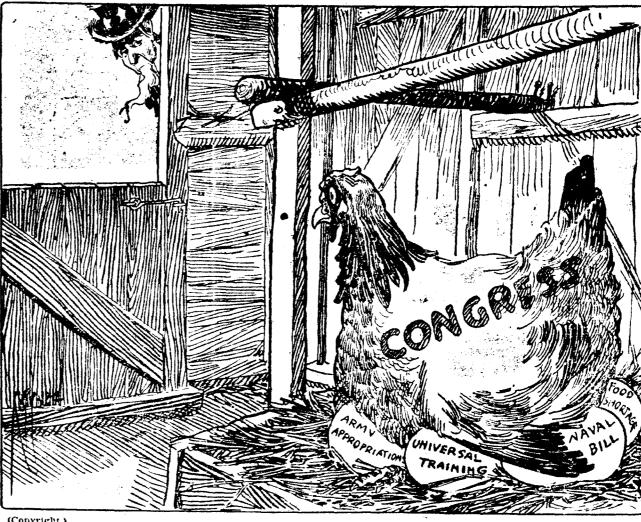
# The Patriotism of Whit.

 Franklin Watchman: Congressman Whi P. Martin, the only Progressive from the south who occupies a sent in the national assembly has proved himself more of a patriot than a politician. The difference between the two is, that one is a bold, fearless representative of the public interest, with no selfish motives, no hope of notoriety, no grabber of reward, but a clean-cut man of service to the people who trusted him with the important position he holds as the faithful representative of the people who sent him to Washington; while the other is a small, sneaking, selfish, narrow-eyed from the bridge, and by representa- played "The Star Splangled Banand small brained hunter for cheap noise, and all of the minor appointments he can trade for

# The Gloat of East Carroll.

Lake Providence Banner Democrat: We are informed that the roads in Madison parish are in terrible shape, that is they were up to last week, and in some places autos went down to the hub and had to be pulled out. The roads had been knocked off and the hold in East Carroll have not been in that condition was being flooded. Supt. Wren, of The appropriation of a hundred million during the whole of the winter and for the past the docks, with a gang of laborers, dollars for the president, which was attached three weeks they have never been in better hastened to the rescue and succeedto the general deficiency bill Friday, was only shape. The roads in our parish are closely ed in saving the ship from sinking. are voted we will have better roads.

# SETTING



Two Germans were arrested yesby National Guardsmen. They are in charge of the immigration station authorities. Wandering about the streets and unable to give a satisfactory account of himself, a German who says his name is August Moring, employed on a fruit ship, was arrested in Algiers by Corporal Pusch, of the Eighth precinct sta-

Lieutenant Hamilton, Corporal Paretti and Private Granger, of the Washington Artillery, arrested Josa dredge at Napoleon avenue and former German naval reserve offisoon as he received them. The county smen arrested smb

olaying on his victrola "Wacht am Rhein," and other patriotic German building, was as follows:

Imborden admitted the charges against him but declared he uttered the remarks while in an argument and did not mean what he said.

Chicago, April 10.—All foodduffs advanced today. Potatoes went to \$4 a bushel: flour \$11.50 a barrel; beans, eighteen cents a pound, and onlons fifteen cents a pound.

### TO OPEN MISSISSIPPI BRIDGE WITH PAGEANT

ry International News Service

Memphis, Tenn., April 10.-Memphis is making preparations to entertain more than 50,000 visitors spanning the Mississippi river is thrown open to traffic. The celebration is scheduled for May 22, 23 and 24. The program includes a great water pageant and a masque in which 2,500 persons will participate. The bridge cost \$8,000,000. It is one of the four greatest bridge structures in the world. The celebration will be attended by representatives from Mississippi, Arkantives from the national government. I ner

### SEA COCKS OPENED AND STEAMER WAS FLOODED

Yesterday afternoon the interned Austrian steamship Anna was ob-An investigation by the officers aboard showed that the sea cocks lepth of three feet.

# DESPONDEENT WOMAN

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE Despondent because of being seprated from her husband, police reort, Mrs. Lilly Horton, 39, 627 Reves street, attempted spicide yesterday by taking a drug. However, she did not swallow enough to produce a serious effect and is now in the erday, one by police and the other Charity Hospital on the road to recovery. A member of the family found Mrs. Horton lying across her hed writhing in pain. Neighbors were called in and a hurry call placed with the CCharity Hospital for an ambulance. When the am-

bulance came doctors applied the stomach pump and took Mrs. Horton to the hospital for further treatment. Her husband, Burke Horton, s a carpenter.

# U. S. DAILY WEATHER REPORT

Wednesday, April 11, 1917.

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday. For New Orleans and vicinity: loudy, light southerly winds, For Louisiana: Warmer Wednesday, cloudy Thursday.

# LOCAL METEOROLOGICAL RECORD

he, was asleep and while he was New Orleans, as shown by the ther- nois street, where he is employ dressing they entertained him by mograph of the U.S. Weather Bu- The list was stopped in time to reau, on the roof of the Postoffice vent crushing him to death. He Temperature Time

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Weather Record				
The following is the weather data				

## for April 10, 1917, at New Orleans: 7 a.m. 2 p.m. 7 p.m.

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# RIVER FORECAST

The Mississippi River Vicksburg, and the Atchafalaya will rise; on account of recent rains, crest stages are indicated as follows: Natchez, 48.5 to 49.0 feet. April 20th to 25th; Baton Rouge, 26.0 to 36.5 feet; Donaldsonville, 23.7 to 29.3; New Orleans, 18.5 to 19.0, April 25th] next month, when the J. T. Hara- Melville by April 25th; the Red Ovachita will rise during the next

# SOCIALIST ENGLISHMAN

### Almost Mobbed for Disrespect to National Anthem.

New York, April 10, 4. Frederick Sumner Boyd, Socialist Englishman. was mobbed in Rector's restaurant sas and Tennessee, the three States for refusing to stand up with evthat will enjoy greatest benefit erybody else when the orchestra

Plastered with salad which had een thrown at him, he was rushed out of the restaurant and delivered himself to the police. With him in Rector's was Miss Jessie Ashley, lawyer and suffragist. She fought to served to be listing heavily to port, shield Boyd from assnitants in the restaurant, but disappeared before he was arrested.

### PROBING THE BENEDICTS. By International News Service.

Chicago, April 10. - The department of justice today began an in-When the condition of the boat was vestigation into the record of every parish for a number of years and a license since war was declared.

St. Paul, Minn., April 10. - Foilowing repeated attempts on the lives I soldiers doing patrol duty and the designation of two elevafors and the damaging of three others, orders were issued to guardsmen today to shoot to kill.

Two grain elevators were destr yed by fire believed to have been of incendiary origin early today. The total less will be nearly \$500,000 it was estimated:

National guardsmen patrolling in the district report that in both instances several explosions were heard in the structures before the flames were discovered.

## JOSEPH CAUGHT UNDER DESCENDING ELEVATOR

Alphonse Joseph, 28, 3026 St. Ann street, was seriously injured yesterday when he attempted to pass un- physically unfit for military duty der a descending elevator in the received a lacerated scalp wound and contusions of the body and was 7 a. m..... 52 taken to the Charity Hospital.

# LOTTERY LAW ARREST

WAS MADE YESTERDAY Another arrest for alleged violation of the lottery law was made creasing. The Republicans favor the yesterday by Patrolman Kennedy plan. and Corporal Johnson. The prisone: was Albert Laubere, 3143 Laurel street, who is charged with having operated a lottery shop at 717 St Mary street. Papers, plays and lists. 86 th epolice say, are being held as

## 0----MENOCAL WINS IN CUBA

Havana, April 10.-The administration of Gen. Mario G. Mcnocai, president of Cuba, will remain in power for another four years,

This has been decided nearly five and a half months after the presidential elections which were held November 1, by re-elections at View tovia de Las Tunas, Oriente proyince, which resulted in a decided to 28th; a flood stage, 39:0 feet at victory for President Memoral over Dr. Alfredo Zayas, liberal prosidenhan railroad and wagon bridge River, below Shreveport, and the tial candidate. The result gives President Menocal 86 electoral votes le 44 for Dr. Zavas.

Alle elections are reported to have la en conducted in an orderly man-

The result so far gives the conservatives, led by Dr. Menocal, the provinces of Matanzas, Pinar del Rio, Santa Clara and Oriente, leaving the provinces of Hayana and Camaguey in the liberal column.

# JOES IN CUSTOMS SERVICE

On Island of Haiti Awarded to Taree Louisianians

Washington, April 10,-Lewis Le Bourgeois, of Convent; Robert L. Mouton, Lafayette, and S. P. Thipointed by the President largely be- by Club to-night. ause they speak French, the language of the island.

Mr. Le Bourgeois, put in charge of Port au Prince, the largest city on the island, was sheriff of St. James Garland Dupre in 1912.

# CROWDING OUT THE SPECULATOR

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE TAKES PATRIOTIC STEP

# NO TIME TO GAMBLE IN FOOD

Crop Forecast of Shortage in Wheat Causes Apprehension\_Steps

Taken to Combat It

Chicago, April 10. ... Chicago will not speculate in foodstuffs, now that the Nation is engaged in the grim business of war. James A. Patten, Arthur Cutten, Charles Lewis and other big plungers of the Chicago Board of Trade, at the end of me of the most tempestuous days he "pits" have ever witnessed, announced they had ceased all specualion as "an act of pater tism."

Coincident with their stand, comnission firms pull the clamp on othir speculators by demanding twenly to thirty-five cents a bushet eargin on wheat and fifteen cents a corn, instead fithe customary two to five cents. Many firms doclined to accept orders at all axcept from old clients of unquestionable backing. The "pikers" were aboleDiy frezen out.

Mr. Patten veiced the general sentiment in a statement that this was so time for speculation, and that chsh demand alone should govern all commudity markets. He said the supply of wheat seems near exhaustion. The government report and private information held by the big traders shows that a food shortage is very near and very serious,

Resolutions urging the immediate creation of a federal food commission having absolute authority to supervise, direct and control the marketing and distribution of all food and clothing supplies in the United States, were adopted by the advisory board of the National Agricultural Sociéty here,

The resolutions urged also the en istment of a food producing and munition manufacturing composed of those incapacitated for actual military service, such as men bey and the military age, boys from 16 to 19 years of age and other men

Washington, April 10. - Opposition to a conscription law is in-

Senator Gallinger today advocated. doubling the soldiers' pay,

## GERMAN PLOT TO DESTROY PANAMA CANAL

New York, April 10,-General Goethals made public tomight a recent German plot to blow up the Panama canal by running an ammanition laden ship into the locks.

URGE NATIONAL DRY LAW. Lansing, Mich. April 10. - The Senate f day passed a resolution urging Congress to enact Federal

prohibition nation wide, COOPERATE POR DEFENSE. New York, April 10 .- Cuba and

the United States have arranged to cooperate against Germany in defending maritime commerce between Key West and Havana.

# SHIP MOVEMENTS SECRET.

By International News Service. Washington, D. C. April 10. -Secretary Daniels today requested every newspaper to refrain from printing either the arrival or the départure of any c'astwise, international or naval vessel.

### CHEMICAL SOCIETY MEETS IN KARSAS CITY

Kansas City, April 10 .- Delegates band, of New Orleans, have been from all parts of the country are named by President Wilson as col- here for the meeting of the Amerlectors of port for the island of Haiti-lican Chemical Society, which be-The three Louisianans were ap- gins with a dinner at the Universi-

### **FIGALLO'S 52 YEARS LIFE** Italian Restaurant in City.

722 IBERVILLE ST. Anthony Guiffria, Prop.