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ADDRESS OF MR.  
GEORGE DENEGRE.

At the first anniversary meeting  
of the "Secours Louisianais  
à la France" on February  
23rd.

Ladies of the "Secours Louisianais à la France":

We have met here today to celebrate the first anniversary of the "Secours Louisianais à la France", and to give, if possible, a new existence to the unselfish work of the hand of noble women who brought it into existence one year ago.

I know of no reason why I should have been selected to address you today except that my heart beats responsive to yours in all that concerns France, beautiful, heroic France, wonderful France, which always rises to every occasion and surpasses all expectations. France, which performed such prodigies of valor when all of Europe was arrayed against her in the period following the French revolution that the world believed her endurance, her valor, and her spirit of self-sacrifice had reached the human limit and could not again be equaled, and yet we have lived to see that the spirit of France knows no limit, and that the greater the call, the greater will be her achievement.

Several other shipments were made and delivered successfully and have been acknowledged by the French Red Cross.

The amount of money collected to date by the "Secours" is as follows:

Subscriptions from members... 1,613.45  
Donations... 1,554.84

3,168.29

Money expended to date... 2,251.26

Balance... \$ 917.03

The "Secours" has never been subjected to a cent of overhead charges.

No salaries have been paid or will be paid to any officers, committee or any one else, no one connected with the "Secours" has ever received any pecuniary compensation, services have been given freely and whole-heartedly; one hundred cents out of every dollar contributed have been spent for the benefit of the cause to which it is dedicated, and the money has been wisely and economically administered, concessions being sought from, and generally granted by, the merchants from whom purchases were made. The drayage to ship side has also been generally donated and ships have transported to France and delivered all shipments free of charge.

All of the money raised by the "Secours" has been spent here in New Orleans, nothing has gone abroad except the fruits of the "Secours" labors.

The work you have done has been wonderful and successful beyond praise but there still remains much to do. The end of the third year of this world war is fast approaching, and no one can forecast when it will end; all that we know with certainty, is that the appalling sacrifice of life will continue, that more human wrecks will be made, more cripples added to the already great number; that the wounded and orphans will increase, calling for more and more help, and that your work of mercy will be more and more necessary as time goes by.

France's arch enemy, recalling its swift victories over Napoleon the Third in 1870, Austria in 1866, and Denmark at an earlier date, counted confidently upon a sharp campaign, quickly crowned by victory, but failed to reckon with France herself. The France of 1914, and disappointed by her stout resistance and angered and alarmed by the defeats of the Marne and Verdun, has resorted to most unusual and cruel methods of warfare, which have placed a stigma upon the name of Germany, which will remain against it as long as time endures.

Promised by these thoughts and be-

## TO THE PUBLIC.

The New Orleans Bee, No 520 Conti St., is prepared to publish in the English language in its daily paper all legal and judicial advertisements and notices at the rate of three and a half (3 1/2) cents per agate line, net, instead of seven (7) cents per agate line as heretofore.

Men lead busy lives and are apt to forget such services, but it is different with women of whom it has been beautifully said that men were fashioned out of the dust of the earth, while woman was created from God's own image. The heart of woman never allows her memory to forget, and yours is the task to rouse the sympathy of your fathers, husbands, brothers and sons; to recall to their minds the debt which we all owe to France, and to impress upon them that the cause of France and of her allies, is the cause of civilization, of peace on earth, and, I am not overshooting the mark when I say the cause of humanity.

This ship with her precious first gift, was torpedoed and sunk in the harbor of Havre, but was fortunately raised and the instruments, chair, table and part of the surgical supplies were recovered and forwarded to the front at Verdun, where they accomplished their errand of mercy.

This providential recovery of the first shipment inspired new hope and confidence, and renewed endeavor, and a second shipment was assembled at the home of Mrs. Mason Smith, which she had placed at the disposal of the "Secours", and was safely forwarded and delivered, and both gifts duly acknowledged by the French Red Cross.

The French Society of the 14th of July, being desirous of helping the "Secours", asked and obtained permission to give an entertainment in July, 1916, to raise funds for the "Secours", and realized the sum of five hundred dollars, which was turned over to the "Secours" and invested in another shipment of hospital supplies.

While speaking of this fête given by the French citizens, I cannot refrain from referring, in passing, to the delicacy of sentiment peculiar to the French, which prompted them to select a day in July other than the 14th, as that day represented to them a day of festivity and rejoicing, inappropriate to the deep and solemn sentiments which filled their hearts for their beloved France in the period of her greatest trial.

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## INSURANCE STATEMENTS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

United States Branch, Aachen & Munich Fire Insurance Company of Aix-la-Chapelle, Germany.

For the year ending December 31st, 1916, published in conformity with Sections 1874 and 1875 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, (as amended and re-enacted by Act of 1916).

Capital paid up.....\$ 2,650,000.00

Liabilities, less capital and surplus 1,376,317.70

Surplus.....1,673,743.40

Premiums received in Louisiana,

1916:

Fire.....\$10,563.56

Marine.....

Total.....\$ 10,563.56

Losses paid in Louisiana, 1916:

Fire.....\$ 4,704.27

Marine.....

Total.....\$ 4,704.27

JAMES A. ROSS, Agent, 831 Gravier St., feb 22 to mch 23

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

American Central Insurance Company of St. Louis, Missouri.

For the year ending December 31st, 1916, published in conformity with Sections 1874 and 1875 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, (as amended and re-enacted by Act of 1916).

Capital paid up.....\$ 1,000,000.00

Assets.....\$ 4,149,833.93

Liabilities, less capital and surplus 3,110,098.36

Surplus.....1,092,735.57

Premiums received in Louisiana,

1916:

Fire.....\$36,346.80

Marine.....819.31

Total.....\$ 37,165.81

Losses paid in Louisiana, 1916:

Fire.....\$11,920.96

Marine.....

Total.....\$ 11,920.96

ARTHUR MENDES & CO., 730 Gravier St., feb 22 to mch 23

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company of St. Paul, Minnesota.

For the year ending December 31st, 1916, published in conformity with Sections 1874 and 1875 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, (as amended and re-enacted by Act of 1916).

Capital paid up.....\$ 1,000,000.00

Assets.....\$ 12,884,617.85

Liabilities, less capital and surplus 12,933,538.41

Surplus.....3,895,059.41

Premiums received in Louisiana,

1916:

Fire.....\$32,776.51

Marine.....86,227.32

Total.....\$ 116,793.83

Losses paid in Louisiana, 1916:

Fire.....\$11,920.96

Marine.....

Total.....\$ 11,920.96

GODCHAUX & MAYER, LTD., 817 Union St., feb 22 to mch 30

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

United States Branch, Hamburg-Bremen Fire Insurance Company of Hamburg, Germany.

For the year ending December 31st, 1916, published in conformity with Sections 1874 and 1875 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, (as amended and re-enacted by Act of 1916).

Capital paid up.....\$ 1,000,000.00

Assets.....\$ 2,880,000.00

Liabilities, less capital and surplus 2,737,214.04

Surplus.....1,129,337.33

Premiums received in Louisiana,

1916:

Fire.....\$ 6,197.75

Marine.....

Total.....\$ 6,197.75

Losses paid in Louisiana, 1916:

Fire.....\$ 1,333.62

Marine.....

Total.....\$ 1,333.62

JAMES A. ROSS, Agent, 831 Gravier St., feb 27 to mch 30

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Continental Insurance Company of New York, New York.

For the year ending December 31st, 191