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MATTOON, ILLINOIS, ALMOST DEMOLISHED BY A CYCLONE

From 50 to 100 Killed and 300 Injured Latest Report--Other Towns Are Wrecked and Lives Lost

By International News Service.
Chicago, May 26.—A cyclone swept through Shelby County and the adjoining counties late this afternoon. It is reported that fifty bodies have been recovered at Mattoon. Three hundred were injured. Many buildings were wrecked.
Springfield, Ills., May 26.—Governor Lowden has just received a message from Mayor Swan, of Mattoon, Illinois, saying that the dead will number between fifty and one hundred. The city was practically wiped out by the cyclone tonight. The aid of troops is asked.
Paris and Charleston, in the same county, are reported damaged and further loss of life is feared. Five were killed at Moxesto and five were killed at Palmyra.
The village of Manhattan, two miles southeast of Joliet, was cut off by the cyclone. Fallen trees and wreckage are blocking the rescuers from reaching the scene.
Goodnow, thirty-four miles south of Chicago, was damaged, and several persons injured. Wires and railroads are crippled over a wide area.

COMMITTEE MAPS OUT THE PROGRAM

FOR NEW ORLEANS CELEBRATION OF 'BASTILLE DAY'

MAIN EVENT AT FAIR GROUNDS

Reception at French Consulate, Visit to City Hall, Street Parade Among Preliminaries

Preparations for a magnificent celebration of the anniversary of the Fall of the Bastille, an event that overthrew the age-long reign of feudal despotism in France, and ushered in the era of liberty, equality and fraternity, are already under discussion by the French society of the Fourteenth of July. The officers and directors under the presidency of Dr. Jules G. Roussel, who has served several terms as the guiding spirit of the organization, held a meeting Friday night at the headquarters of the society and appointed a number of sub-committees to look after the multiple details of a programme that is expected to eclipse in elaborateness and variety any of the previous festivals given by the patriotic society.
Since the beginning of the European war the Fourteenth of July society observed the anniversary of the fall of the Bastille in informal manner, out of respect to the attitude of neutrality of the United States, but this year there being a state of war between the United States and Germany and our Nation being united in the common cause of democracy with France and the governments of the Entente, the officers of the society have decided to commemorate the festival date in a most formal manner as in the days previous to 1914.
There will be the customary visits to the French consulate by the officers.

TONG MAY BECOME RIVAL OF MAFIA

CHINESE HEARTS TREMBLE WITH FEAR UPON DISCOVERY

FEAR DEATH ON DISCOVERY

New Orleans Oriental Merchants Protest Trust Prices Prevailing in Buying Merchandise

Existence of a recently formed Tong society in the local Chinese colony became known last night through information said to have been furnished the authorities by a Chinese who fears violence is impending. It is said that an emissary of the Tong, which has branches at San Francisco and New York, arrived here from Portland, Oregon, four weeks ago, accompanied by four Chinese.
According to the information obtained, the Tong is being organized for the purpose of fighting the Chinese merchants who have taken advantage of the war and are charging unusually high prices for their goods. Despite the alleged raise in prices, New Orleans Chinamen still purchase from merchants of their own race. It seems to be a matter of pride which they will not break. Thus are they at the mercy of the merchants.
A letter is said to have been written to the authorities by a Chinese merchant complaining of the Tong. Since this, the same Chinese have employed one of the leading lawyers of the city to try to get the letter back, for he fears that if it is known that he gave the information, members of the Tong will kill him.
However, authorities last night were loath to discuss the matter. No one seemed to know a thing about it, although the man who wrote the letter was interviewed by a reporter.
In Chinatown, that small stretch along Tulane avenue on either side of the street, are many stores. All of these are run by Chinamen.
For some time, or dating back three years, there has been dissension among the traders. It is claimed that goods could be bought cheaper elsewhere.
Things became worse, according to a Chinese who does not want the Tong to know his name. He says that the war resulted in the further raise in prices.
Then four laundrymen got together and sent word to the Golden Gate. About four weeks ago an emissary from Portland came to New Orleans. He brought a few Chinese with him. They organized the Tong. Its headquarters are close to the merchants. Every Chinaman here can tell where it is. But they are afraid of the Tong and hold their tongues.
From Mott street to Basin street isn't far in Chinese circles and news soon reached these Tongmen that the letter had been written. Who "peached" is not known.
Fear that the Tong will break out at any moment is uppermost in the minds of the quiet Chinese of the district. In fact, it was told yesterday that the man who wrote the letter may not only get a warning, but may be found and then the warning given.
New Orleans police have been instructed how to deal with this menace, having profited by the experience of police in other cities. Lately the Tong wars on the Pacific coast cost many lives—lives of Americans, too, in blue uniforms with brass buttons—because the Chinese in their desperation at those times fired on every one who interfered with them.

GIRLS LOCATED; 2 MEN ARRESTED

SAD SEQUEL TO ESCAPE AT WEST END

ONE GIRL 16, THE OTHER 15

Three Saloonmen Face Charges of Violating Law by Selling Liquor to Women

Two girls missing from home were found yesterday by the police and as a result of their escapades two men have been arrested on serious charges and three saloonkeepers will be charged with violating the Gay-Shattuck law by selling liquor to women.
The girls are Ethel Poley, 15, 220 South Prieur street, and Beatrice Bosworth, 16, 135 North Broad street. William Johnson, 745 Julia street, and Edward Perkins, West End, are the men.
Affidavits will be made against the following saloonmen whose places are at West End: William Perkins, father of Edward Perkins, proprietor of the Auto Cafe; James Thom, owner of the Roadhouse, and Chris Rabensteiner, who conducts the Halfway House.
The girls is that they met several men a few days ago, among them being Johnson, who took them to the Roadhouse, the Auto Cafe and the Halfway House, where they drank intoxicants. They met Perkins at his father's saloon and he is alleged to have joined the party.
Friday evening with Johnson, who took them to a house at 713 Julia street, where another man, who has not been arrested, joined them.
Detectives Scheffler and Metho made the arrests. The girls were turned over to a matron of the Juvenile court and are being held as material witnesses.

NAVAL SECRETS MAY HAVE BEEN BETRAYED IN ENGLAND

Investigations Began on Both Sides of The Atlantic Yesterday--Many Germans are Under Observation

Washington, May 26.—Two rigid investigations were ordered by the government today into the activities of German spies, which enabled word of the sailing of the American fleet to reach Berlin four days in advance of their arrival at a British port.
One investigation is being made by the Navy Department and the other by the Department of Justice.
Some belief was expressed today that the information might have leaked out in England. An investigation is in progress there also. The American State Department has started an investigation of recent German activities in this country. Hundreds of Germans are being watched and arrests are expected.
The governors of twenty-nine states have submitted plans to Food Administrator Hoover for co-operation in conserving the nation's food supply so that America may be fed and also supply the needs of the Allies. Some of the Governors will call extra sessions of their legislatures is necessary.
The emergency fleet corporation programme to build a "food fleet" of a thousand 3,000-ton wooden ships in 18 months was definitely abandoned today.
Forced originally to turn to wood because of the scarcity of steel for ship construction, the fleet corporation right-about-faced today. After conferences with big steel manufacturers, it was decided to build the ships of steel.
Believing that the government should arouse the country to the seriousness of the war situation, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States inaugurated a tremendous movement to that end by asking its members to express by wire opinions on the plan for a nation-wide campaign of information conducted by the government. It is feared the American people fail to realize the situation.

FIVE TITONIC PLANES DOWNED

By International News Service.
London, May 26.—Numerous air battles occurred between the British and Germans on the west front yesterday, says the official British headquarters in France tonight.
Five German machines were shot down and five others damaged. Five British machines are missing. Northwest of Fontaine Les Croiselles British claim slight advance.

ENJOY PEEP AT NEW ORLEANS

Junior Naval Reserves Guests of Big Commerce Body
One hundred and thirty-one members of the Junior Naval Reserve were the guests of New Orleans yesterday. The boys range in age from 14 to 17 years, and after having undergone training at Corpus Christi, Tex., are on their way East to go into summer training. Major Willis Johnson Physico is in charge of the boys.
It had originally been intended to parade the boys through the city and later take them on a sight-seeing tour, but upon arrival yesterday a delegation from the Association of Commerce persuaded Major Physico to allow the boys to be the guests of the association.
The school is financed by several New York millionaires. Even though a boy has no money and wants to attend the school he is required to pass an examination and then he is given the training of four years' time. At the end of this time he is fitted to take a command in the navy or merchant marine.

GOOD DEMAND FOR REALTY

A 15-foot lot with improvements in Napoleon avenue at Johnson street has been sold by John F. Charlton to Mrs. Rachel S. Weinberger for a consideration of \$7,000. The lot has a frontage of 118 feet on Johnson street.
The Carrollton Land company has sold to Isidore Singer six lots in Feniston street, at Howard. The lots, front 24 1/2 feet on Peniston, and brought \$7,700.
The Hotel Grunewald company has acquired from Miss Gabriel Marguerite Boudousquie and others a 24-foot lot in Dryades street between Tulane avenue and Gravier, for a consideration of \$3,500, or \$146 a front foot.

NEW TEST RACING LAW SUBMITTED

The Jefferson race track case was taken under advisement yesterday by Judge Fleury of the court in Geona. It is understood that should the defendants win out in the matter, persons interested in the case will see that the matter gets before the supreme court of the state.
The alleged gambling was done at the Suburban track, May 19, and when the case came up yesterday Edward Austin, who it is alleged attempted to operate a gambling enterprise, withdrew his plea of not guilty and asked for a bill of particulars, which was presented.

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CUBA BREAKS INTO BIG LEAGUE

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76 DIE IN RAID OF AIRPLANES

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London, May 26.—A total dead of 76 and injured 174, is the result of sixteen German airplanes raiding Eastern England Friday afternoon. On their return across the Channel, they were met by a strong squadron of English fliers from Dunkirk. Three German machines were bagged.

WASHINGTON ARTILLERY BALL AT THE ARMORY

Hundreds of Orleanians attended the May ball, which was held at the Washington artillery hall last night. The ball was held to celebrate Washington Artillery's acceptance by the government as a regiment of artillery. Invitations had been sent out all during the week, and as the war spirit prevails the attendance last night was one of the largest that has ever attended a similar function given by the soldiers.

CARON GRANTED NEW TRIAL

On the strength of a report made by Coroner Joseph O'Hara to the effect that he was insane at the time of the killing, Ernest Caron, 3312 Dumaine street, recently found guilty of manslaughter in Judge Baker's court for slaying Henry Mitten, will be granted a new trial. Dr. O'Hara said yesterday he prepared his report before the trial and did not know it was coming up so soon. He was out of town at the time.

REACH END OF COLLEGE YEAR

Final examinations are now in progress at Newcomb college and Tulane university preliminary to the opening of commencement week next Wednesday. The complete program for commencement at New Orleans' two great educational institutions follows:
Friday, June 1—8 p. m., Newcomb senior class play, Newcomb campus.
Saturday, June 2—10 a. m., Newcomb alumnae annual meeting, Newcomb college; 11 a. m., planting of ivy, school of medicine, Richardson memorial, Tulane campus; 4 p. m., Newcomb senior class day, Newcomb campus; 8 p. m., class exercises, school of medicine, Hutchinson memorial.
Sunday, June 3—Baccalaureate sermon, Rev. Ulysses Grant Foote, D. D., of Bayne Memorial church, Newcomb chapel.
Monday, June 4—8 p. m., public meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa society, Gibson hall; address by Edwin Mims, Vanderbilt university.
Tuesday, June 5—10:30 a. m., Newcomb college closing exercises, Newcomb hall; 4 p. m., tennis tea, Newcomb campus; 8 p. m., lantern drill, singing on the steps and loving cup service, Newcomb senior class, Newcomb campus.
Wednesday, June 6—11 a. m., annual commencement of the university, French opera house; 7:30 p. m., Newcomb alumnae reunion, Newcomb campus.

MEASLES HALTS TRAINING

Washington, May 26.—An epidemic of measles with casual cases of spinal meningitis due to the lack of barracks and influx of 50,000 recruits, led the navy to halt training, men enlisted now are being accepted only "subject to call". They will not be called to service until new barracks and hospitals are provided.

EXPOSURE OF WHOLESALE VICE FILMED AT EMPIRE

"Is Any Girl Safe?" an unbelievable exposure of wholesale vice, marvellously portrayed, opens its engendered at the Empire theatre today. There is nothing ever drawn about "Is Any Girl Safe?" It is not merely a story, it is a sort of pictorialized editorial and sermon rolled into one, with a tremendously thrilling appeal to all classes, and it really ought to accomplish much good.
Just as it is advertised it is "a fearless arraignment of a monstrous evil," but it is the cleanest picture ever made, yet the most powerful. Its amazing story of the world-wide evil is handled in a rare, sweet manner that awakens brother, mother, son, daughter, sister, brother and sweetheart. Lieutenant Costigan, head of the New York police vice squad, said, "It is true to life and in my mind there is no harm in it. However, it doesn't go far enough."

BOND CAMPAIGN CONTINUES IN U.S.

Washington, May 26.—The investible earnings of the people of the United States are increasing at the rate of two billion dollars every three months, according to Controller of the Currency Williams.
In a statement tonight he declares if the people would invest in Liberty Loan bonds their entire net increment, or excess income, over actual expenses for three months period alone would absorb the entire two billion issue of bonds now offered.
Postmaster General Burleson wired postmasters today that rural carriers be instructed to accept from banks printed circulars containing exclusive bond advertising without postage.