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## TIME TO BUILD UP RIVER TRAFFIC

NEVER A BETTER OPPORTUNITY, SAYS MAYOR MOLLMAN

## MADE TRIP HERE ON STEAMER

Which Brought a Thousand-Ton Cargo—East St. Louis Is Some Town You Believe Its Mayor

Great possibilities are seen in the revival of Mississippi river traffic by Mayor Fred W. Mollman, of East St. Louis, Ill., who, with his wife, arrived in New Orleans yesterday aboard the river steamer East St. Louis. This was the vessel's fourth trip since the recent traffic on the water was revived. It carried a capacity cargo of Anheuser-Busch beer and grain.

Mayor Mollman, who was recently elected for a second term in office, came to this city for relaxation after a strenuous campaign and to make personal observation of conditions along the Mississippi river between here and East St. Louis.

## LATE PLOT STORY FROM NEW YORK

By International News Service. New York, April 26.—The exposure of a plot to kidnap President Wilson, to hold him as a hostage and to organize the German reservists here into an army for the invasion of Canada, was announced today by Judge Rosalski, in the court of general sessions. Max Lynar, who is serving a term for bigamy, originated the plot.

## ORLEANAN WAS ONE OF GUN CREW

By International News Service. Washington, April 26.—Norris Harris, an able seaman from New Orleans was a member of the gun crew on the American steamer Magnolia that sank a German submarine April 19. The submarine, Captain Rice said, was about to attack the liner in British waters on April 19. He declared there was absolutely no doubt that it was destroyed.

# OPPONENTS ADMIT THAT THE CONSCRIPTION BILL WILL WIN

### Senate Will Vote by Saturday Midnight; House Starts Debate Under Five Minute Rule Saturday. Rumored Move for German Republic

By International News Service. Washington, April 26.—The end of the debate over conscription is in sight. Both the House and the Senate have reached agreements which indicate that before the end of the week the conscription bill will have passed both houses. It is expected that the bill will be placed before the President for his signature by May 1. It is admitted now by supporters of the volunteer system that the conscription bill will win. The estimated majority in the House is from 80 to 120 and in the Senate 60. An agreement has been reached to begin voting in the Senate at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The speeches are limited to five minutes and the Senate will vote upon the bill itself not later than midnight Saturday. The agreement in the House leaves debate unlimited. At noon tomorrow Representative Kahn closes the debate in favor of conscription and Chairman DeWitt will close the argument in favor of the volunteer plan. Immediately after the two speeches the House, in a committee of the whole, will begin the debate on the specific terms of the measure, the five minutes rule prevailing. Reports of a movement in Germany for the establishment of a republic were given serious consideration by high government officials here today. While admitting that the German officials might have started the report to throw the United States off its guard, the State Department officials, considered the report significant.

## FOOD, FUEL AND ARMS THEIR NEED

By International News Service. Washington, April 27.—Former Premier Viviani, of the French War Commission, denied tonight that the commission came to America to urge an American army to enter the war. Food, coal and munitions he said, are most needed. He paid a glowing tribute to President Wilson, whose name is on the lips of every school child in France, he said.

## SILENT TRIBUTE TO DEAD PRELATE

BUSINESS ALMOST SUSPENDED DURING HIS FUNERAL

## THOUSANDS THROG STREETS

Watching the Enormous Procession Bass By—Preceded by Solemn Church Ceremonies

A vast concourse of people moving silently out Canal street to Chartres and down Chartres to the St. Louis Cathedral in solemn procession—a vast concourse lining the sidewalks or moving silently along them abreast of the cortege—Canal street at the busiest hour of the day with many stores closed and in all other business entirely suspended—such was the tribute that New Orleans yesterday paid to James Hubert Blinn, almost native son, devoted parish priest, eminent Catholic prelate and at all times devoted and loyal citizen. It was a remarkable tribute, not only by the thousands over whom he was spiritual ruler for eleven years, but by other thousands who admired his sturdy, unflinching character.

## MONEY NEEDED FOR CROP UPLIFT

The State Food Preparedness committee has come to the conclusion that it can do no effective work without money. At its session closing Wednesday night, the needs of the committee were put by long-distance phone before Gov. Pleasant, who is at a Mississippi health resort, and he said he would be in the city Monday to see what can be done to meet the financial demands of the situation. After the governor reaches a decision on this point, the committee will meet another meeting.

After a five day's vigil over the mortal remains, first at the archbishopric, then at St. Augustine's church and finally at St. Joseph's church on Tulane avenue, the final scene in his earthly life was enacted yesterday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. St. Joseph's seats three thousand people, but of course it would not hold a tithe of those who surrounded the casket.

Solemn requiem mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. N. A. Gallagher, D. D., bishop of Galveston, assisted by Very Rev. Julius B. Jeannard, administrator; Very Rev. Thomas J. Larkin, S. M., dean; Rev. Peter M. B. Wynhoven, subdeacon; Rev. Joseph Boudreaux, Rev. M. Chauvin, and Rev. J. P. Holinski, C. M., master of ceremonies.

After mass, absolution was administered by Most Rev. John J. Glennon, D. D., archbishop of St. Louis; Right Rev. Theophilus Meerschart, D. D., bishop of Oklahoma; Right Rev. Edward P. Allen, bishop of Mobile; Right Rev. Cornelius Van de Van, bishop of Alexandria; Right Rev. John B. Morris, bishop of Little Rock.

Bishop Glennon, of Natchez, delivered the eulogy. "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith," was the text. He compared Archbishop Blinn's life of achievement and self-sacrifice—31 years as a priest, 17 years as a bishop, and 10 years as an archbishop—to that of the Apostle Paul as expressed by that venerated disciple in the 11th chapter of Second Timothy.

The basket of Archbishop Blinn during the services and earlier Thursday was guarded by ten Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

The knights were: Mrs. W. J. Bannworth, Thomas J. Kelly, Dr. Homer Thray, James J. Riley, S. A. Allison, M. S. Mahoney, Frank S. O'Donnell, Patrick Gisham, John P. Boyle, J. P. Henican, and substitutes T. J. Connolly and Maurice Fitzgerald.

Special seats in the front of the church were occupied by the following members of the archbishop's family: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Broas, George Boos, Eva Boos, Carl Boos, Edie Boos, his niece and nephews, and George Albert Broas; members of the Fabacher, Points and Grotzsch families; John Marshall, representing Governor Pleasant, Mayor Hebraman, James J. Bailey, secretary of state, Fred J. Grace, registrar of lands, Adjutant General Carl C. McGroarty, Dr. R. E. Clark, Postmaster Charles Janvier, Allison Owen, etc.

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## COUNTING ON A LONG WAR IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES

Chicago, April 26.—Official Washington, particularly executives who are mapping out the war plans of the United States, believes that if peace does not come within a year the war will last from four to six years, according to Senator James Hamilton Lewis, who is in Chicago today. According to Senator Lewis, Washington regards the possibility of trouble with Mexico as serious, and this had much to do with his visit to Governor Lowden. There is a demand, he said, to return to the Mexican border the soldiers who served there recently.

## VON HINDENBURG HURLED LEGIONS

EIGHT TIMES AGAINST BRITISH FRONT IN THREE DAYS.

ALL ATTACKS WERE REPULSED

Though Germans Have Temporarily Checked Allies' Advance. Stories of Trouble in Germany.

By International News Service. London, April 26.—Eight times during the past seventy-two hours Von Hindenburg has hurled an army of human flesh into the teeth of the British fire on the battlefield northeast of Arras. Each time the gray columns were cut down, the British and French lines holding firm, although the Germans have succeeded in checking the Allies, this partial success has been won, according to speculators of the Titanic conflict, at a staggering toll of human life.

The summary adjournment of the Reichstag, when its sittings had barely opened, is given added significance by hints in the German press that the strike agitation in Germany may burst forth with renewed violence on May Day, the great international socialist holiday. A nation-wide labor demonstration in Sweden is also planned for that day and may have its counterpart in Spain.

THE GERMAN MENACE.

Notable Remarks by Ambassador Gerard at the Banquet of American Newspaper Publishers. New York, April 26.—"The German military caste hate the very name of America. I know it we had renounced out of the war we would have been attacked by Germany if the war ended either in a draw or in a German victory," was the emphatic declaration made tonight by James Gerard, former American ambassador to Germany, at the banquet of American Newspaper Publishers' Association at the Waldorf-Astoria.

## WILL LEND WHEAT BUT EXPECTS IT RETURNED

Buenos Aires, April 26.—The government has decided to permit the export of 180,000 tons of wheat and 20,000 tons of flour to Great Britain, France and Italy, the British government guaranteeing to return two hundred thousand tons of wheat between July and September from Canada and Australia. In case of the failure of the crops in these countries, the British government agrees to obtain the wheat from other sources and return it to Argentina.

Argentina also has decided to permit the exportation of 150,000 tons of wheat to Brazil, Uruguay and Spain. The agreement with Great Britain indicates that Argentina is working in close arrangement with the Entente Allies.

## MEXICAN BANDITS ATTACK A TRAIN

(By International News Service.) Laredo, April 26.—It is reported Mexican bandits attacked the south-bound train from Queretaro to Mexico City Tuesday, killing ten soldiers and passengers. They fired into the windows of the train as it passed.

## ALIENS WITH ARMS MUST ADVISE WITH OFFICIALS

U. S. Marshal Frank M. Major furnishes the following warning for publication: The President's proclamation forbidding the possession of firearms or ammunition by alien enemies, includes any unaturalized citizen of any country with which the United States is at war. As there are a number of such alien residents in this city and parish who may have had in their possession, before the issuance of the President's proclamation, and still have, arms for private use, it is suggested for their protection and to put themselves on record that such residents advise the United States marshal, postoffice building, New Orleans, or the sheriffs of the parishes in which they reside of such ownership of weapons and make such disposition of the weapons as may be advised by said officers.

transportation between New Orleans and East St. Louis as great as it is now," Mr. Mollman said. "War conditions are increasing since the declaration of war and the railroads have more than they can handle. Stagnation which, under former conditions, would have been sent by rail, will in many a case now be made on vessels. The whole Mississippi valley is on the boom.

"It was always my aim to bring New Orleans into close relationship with East St. Louis and it is a wonder to me that the river traffic was not revived long ago. The trip can be made in five days.

"It is a delightful trip for those seeking relaxation or bent on pleasure. And New Orleans is a great town, too. I find it quite interesting to sit on the deck of the vessel and watch laborers loading and unloading ships. The port facilities here certainly are wonderful."

Mayor Mollman was asked about commercial and industrial conditions in his home town.

"East St. Louis," he declared, "is better off now than ever before. Prosperity and plenty reign supreme. All the mills, iron works, chemical factories and other establishments that make the town a great industrial center, are turning out their products as fast as they can. Everybody has work.

"We are confronted with two annoying problems, however: labor troubles and the influx of negroes from the South.

"There is considerable unrest among the laboring class. Only a few days ago 1,500 employees of the Illuminum Oil Company went on a strike. The street carmen, too, are expected to quit work if certain demands are not complied with. The city officials and myself are doing everything possible to maintain harmony.

"Train loads of negroes are coming into East St. Louis and it is with difficulty that we are handling them. Our chief problem is accommodating them in the way of dwellings. The real estate men are now considering what they can do. We have work enough for the negroes, though."

Mayor Mollman was re-elected last month by a large majority. A clean-up campaign, similar to the one here, recently took place in East St. Louis, he declared. Saloons were closed on Sunday, stricter regulations imposed and about 20 closed up as undesirable places. East St. Louis, a town of 85,000 pop-

## THE EVER-PRESENT DANGER

Two Little Girls Have Narrow Escapes from Autos.

Two little girls were injured by automobile in different sections of the city last night. Neither was seriously hurt. They were Elvira Fernandez, 5 years, 930 France street, and Helen Love, aged 13, 3706 Saratoga street.

Little Elvira was hurt at France and Burgundy streets. She ran in front of an automobile driven by Leon Villers, 2023 Esplanade avenue. Her injury was treated at home by the family doctor.

While skating in the street near her home, Helen Love tried to cross as an automobile operated by Jules L. Brana approached. The chauffeur tried to stop in time, but was too close to prevent striking the child. Her injury did not require medical attention, however.

ation, had 375 barrooms prior to the reform movement.

Mayor and Mrs. Mollman will return to East St. Louis Saturday by rail.

The steamer East St. Louis was recently purchased by the Grant Chemical Company, of East St. Louis. Charles Roger, manager of the company, is an enthusiastic advocate of river traffic and caused the vessel to be purchased for that purpose.

When it leaves in a few days, the East St. Louis will take about 700 tons of cargo, as much as can be carried up stream. Coming down, its capacity is 1,000 tons.

The greater part of the cargo, according to Percy D. Mitchell, representative of the St. Louis-New Orleans Navigation Company, is composed of sugar. The sugar will be unloaded at Memphis, Cairo and St. Louis, where there is a scarcity of the sweet.

Mr. Mitchell complimented The Bee on its recent editorial about the East St. Louis and the reviving of river traffic.

## RAGUSE LOSES JOB AS SENATOR

Madison, Wis., April 26.—Senator Raguse of Milwaukee, a Socialist, was expelled from the Senate tonight by a vote of 30 to 3 because he refused to retract the unpatriotic remarks he made during a debate in the legislature over the bill authorizing the publication of president Wilson's war message for the use of the public schools.

## TWO MEN INJURED BY SCAFFOLD COLLAPSE

Benjamin Dupont, 2026 Conti street, and Charles Shannon, 8315 Nelson street, carpenters, had a narrow escape from death late yesterday afternoon when a scaffold they were working on in the construction of a building at 3115 Palmyra street, collapsed. They fell a distance of 18 feet.

Dupont's right leg was broken above the ankle and he was injured about the abdomen. Shannon suffered general bruises and a cut of the hand. They were taken to the Charity Hospital. Their hurts were pronounced not serious.

## LOAD OF JUTE ABLAZE

Ray Marshall, negro, chauffeur of a Douglas Transfer Company auto, truck yesterday evening suddenly felt hot about the back while hauling a load of jute at Robin and the river. He turned around to discover the material was on fire. The flames were extinguished with a loss of \$100. Cause of the fire is unknown. The jute was consigned to the Texas and Pacific railroad.