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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.

The desirability of developing river traffic 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.

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.

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.

for them is developed. On the one item of 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 meritorious or not.

President Rogers' offer to put as many steamers in the St. Louis-New Orleans trade as can be profitably employed is, however, especially worthy of attention at this time. Warnings of an impending car shortage when the government begins to move men, provisions and munitions, are being given on all sides.

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 ordinary precaution.

So many nations have declared war upon him that the Kaiser has probably lost count by this time.

Washington hears rumors that more than a 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 inactivity is not in keeping with German methods.

The appropriation of a hundred million dollars for the president, which was attached to the general deficiency bill Friday, was only a little loose pocket change to last him until 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 announcement gave the following utterance: "We are coming to light, small and consequently devoid of all pretensions."

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.

Winfield 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.

One Evil We May Miss.

Madison Journal: The relative high stage of the river followed by rains in the upper valley makes certain a river of something over fifty feet on the gauge at Vicksburg. Unless there is unexpected rainfall in the next few weeks in the upper valleys no alarm need be felt considering the present condition of the levees.

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!"

"Slacker" Hunt Now in Order.

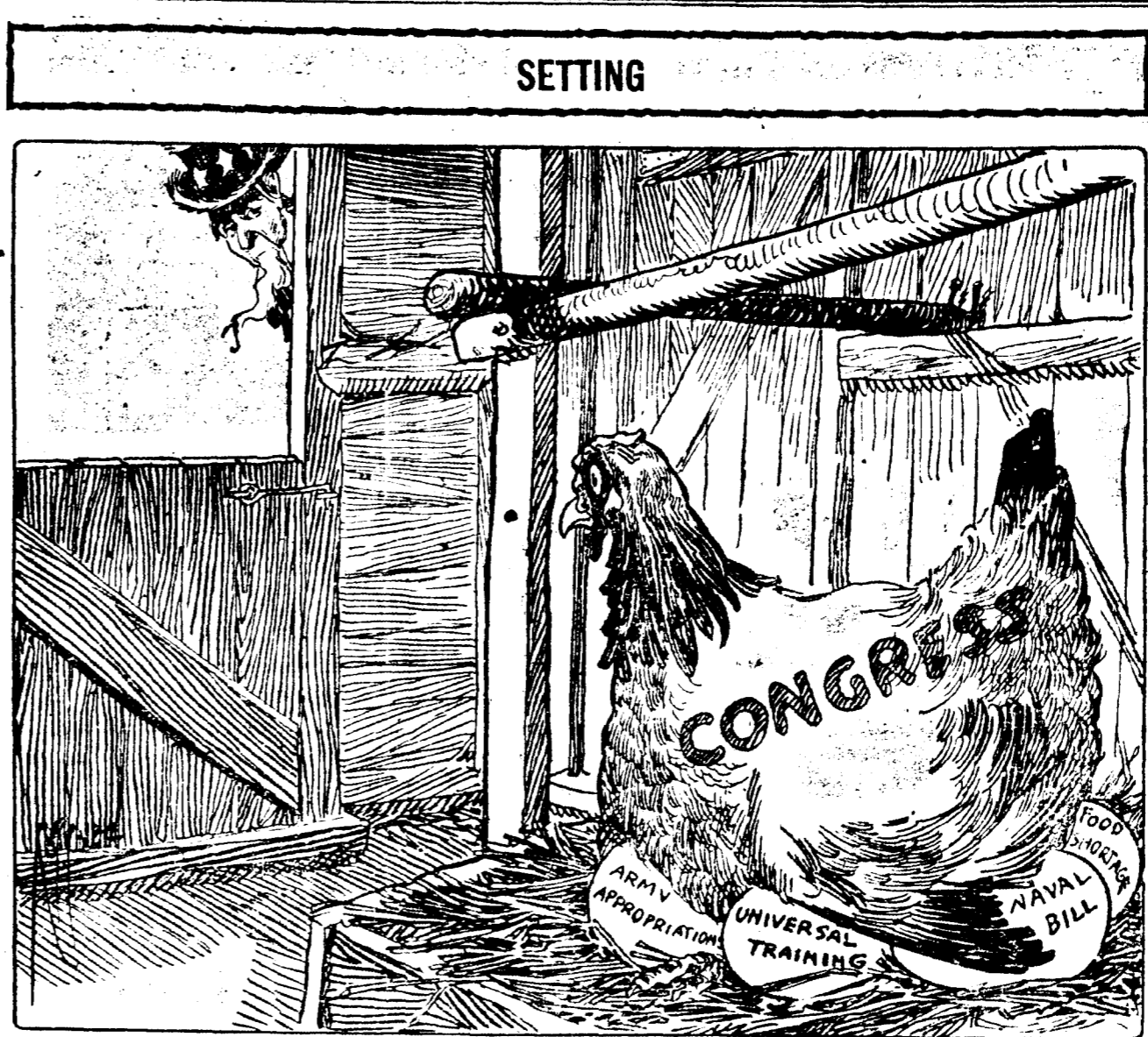
Rayne Tribune: Official announcement was made in Washington yesterday that foreigners in the United States who conduct themselves properly will suffer no loss of property or liberty as a result of the declaration of a state of war.

The Patriotism of Whit.

Franklin Watchman: Congressman Whit P. Martin, the only Progressive from the south who occupies a seat 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.

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 in East Carroll have not been in that condition during the whole of the winter and for the past three weeks they have never been in better shape.



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TWO ARRESTED; ONE RECKLESS TALKER

Two Germans were arrested yesterday, one by police and the other by 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 Morning, employed on a fruit ship, was arrested in Algiers by Corporal Pusch, of the Eighth precinct station.

Lieutenant Hamilton, Corporal Paretti and Private Granger, of the Washington Artillery, arrested Joseph H. Imboden, chief engineer of a dredge at Napoleon avenue and former German naval reserve officer. Hamilton had been told that Imboden had denounced President Wilson and promised to trample upon his naturalization papers as soon as he received them.

The guardsmen arrested Imboden on the dredge. When they caught him, he was asleep and while he was dressing they entertained him by playing on his violin "Wacht am Rhein," and other patriotic German songs. Imboden admitted the charges against him but declared he uttered the remarks while in an argument and did not mean what he said.

NEW HIGH PRICE FOR FOODSTUFF

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

TO OPEN MISSISSIPPI BRIDGE WITH PAGEANT

Memphis, Tenn., April 10.—Memphis is making preparations to entertain more than 50,000 visitors next month, when the J. T. Harahan railroad and wagon bridge 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, Arkansas and Tennessee, the three States that will enjoy greatest benefit from the bridge, and by representatives from the national government.

SEA COCKS OPENED AND STEAMER WAS FLOODED

Yesterday afternoon the interned Austrian steamship Anna was observed to be listing heavily to port. An investigation by the officers aboard showed that the sea cocks had been knocked off and the hold was being flooded. Supt. Wren, of the docks, with a gang of laborers, hastened to the rescue and succeeded in saving the ship from sinking. When the condition of the boat was discovered the hold was flooded to a depth of three feet.

RESPONDEENT WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Despondent because of being separated from her husband, police report, Mrs. Lilly Horton, 39, 627 Reynolds street, attempted suicide yesterday by taking a drug. However, she did not swallow enough to produce a serious effect and is now in the Charity Hospital on the road to recovery. A member of the family found Mrs. Horton lying across her bed writhing in pain. Neighbors were called in and a hurry call placed with the Charity Hospital for an ambulance. When the ambulance came doctors applied the stomach pump and took Mrs. Horton to the hospital for further treatment. Her husband, Burke Horton, is a carpenter.

U. S. DAILY WEATHER REPORT

Wednesday, April 11, 1917. Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday. For New Orleans and vicinity: Cloudy, light southerly winds. For Louisiana: Warmer Wednesday, cloudy Thursday.

LOCAL METEOROLOGICAL RECORD

The following is the record at New Orleans, as shown by the thermometer of the U. S. Weather Bureau, on the roof of the Postoffice building, was as follows: Time Temperature 7 a. m. 52 9 a. m. 60 11 a. m. 64 1 p. m. 57 3 p. m. 68 5 p. m. 64

Weather Record

The following is the weather data for April 10, 1917, at New Orleans: 7 a. m. 7 p. m. Temperature 52 62 Rel. Humidity 83 71 86 Wind E. S. N. E. 8 Rain .00 .00 Weather Clear Cloudy

RIVER FORECAST

The Mississippi River below Vicksburg, and the Atchafalaya will rise; on account of recent rains, crest stages are indicated as follows: Natchez, 46.5 to 49.0 feet, April 20th to 25th; Baton Rouge, 35.0 to 36.5 feet; Donaldsonville, 23.7 to 29.3; New Orleans, 18.5 to 19.0, April 25th to 28th; a flood stage, 39.0 feet at Melville by April 25th; the Red River, below Shreveport, and the Ouachita will rise during the next 48 hours.

SOCIALIST ENGLISHMAN

Almost Mobbed for Disrespect to National Anthem. New York, April 10.—Frederick Sumner Boyd, Socialist Englishman, was mobbed in Rector's restaurant for refusing to stand up with everybody else when the orchestra played "The Star Spangled Banner."

PROBING THE BENEDICTS.

Chicago, April 10.—The department of justice today began an investigation into the record of every man who has taken out a marriage license since war was declared.

ORDERS TO SHOOT TO KILL IN FORCE

St. Paul, Minn., April 10.—Following repeated attempts on the lives of soldiers doing patrol duty and the destruction of two elevators and the damaging of three others, orders were issued to guardsmen today to shoot to kill.

Two grain elevators were destroyed by fire believed to have been of incendiary origin early today. The total loss 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 under a descending elevator on the corner of Broadway and North Douglas street, where he is employed. The lift was stopped in time to prevent crushing him to death. He received a lacerated scalp wound and contusions of the body and was taken to the Charity Hospital.

LOTTERY LAW ARREST WAS MADE YESTERDAY

Another arrest for alleged violation of the lottery law was made yesterday by Patrolman Kennedy and Corporal Johnson. The prisoner was Albert Laubere, 3143 Laurel street, who is charged with having operated a lottery shop at 717 St. Mary street. Papers, plays and lists, the police say, are being held as evidence.

MEMOCAL WINS IN CUBA

Havana, April 10.—The administration of Gen. Mario G. Menocal, 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 Vuelta de las Tunas, Oriente province, which resulted in a decided victory for President Menocal over Dr. Alfredo Zayas, liberal presidential candidate. The result gives President Menocal 88 electoral votes to 41 for Dr. Zayas.

COOPERATE FOR 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.

Washington, D. C., April 10.—Secretary Daniels today requested every newspaper to refrain from printing either the arrival or the departure of any civilian, international or naval vessel.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY MEETS IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, April 10.—Delegates from all parts of the country are here for the meeting of the American Chemical Society, which begins with a dinner at the University Club to-night.

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 Cullen, Charles Lewis and other big plungers of the Chicago Board of Trade, at the end of one of the most tempestuous days the "pits" have ever witnessed, announced they had ceased all speculation as "an act of patriotism."

Coincidentally their stand, commission firms put the clamp on other speculators by demanding twenty to thirty-five cents a bushel margin on wheat and fifteen cents on corn, instead of the customary two to five cents. Many firms declined to accept orders at all except from old clients of unquestionable backing. The "pikers" were absolutely frozen out.

Mr. Patten voiced the general sentiment in a statement that this was no time for speculation, and that each demand alone should govern a common daily market. 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 Society here.

The resolutions urged also the enactment of a food producing and rationing manufacturing army, composed of those incapacitated for actual military service, such as men beyond the military age, boys from 16 to 19 years of age and other men physically unfit for military duty.

OPPOSITION TO FORCED SERVICE

Washington, April 10.—Opposition to a conscription law is increasing. The Republicans favor the plan. Senator Gallinger today advocated doubling the soldiers' pay.

GERMAN PLOT TO DESTROY PANAMA CANAL

New York, April 10.—General Goussals made public tonight a recent German plot to blow up the Panama canal by running an ammunition laden ship into the locks.

URGE NATIONAL DRY LAW.

Lausang, Mich., April 10.—The Senate today passed a resolution urging Congress to enact Federal prohibition nation wide.

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