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THE QUESTION OF FOOD

Both President Wilson and our allies across the water are alarmed at the slowness of congress in passing laws giving extraordinary powers to Herbert C. Hoover, the recently named food administrator, though from entirely different viewpoints. The president fears that the allies will enter into competition and buy our food away from us, while in allies circles, fear is expressed that shipments may be hindered.

In an address to the senate committee on agriculture, the president expressed the fear that if congress delayed, European nations largely dependent on American supplies might begin to compete with each other in buying here in such fashion as to send prices in the United States to alarming heights and bring about unrest in the great cities.

The London Daily News, commenting on the delay of action by congress, after remarking that the whole situation with respect to the production of food in Great Britain is thoroughly unsatisfactory and likely to remain so as long as men continue to be drawn from agriculture for the army says:

> "The public will become greatly reassured when the measure that makes Mr. Hoover food controller in America and confers upon him plenty of powers becomes a law. Without desiring either to question or discuss the procedure of the United States legislature, we may be permitted to emphasize the importance of setting the direction of food exportation from America at the earliest practicable moment on so secure a basis as the food bill would ensure."

While the desire to speed up legislation is very natural in the circumstances, these complaints of congressional delay and the country's delay are very wearisome. While this is the greatest democracy on earth, it has shown more speed in war preparations than autocracy could accomplish.

It put into effect in sixty days a general conscription law, more than the British colonies have been able to do in three years. Mr. Norris, the Manitoba premier, spoke approvingly of conscription at Monday night's meeting; but he did not mention that Canada has no such a regulation, nor that the Australian authorities had incautiously submitted conscription to popular vote and met with a decisive defeat. It has financed war preparations on a greater scale in sixty days than any of the countries at war have attempted in a year. It has passed in a hurry more legislation vitally affecting the welfare of the United States than was ever attempted before in the entire life of any congress.

In a matter of such vital importance as the disposal of the food crops of the United States, which from present prospects will be little more than the nation itself needs for ordinary consumption, the people of the country will not blame congress for proceeding cautiously and with proper anxiety to safeguard our own food interests. We appreciate the anxiety of the allies for a proper supply of food, but emphatically the needs of our own country should come first. Congress may easily be pardoned for seeking assurances, before enacting radical legislation, that the home supply of food be safeguarded. If this is what is causing congressional delay, the delay is proper and necessary.

Kentwood does not believe in taking the war activities in gloomy spirit. According to a correspondent, the registration office Tuesday "was crowded with both whites and blacks eager to register." At one o'clock, he continues, an automobile parade, headed by a band, organized at the school grounds and marched down the main street to the postoffice where "J. H. Womack, postmaster, attired to represent Uncle Sam, made a rousing patriotic address particularly complimenting the negroes in their response to the patriotic call." We admire the spirit of Kentwood. There is no need of making the performance of a necessary duty drab and unattractive.

Henry Moneranie, an Osage Indian chief—all Indians are chiefs now—was shot and killed by his wife last week. Even the Indians are feeling the discomforts of the squaws refusing to queen it in the wigwam.

The senate is contemplating the levying of a graduated war tax from $7.50 to $25 upon the owners of automobiles to take the place of the tax upon the automobile manufacturers. Considering the war tax already imposed on the automobile owners by the gasoline manufacturers, it would seem more just to let the auto makers bear the government war tax. They make profit enough to stand for it.

Germany is also suffering from the annoying activities of the pacifists. A back door dispatch, via Copenhagen, ascribes a recent epidemic of fires in munition factories and the burning of numerous granaries and farm buildings to the peace-at-any-pricers. American pacifists have never passed yet beyond the stage of talk in urging their views upon the government.

The high tide of patriotism was reached in one of the Louisiana parishes this week when the twelve members of the police jury donated their entire year's salaries to the Red Cross.

To get money in large chunks from Louisiana, Secretary McAdoo should time his next bond issue for late next fall when the farmers get the money for their crops.

LOUISIANA CONDENSED.

O. M. Birch, a Covington merchant, attempted to force his way into the home of his stepson Wednesday, threatening to do him bodily injury and ran into a load of bird shot which killed him.

The negroes of Burton held a patriotic rally Monday night.

R. O. Marsh, president of the Port Barre Lumber Co. shot and killed his former superintendent, J. C. Schee, at Port Barre Wednesday. He claims self defense.

St. John parish Monday unanimously voted an issue of $180,000 in road bonds.

The summer normal school at Amite City had a program of welcome at its opening Monday.

Tangipahoa parish reports a bumper oats crop this year, but corn is suffering from drouth.

Albert Martin is in jail at Thibodaux charged with the murder of Charles Frichtenstein in the Chackbay section of Lafourche.

Ed. Williams, a Holy Roller preacher, has been arrested at Lake Charles on charge of preaching against registration for war duty.

The alumni of Jefferson college will have their annual reunion and banquet next Wednesday at Convent.

St. James high school graduated three last week.

Arthur J. Escude has been re-elected mayor of Mansura without opposition.

Louisiana college at Pineville closed its year's work Tuesday night. The graduating class numbered ten.

Ascension parish will start on a road building program from Hope Villa to the St. James line approximately thirty miles. The road district will furnish $99,000 and the state highway department the rest.

Baton Rouge estimates its military registration at twenty per cent above the government expectation.

Mansfield is enjoying a week of Chautauqua entertainment.

H. G. Schonberg told the registers at Hammond that he was a German sympathizer and would fight against the United States if he had a chance. He was arrested.

Dr. E. L. McGehee is instructing a class of 18 in Red Cross work at Hammond.

A man 87 years old tried to register at Monroe Tuesday.

Negroes turned out for registration at Monroe to a man.

Crowley had a soaking rain Sunday badly needed for the crops.

Farmers will meet at Alexandria Saturday to talk about a sweet potato curing plant.

At Minden many negroes over age wanted to register anyhow on Tuesday.

Philip Laplo, rice farmer of Estherwood, has invested $1,000 in Liberty Loan bonds.

Monroe has adopted a budget for next year $65,000 less than last years. Among items budgeted were $15,000 for new docks and $10,000 for a new cemetery.

Mayor Sealy and Trustee Villamin of New Iberia were re-elected, but the Trustee of Finance lost by ten majority.

Washington high school has six graduates last week. Iota had the same number.

New Iberia is overrun with oil prospectors and a dozen new prospect holes have been started.

J. M. and J. Hawkins of Los Angeles have purchased Willowhurst farm near Lockport, containing 1,000 acres, for $30,000 and will convert it into a model stock farm.

The Y. M. C. A. of the state has named a war council to raise funds in Louisiana for war purposes. They want $20,000.

Dr. Charles McVea of Baton Rouge has been re-elected surgeon of the L. S. U.

Paul Sipple registered at Shreveport as a German citizen and reserve lieutenant in the German army. He came here before the war broke out but couldn't get back.

ITEMS OUT OF THE ORDINARY FROM THE DAY'S COURT GRIND

The appointment of Judge Paul Leche, of Donaldsonville, to the supreme court bench, to fill the vacancy made by the death recently of Associate Justice Land, probably will be announced formally on Monday. The supreme court will meet on that day to hand down decisions, and will elect a judge to fill the unexpired term of Justice Land.

Judge Leche has been considrered the likely man for the place. He was in the city yesterday conferring with members of the supreme court, and with friends. Before leaving he stated that his appointment had been agreed upon, and that he would sit on the bench Monday when the court meets, and his appointment would be entered on the minutes.

Judge Leche is now a member of the circuit court of appeals for the Southwestern district. He has served as district judge of the Ascension-St. James district for many years, and has been a member of the circuit court of appeals since 1912.

LEAVES PROPERTY TO CHARITY

Will of Mrs. Mary Skelly Filed in Civil Court Here

The Little Sisters of the Poor, of New Orleans, are the chief beneficiaries of Mrs. Mary Skelly, 433 Slidell avenue, Algiers, who passed away a few days ago. Mrs. Skelly's will was filed for record yesterday, and leaves all her property to the Little Sisters of the Poor, except the following special bequests: Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Algiers, $500; school of the Holy Cross sisters, Algiers, $500; Annie Guy, $500; Eva and Anna Rodick, $100 each. Father Thomas J. Larkin is named executor without bond.

The will of Mrs. Sarah Larsen Cornet, filed yesterday, leaves a special bequest of $1,000 to her brother George C. Larsen, and sums of money ranging from $50 to $100, and certain articles of jewelry to her nieces and nephews. The remainder of the property goes to her husband, Mrs. Antonio Greco, in her will, leaves her interest in the community property to her husband.

MONEY DIDN'T ARRIVE ON TIME

So Andrew Kolwe Wants Damages for Being "Broke"

Claiming that he was forced to go hungry for several hours, and had to ride from Baton Rouge to New Orleans on a free pass, Andrew J. Kolwe has filed suit against the Western Union Telegraph Company for $2,000. He claims that on June 9 last he was in Baton Rouge, and that one F. G. Birchmeier wired him money, but that the telegraph company failed to deliver it. He was thereby inconvenienced and humiliated to the extent of $2,000, he asserts.

NEW HOTEL PLAN CAUSED HAVOC

Tenants Scattered When They Heard News, Says Mrs. Carmouche

As the result of the published announcement of the formation of a syndicate headed by Albert Aschaffenberg to build a $700,000 hotel in University Place, Mrs. Lillie Carmouche has filed suit against Peter Jung for either $1,500 or $2,500, as the court may elect. She alleges that she leased the premises at 117 University Place from Jung last September for a year, and that she was realizing a profit of $350 a month, when the announcement caused her sub-lessees to scatter, leaving the apartments vacant. She alleges that Jung was to have the privilege of cancelling the lease on April 1 for $1,500, and asks that either he be obliged to pay that sum and cancel the lease, or to pay her $2,500 for the loss of profits his alleged breach of faith caused.

DECISION WILL HIT CABARETS

Judge Wilson Rules Pickle, Olive and Bread Not a Meal

A decision of considerable interest in local restaurant circles was rendered in juvenile court yesterday morning when Judge Andrew Wilson ruled that a slice of pickle, an olive and a piece of bread could not constitute food in the accepted meaning of the word. Thomas Thom, proprietor of a West End resort, was on trial on a charge of serving beer to two girls, and put up the defense that he had observed the Gay-Shattuck law by serving food with the drinks. Judge Wilson could not see it that way, and found him guilty. In view of the fact that the cabarets are one by one coming back under the "sandwich alias", the decision will be of more than ordinary interest.

BORST CASE UP FOR TRIAL

Suit Against Mrs. Parkerson on Trial in Federal Court

Instituted over a year ago, the case of Mrs. Louise S. Borst against Mrs. Camelia Parkerson, testamentary executrix of the estate of her late husband, W. S. Parkerson, prominent attorney, for the recovery of $25,000, began yesterday in the Federal court before Judge Foster.

In her petition, Mrs. Borst alleges that Parkerson, to whom she entrusted her financial affairs, exchanged for cash or notes he knew to be worthless $20,000 of her securities that he hld. This was done, Mrs. Borst alleges, without authority from her to convert the securities into cash before their maturity.

AUTO COLLISION RESULTS IN $3,910 DAMAGE SUIT

Samuel Vernacie, a charcoal seller, has filed suit against Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell Ogden for $3,910.35 damages as the result of a collision in St. Charles avenue, near First street, on April 13. He alleges that he was driving along the street in his wagon, and that Norbert Ogden, minor son of the defendants, drove his automobile into the wagon, unseating Vernacie and inflicting injuries on the latter.

VOORHIES APPLIES FOR PARDON A THIRD TIME

Cornelius P. Voorhies, convicted of the murder of Alfred J. Theard in the rear of the latter's saloon in Baronne street, on February 17, 1912, has again applied for a pardon, this being his third attempt to be set free. Voorhies is serving a life sentence for the murder.

WANTS DAMAGES FOR AUTO TRUCK'S ECCENTRICITIES

Claiming that an automobile truck owned by the defendant "sideswiped" the posts in front of his property at 828 Camp street, Frederick Lambert has field suit against the American Box company for $2,326.75. He claims that when the posts were swept away the second and third floor galleries were brought crashing to the street, causing a loss amounting to the sum asked in damages.

The following suits were filed in civil court yesterday: Mrs. Lillie Carmouche vs. Peter Jung; recission of sale; Theodore A. Beck vs. Frederick Hefty, executory process, $400; Emancipation of George N. Ryan; Andrew J. Kolwe vs. Western Union Telegraph Co., damages, $2,000; Samuel Vernacie vs. Mitchell J. Ogden and wife, damages, $3,910.35; Jeter John Ghisalberti vs. Dominica Calamari, seouration; Frederick Lambert vs. American Box Co., Ltd., damages, $2,326.75; Widmer Electrical Engineering and Construction Co. vs. The Frye Cotton Oil Products Co., note, $130; Joseph P. Martinez vs. Rene Henry, to force agreement; Liquidators of Prudential Savings and Homestead society vs. Frank A. Nassans, confession of judgment, $871.33; emancipation of Robert Patrick Maher; Succession of Mrs. Sarah Larsen Cornet; Succession of Mrs. Mary Skelly; Succession of Mrs. Antonio Greco; Authorization of Mrs. Antoine L. Populus to borrow; National Cash Register Co. vs. Paul Chiarello, sequestration, $245; Viola Kate Mascari vs. Jos. Anthony Picone, separation; Leonard Green et als. vs. Rev. T. F. Robinson et als., injunction; Dufour and Bro. vs. Andre L. Tujague, claim, $100.70; Dufour & Bro. vs. Natila Manalla, claim, $171.45; N. O. Brewing Co. vs. Jos. Gondrella, claim, $120.30; Fritz Jahneke, Inc., vs. First Free Mission Baptist church, claim, $213.30.

BID GOOD-BY TO SCHOOL

Summer Vacation Begins for 50,000 City Pupils

Fifty thousand students yesterday threw down their duties until next year. The next session of school will begin on the third Monday in September. Two hunderd fifty high school pupils were advanced to the college grade. Closing exercises were held in all of the schools.

Dr. John M. Fletcher, of Tulane, was the principal speaker at the normal school closing. President Capdau presented the diplomas to the graduates.

SWERVED TO AVOID ACCIDENT

In avoiding striking a person who was crossing the street, Miss Anna Corvin, 311 Dauphine street, swerved her automobile aside at Canal and Bourbon streets last night and ran into a post. Harry Broney, 127 North Rampart street, was passing on the sidewalk and knocked down. He received slight injuries.

AGED MAN STRAYS AWAY

Charles Lehde, 72 years old, 742 Louisiana avenue, missing from his home since last Thursday, is being sought by the police. Relatives can give no explanation for his disappearance other than that he evidently strayed away. He is five feet five inches tall, has white hair and beard, is partly deaf and wore a blue shirt, dark pants and hat.

UNNASSUMING AND EASILY PLEASED

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McAdoo repeatedly, as the long line of soldiers passed. He returned their salutes with a zest, and followed the parade with the closest attention. A dog went trotting by, accompanying one of the squad. "Those dogs can be made extremely useful in war," the secretary remarked.

A minute later an automobile passed carrying a number of girls belonging to the honor guard. McAdoo was quick to note that they knew how to salute, and to call it to the attention of those around him.

Someone stepped up and told the secretary that General Pershing and his staff had landed in England. A moment later another man burst through the crowd on the reviewing stand.

"We just received a report on the exchange that the American fleet has discovered a German submarine base and destroyed forty submarines," he exclaimed with bated breath. "I tell you, it made us all feel like somebody."

Secretary McAdoo scrived half sardonically. "I only wish it might be true," he replied, and turned back to view the parade.

The secretary was interested in an old veteran who stood on the base of the McDonogh statue, across the street, and occasionally remitted the rebel yell. When a band passed playing "Dixie" the secretary remarked that he could "holler" with the rest, but he satisfied himself by applauding. "That's the best tune after all," he said.

"This looks more like business than anything we have seen throughout the country," he declared as he watched the long lines of the Washington artillery pass. "It makes me feel good to see a turnout like this."

The intense heat in front of the city hall didn't seem to bother Secretary McAdoo, who was attired in white, and was about the coolest person there. He raised his hat frequently and applauded each new command as it appeared. Despite his apparent interest, however, it could be seen that many such spectacles had left him, possibly, a little bit bored. One could not help wondering if the secretary, despite being the central figure in the display, would not rather have been sitting in a rear room at "Mike's" place, with his coat off and a large schooner before him; or off fishing at Chef Menteur; or passing the time in some other pleasant but unobtrusive manner.

At a signal from the master of ceremonies the secretary, mayor, governor and others who were to be in the parade, stepped down a side stairway and entered waiting automobiles, the cushions of which were blistering with the heat. Still good-natured and imperturbable Secretary McAdoo waved his hand to the crowd, which responded with a cheer. The official review was over.

PERSHING AND STAFF IN EUROPE

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been asking when General Pershing would sail.

The names of the officers who will command the three grand divisions of General Pershing's expeditionary force on the western battle line in France were made known by President Wilson when he sent the nominations of the following brigadier generals of the army to be major generals, to the senate: John E. Morrison, William L. Sibert, Charles G. Morton.

These nominations were accompanied by the nominations of Captain Hugh Rodman, of the navy, to be rear admiral.

Those who will hold other commands in the expeditionary force were nominated by the president. They are Colonel Edward F. Glenn, Colonel John Biddle, Colonel Henry C. Hodges, Jr., Colonel Adelbert Cronkhite, Colonel William Sage, Colonel Omar Bundy, Colonel Richard M. Blatchford, Colonel David C. Shanks, Colonel Robert L. Bullard, Colonel Augustus C. Blockson, Colonel George T. Barbett, Colonel Joseph T. Dickinson, Colonel Henry T. Allen, Colonel Charles W. Kennedy, Colonel Harry Hale, Colonel Samuel D. Sturgis, Colonel William M. Wright, Colonel Peyton C. March.

The following commanders of the navy were nominated to be captains: Harley C. Christy, Waldo Evans, Charles F. Preston, Nob'e I. Irwin, Thomas J. Senn, Richard H. Leigh.

Immediate confirmation of the nominations by the senate is expected by President Wilson. Upon being confirmed the officers will be ordered to new posts in command of the naval and military forces going abroad to carry the war to Germany.

NATIONAL A. C. CLUB HAS FAST BOUT

A. Chapetta, the 125-pound Southern champion, came dangerously near losing his laurels in a bout at the National Athletic club last night at Royal and Spain streets. Chapetta was matched in an amateur performance with Pat Hennessey, and had the latter not taken a notion to quit in the second round Chapetta would have been in a bad fix. Hennessey forced the fighting in the first round, and scored over the champion, but a couple of blows on the jaw in the second seemed to take the fight out of him.

The amateur bouts were staged by the club, and although there was not a single knockout during the evening, the club members were furnished with several first-class affairs. M. Spicuzza officiated as referee, and gave satisfaction. In eight of the ten bouts his decision coincided with the opinion of The Bee's sporting editor. Willie Connors and J. P. Allen were timekeepers; R. Ruzecki, Peter Jolliff, Albert Conan and Arthur Mason, judges; L. diBenedetto and J. Meyer, matchmakers; Nic Camarata, announcer, and Dr. F. R. Gomila, physician.

The first bout, between Nic Virgets, leading of the colored fighters, and M. Zunney, was won by Virgets. It was full of action, and the decision met with the approval of the fans. In the second bout A. Donze and J. Mitchell fought for three rounds, and mixed it all the way. Donze obtained the decision. The third bout between M. Vautier and G. diMaria, alias "Baby Herman," went four rounds, and Vautier was awarded the decision. With equal justice to both men the fight might have been called a draw.

The fourth fight, between B. Martinez and Sam Larocca was stopped in the second round and given to Martinez. T. Tacquina secured a decision over A. Patrie in a three-round bout, but Patrie was going strong toward the last and put up a good fight. The next affair, between A. Crais and A. Ory was won by Crais when Ory's seconds threw up the sponge in the second round. Crais showed himself to be a clever fighter, but will never go very far until he learns to cover his jaw.

Ray Gonzales obtained a decision over W. White in the seventh bout, but it looked more like a draw to the sporting editor of The Bee. Gonzales landed frequently, but White's blows had more steam, and one of them dazed the other man for a few moments. Had White followed with a look to the stomach the bout would have been over. An exhibition bout of one round between Joe Ragusa and John Jurisich developed into a three-round scrap which resulted in a draw.

Cy Hickey was manager of the affair. The officers of the National Athletic club are the following: W. P. Cy Hickey, president; D. P. Camarata, first vice president; A. Pizzenzano, second vice president; Dr. F. R. Gomila, third vice president; George W. Farr, treasurer; Charles H. Johnson, recording secretary; Eugene Stanley, corresponding secretary; Nic. Camarata, sergeant-at-arms; William J. Thompson, E. Bernard, William L. Mayer, J. P. Allen, L. Dutel, J. J. Petre, J. R. Schoen, F. B. Dix, George Seippel, J. H. Sloan, and F. X. Gaspo, directors.

COMPLAINS OF ILL-TREATMENT

Gaetano Morgavi, 33, 727 St. Peter street, is being sought by the police on complaint of Eugene William Morgan, 723 St. Peter street, who alleges he struck him on the chest near his home last night. A quarrel preceded the alleged assault. The boy was treated at the Charity hospital. He was slightly hurt.

VEGETABLES COMING DOWN

Extra large tomatoes at 10 cents a dozen will be the feature offering at the French market corn this morning. Cucumbers are 12 cents a dozen; corn 15 cents, egg plants 10 cents and other vegetables proportionally low.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENT

ANGELO PRIMAVERA VS. C. C. LUZENBERG, DISTRICT ATTORNEY—CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS—STATE OF LOUISIANA—NO 120,226.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on the 24th day of May, 1917, judgment was rendered in this Court in the following entitled suit, in the words and figures following, to-wit:

In this cause submitted, the Court, considering the law, and the evidence to be in favor of plaintiff, entitling him to the decree prayed for and for the reasons this day orally assigned,

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that there be judgment herein, in favor of Angelo Primavera, plaintiff, and against C. C. Luzenberg, District Attorney, for the Parish of Orleans, defendant changing the name of plaintiff, from Angelo Primavera, to Angelo Biscotto, plaintiff to pay for these proceedings.

JUDGMENT RENDERED IN OPEN COURT THIS 24th DAY OF MAY, A. D., 1917.

JUDGMENT SIGNED IN OPEN COURT THIS 30th DAY OF MAY, 1917.

(Signed) T. C. W. ELLIS, Judge.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court, at the City of New Orleans this 30th day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and seventeen.

J. GREISHABER, Deputy Clerk.