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PAYING THE FIDDLER

When congress with a joyous whoop passed the bill putting seven billion dollars up as an initiation fee for entering the war, we all felt a little bit chesty over the fact.

We can bear with equanimity, the imposition of supertaxes on all incomes above \$5,000 a year. We don't give a cent if the man who makes \$500,000 a year is compelled to give up \$160,000 a year to Uncle Sam.

The man who does not smoke or drink, go to the movies, wear jewelry, ride in an automobile, own a motor boat, chew gum, write letters or send telegraph or telephone messages, may dodge a great part of them, but if he is economical as all that, the income tax will catch him.

If the bill goes through as it is written, the only untaxed relaxation will be going to church. Bad as it needs the money, congress didn't have the heart to tax the contribution boxes of the clergy.

RESTORING TRAFFIC ON THE RIVER

Telegraphed accounts of the meeting held in St. Louis this week to restore the old-time traffic on the Mississippi river go to show that the movement initiated by New Orleans met with a ready response from the cities all along the great river.

The work of utilizing this great and long-neglected highway of commerce is a patriotic work; because if the war continues for any length of time water transportation will be absolutely necessary to facilitate the exchange of surplus foodstuffs between north and south and to keep our industries in operation.

It may be stated also that operating barge and steamer lines on the Mississippi will be profitable as well as patriotic. With lack of rail equipment, rail shipments to Eastern ports will become more and more delayed and congested.

It is reassuring to see New Orleans men taking the lead in the movement to restore traffic on the Mississippi. New Orleans has a direct and vital interest in the carrying out of the plans made by the St. Louis conference.

Crop estimates now are that the United States will produce barely enough wheat to supply the country's normal consumption this year. Let them keep their old sixteen dollars a barrel flour in the north or sell it to the allies.

The dependants of Geronimo's band of Apaches want to join in the defense of the country. It would be a thrilling sight to see the Apaches of the United States and the Apaches of Paris fighting in the same trenches.

Instead of calling her the Fatherland, references to Germany as the Fatherland will be in order if she continues to buck the whole world.

From New York it is now stated that the Theodore Roosevelt army now listed has reached a total of 180,000 and is still climbing. The colonel is accepting the names of middle-aged and old men who have no dependents or if they have are able to provide for them.

The only untoward incident during the visit of the French mission to Kansas City occurred when Mayor Edwards presented a gold souvenir of the visit to Premier Viviani and M. Viviani impulsively threw his arm around the mayor's shoulders and kissed him on both cheeks.

With Secretary Lansing and his board of intelligence on the job, why the hurry to pass a censorship bill? If the department heads can devise their own censorships, let congress attend to more pressing business.

LOUISIANA OPINION.

Loafers and Hogs Barred

Ruston Leader: Loafers are not tolerated in Oberlin, Allen parish. They are required to get a job or move on. Another hog ordinance will also be strictly enforced.

An Unlikely Runner

Lake Providence Banner Democrat: There is a rumor in some sections of the state that the Standard Oil Company and other large oil interests in and around the Shreveport districts, will enter state politics and will try to elect as many members as they can to both the House and Senate so as to control legislation.

But There's a Reason.

Madison Journal: Human nature is perverse. A hundred thousand army jobs open requires skilled recruiters to secure applicants. Let a vacancy occur in a political office and armed guards could not hold back the applicants. Why?

The Future of Film Drama

Shreveport Journal: The motion picture has already added much to the pleasure of the present generation. It has had great faults. When they are overcome—and they will have to be if the cinema survives—there will be no reason why the film drama should not stand high artistically.

Many Chances of Escape

Alexandria Town Talk: An interesting sidelight on the death risk run by Americans joining the army is given by a committee representing more than 100 insurance companies which met recently in New York.

No Influence Will Avail

St. Bernard Voice: The selective drafting will be conducted by representatives of the national government, who, by the very nature of their oath, will be impervious to influence of whatever kind.

Paying in Advance, Too

Assumption Pioneer: A large number of our members of Congress are fixing it they say so that we will be able to pay for the war while we go. Well, that's all right, but up to this time we seem to be paying both going and coming.

WILL CONTINUE ITS CAMPAIGN

Despite the entrance of the United States into the League for the Enforcement of Peace will continue to wage its campaign to keep its views before the public.

Mr. Pearl Wight, 1403 Whitney Building, New Orleans, La.: My Dear Sir—It is of the very greatest importance that the high purpose of the war, as set forth by the President, to establish "an universal dominion of right by such a concept of free peoples as shall bring peace and safety to all nations and make the world itself at last free" shall be brought forward prominently and kept constantly before the country.

Our executive committee believes that our league has a special fitness for performing this service, and, therefore, a special duty in the matter. The very object for which we are organized has become the purpose for which both our government and our allies are waging the war.

You will notice that our branches are urged by the resolution to redouble their efforts at this time, and especially to have speakers present at meetings called in behalf of the war to interpret its purpose, in the light of the President's words and the league proposals.

The resolution referred to ought to go into the hands of all those who are speaking, or may be induced to speak, in our behalf. Copies will gladly be sent for your use, as will also copies of the additional resolution and statements that are being mailed herewith.

Thanking you for your co-operation which I assure you on behalf of myself and my associates, is highly appreciated, I am, very truly yours, (Signed) WM. H. TAET, President.

CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING DRUGS

Caught in the act of passing morphine to a woman prisoner in the Central police station last night, Henry Ritchie, Poydras and St. Charles streets, was arrested by Sergeant Gustave Alberts on a charge of violating the anti-drug act.

Gladys Clark was arrested earlier in the night with Arthur Hummel, a police character, at Conti and Burgundy streets, by Detectives Purretto and Obitz. A hypodermic syringe and some morphine are said to have been in possession of the woman.

The pair had been in jail a few hours when Ritchie called to see them. He was granted permission by Clerk Clabitt, who, however, was suspicious. He told Sergeant Alberts of his suspicions.

BIG PENALTIES FOR BLUECOATS

Several of the force charged with various violations of the police manual appeared before Superintendent Reynolds when he held court yesterday morning. Patrolmen Louis Herford and Edward Schelter, of the seventh precinct station, received the highest penalties.

SUIT TO RECOVER \$9,600 IS BEGUN

Suit was filed in the Civil District Court yesterday against Emanuel Lemle for \$9,600, the Importers' Coffee Company being the plaintiff.

The petition alleges that Hagererty was vice president and general manager of the Importers' Coffee Company between June 17 and November 17, 1913; during that period, it is stated, Hagererty had dealings with Lemle, as a result of which the latter received \$9,600 from Hagererty.

Miss Barbara Schoppel is suing the New Orleans Railway and Light Company for \$15,185 damages. She alleges that on October 25 last she was alighting from a Claiborne avenue car at Calhoun street, when the car started forward, throwing her to the ground.

Suits filed in civil district court are the following: Jackson Building and Loan Association vs. Miss Ada Cohen, claim, \$1,537.49; succession of Herman M. Bush, petition for possession; Frank B. Twomey vs. Henrietta Patterson Hart, executory process, \$1,000; succession of Mrs. Mary M. Goringler for possession; succession of Felix C. Antoine; McDonough Realty Co. vs. Nora Lambert, sequestration; succession of Jean Mouniecu; Ledevic Galadon Co. vs. Carl E. Peterson, claim, \$165.75; Wood and Selick Inc. vs. Pelican Cracker Co., account, \$349.39; S. A. Syllars vs. Mrs. E. Smith, separation; Mrs. Marie Martin vs. John H. Harmon, separation; succession of Robert West, for possession; Caledonio Mazzola vs. James Nicholas, provisional seizure, \$250; Miss Barbara Schoppel vs. N. O. Ry. Light and Waterworks Co., damages, \$15,185; William B. Koops vs. Walter J. Roupart, damages, \$500; succession of Mrs. Marie Adele Leonie Leland, for possession; Importers Coffee Co., Ltd. vs. Emanuel Lemle, claim, \$9,600; Manuel Penedo vs. Frederico Aguilar, claim, \$210.

Mrs. Marie Martin vs. John H. Harmon, separation bed and board; Caledonio Mazzola vs. James Nicholas, provisional seizure, \$250; Miss Barbara Schoppel vs. New Orleans Railway and Light Company, \$15,185; William B. Koops vs. Walter J. Poupart, damages, \$500; Importers' Coffee Company, Ltd. vs. Emanuel Lemle, claim, \$9,600. Ernest Michel vs. Mrs. Loretta Waterman, note \$525; Leglise Broth. Mrs. Widow A. M. McCrane vs. George Sladovich, claim, \$334.70; Herbert N. Pettigrew vs. Frank E. Garner, notes, \$210.

Successions Robert West, Mrs. Marie Adele Leonie Leland.

FLAG TEST AT CARROLLTON Flag raising exercises will be held at the Carrollton car barn Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. John T. Nix, Cary Frederic and Harold Moise will speak. The men sought the flag by contributions and donations among themselves.

LABORER DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID

A man said to be William Smith, about 35 years old, a laborer along the river front, swallowed an ounce of carbolic acid in his room above the saloon of Frank Rosselli, 833 Pecatur street, last night, and died shortly after at the Charity hospital. The cause of his act is a mystery.

Rosselli told Patrolman Frank Kenner, of the Third precinct station, that Smith, who had been rooming there for the past few days, told him yesterday afternoon that he was going upstairs to sleep. There was nothing in his actions, Rosselli said, to indicate he was contemplating suicide. Last night while passing the room, Rosselli heard groans. He called and receiving no reply, forced the door open. Smith was found writhing about upon the bed. On the floor was an empty bottle labeled carbolic acid. Police are trying to find relatives of the dead man. No one who knew him could be found last night.

ARRESTED FOR FIRING IN AIR

Private Watchman Joseph Lewis, Rocheblave street and Howard avenue, was arrested last night by Patrolman Assel, of the Central station for firing a shot into the air while chasing a boy who threw a rock at him in front of the Queen theatre, Tulane avenue and Galvez streets, where he is employed to preserve order. Lewis was discharged in the night court by Recorder Chamberlain.

Lewis told the court that a crowd of boys who gather in front of the theatre every night give much annoyance to the management. They refuse to move on when he requested and even hurl stones at the manager, he said. Police have been told of these occurrences numerous times.

Last night a boy, said to be Thomas Meade, was sitting on the steps of the theatre and Lewis asked him three times to move. He refused and the watchman forced him to get up. The boy then picked up a rock, it is charged and threw it at Lewis, who has but one arm. This angered Lewis, who ran after him and fired a shot into the air to stop the boy, but the latter escaped.

Patrolman Assel, who lives in the neighborhood, was attracted by the report, ran to the theatre, where he found Lewis with a gun in his hand, and arrested him. The affair caused considerable excitement in the neighborhood and temporarily put a stop to the performance in the theatre.

BRANDEL STILL IN BAD CONDITION FROM WOUND

Sam Brandel, 22, who was shot in a quarrel with Captain "Bill" Martin at Gretna Wednesday, was reported at the Charity Hospital last night as still being in a critical condition. He was shot through the left lung.

SAILING VESSELS CARRY RICE

Sailing vessels for the first time in history are being loaded with cargoes of rice. At present there are two sailing vessels in port which are taking on cargoes of 10,000 bags each. As each bag weighs approximately 100 pounds, it will mean that the cargoes on each vessel will weigh about 1,000,000 pounds.

SWIMMERS RACE AT RAMPART CLUB

The first of a series of Thursday night swimming contests for amateurs of the city was held last night at the Young Men's Gymnastic club in Rampart street. Each Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock similar contests will be held and they will be open to all amateurs in the city.

The purpose of the contests is to create a greater interest in swimming in New Orleans.

The results of the contests last night follow: Fancy diving contest—W. P. Allison, Jr., M. Kennedy. Forty yard senior dash—L. O'Donnell, George Staigg and Ray Davis. Time, 21 seconds.

Eighty yard senior dash—George Staigg, L. O'Donnell, R. Davis. Time, 34 3-5 seconds.

Twenty yard dash, junior—Victor Demourouelle, Jr., J. Coyle, Pat Allison, Jr. Time, 11 seconds.

Twenty yard dash, junior, heat 2—Ray Moore, Paul Senteil, E. Cloutel. Time, 10 seconds.

Forty yard dash, junior—Ray Moore, P. Senteil, L. Aveguo. Time, 25 seconds.

Forty yard dash, junior, heat 2—E. Cloutel, Pat Allison, Jr., M. Kennedy. Time, 25 seconds.

Twenty yard dash, juvenile—Monroe Hatch, E. Burke and E. Irwin. Time, 15 seconds.

Twenty yard dash, juvenile, heat 2—L. Aveguo, W. Butler, Pat Allison, of the Elks, was referee; W. Davis, timekeeper; L. Beland, A. Galvis, H. Johnson, judges; Ted Gormley, starter.

WISCONSIN ORGANIZES COUNTY CROP BOARDS

Madison, Wis., May 9.—"Win the war with food," the slogan of the Washington authorities, has become the battle cry of the Wisconsin Council of Defense. Practically every county in the state has completed the organization of a County Defense Council, with headquarters in the various county seats, every possible effort being extended to increase the food production of the state.

A bill has been drafted which provides for the seizure of foodstuffs and fuel by the state council, should occasion demand. The council will effect equitable distribution of all food supplies in case the emergency demands state supervision.

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