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UNDER FEDERAL CONTROL

Newspaper readers doubtless have observed that every day we are drawing nearer and nearer to federal control of the railroads for the duration of the war.

The government style of railroading will not be very acceptable to the railroad patrons, but a few months or years of limiting the facilities for traffic to its actual demands will be a fine thing for the railroads themselves.

When the expensive non-essentials of railroad service are cut out, as it is planned to do, the public will learn how much money has been spent for their greater comfort and convenience without justification under severe efficiency rules.

WATCHFULNESS NOT MISPLACED

Few people outside of Washington will be inclined to find fault with the editor from Kansas for calling attention in a striking way to the activities of the profit-seeking contractors who are haunting the nation's capital.

The complaint by a congressman of graft in the purchase of a site for a naval training station which sent an appropriation bill back to committee, the criticism by Senator Lodge of the number of self-seekers in Washington, the ship building controversy in which Gen. Goethals is involved are additional evidence that some of the vast sums the nation is pouring into the treasury may be wasted or misapplied unless watchful care is exercised over their expenditure.

Even greater vigilance will be required to keep favoritism out of the organization of the big army to be selected from those who registered for service last week. Nothing could be more disastrous than for the feeling to creep in that favoritism will be shown either in drawing men for service or in exempting them from service.

In handling so many transactions of widespread importance, absolute fairness and absolute honesty may be hard to attain, but the departments concerned should make the opportunities for favoritism and graft as sparse as possible.

Herbert Hoover asks the nation to eat vegetables during the summer months so that we may help feed the allies. The advice is good for those who can afford to take it, but with potatoes selling at five cents a pound in June in the greatest market garden city in the south, the number rich enough is limited.

The Ute Indians in southern Colorado have all been registered but eleven who are still hiding out. The news dispatch conveying this information somewhat naively says that they were disinclined to register because they thought that it meant that they would be obliged to go to France and fight.

While the north is complaining of an excess of rain, the southern states are suffering from a drouth which is causing some crop damage. Along with its rains, however, the north is experiencing unseasonably cold weather, floods and tornadoes, which are left out of our weather program.

The reigning generals of China have apparently concluded to let Li-Yuan-hung, the president, enjoy his war at home if he is obliged to have one. Six provinces have revolted and demand the dissolution of parliament under threat of forcible measures.

The booty prize should be given to Israel Gerson who registered twice last Tuesday Gerson however is from Richmond, Va., and not from New Orleans. We haven't any who are so confirmed in the habit as that.

It is being gradually borne in upon the public mind that there is something more to this war business than flag-raising, flag-waving and shouts of "Buy a Liberty Bond!"

LOUISIANA CONDENSED.

The police jury of Ascension passed up its assessment troubles to the board of state affairs.

The Woman's Improvement League of Hammond has passed up the matter of a woman's building at the parish fair for the present.

J. A. Pace, a woodsman, was killed near Payson, the limb of a falling tree striking him. Gueydan ladies have organized a branch of the Red Cross society.

Avoyelles parish recently voted on 21 special school tax propositions and carried 17 of them.

Thibodaux high school had 12 graduates last week.

An unknown robber entered the Merchants and Farmers bank at Natchitoches Thursday afternoon, held up the cashier for \$5,400 and made his escape.

Kaplan had a flag raising and patriotic address Thursday.

Leah Moses, on charge of misuse of the mails, was sentenced to six months in jail at New Iberia.

The dry kiln and contents at the Weaver-beane mill near Minden were destroyed by fire. Loss \$21,000.

Martin Henry, engineer at an Acadia parish pumping plant, is being sought by officers on charge of assault preferred by the wife of a near-by farmer.

Thad Black, accused of assault near Goldonna, has been cleared by a special grand jury session.

With Vernon parish excepted the Louisiana registration for military service is 153,699 of whom 61,182 give no excuse for not serving.

De Ridder graduated a class of 13 last week.

Game Warden Luckell of Rapides seized 25 barrels of spoonbill cat, caught out of season and enroute to St. Louis, and sent them to the Pineville hospital.

A rally to obtain recruits for Co. H, First Louisiana, was held at Donaldsonville Sunday.

The Allen parish police jury and school board have appropriated \$150 to secure a woman demonstration agent.

Everett Parker aged 8, was killed at La-mourie, by the collapse of a scaffolding near which he was standing.

Sheepowners at Oberlin sold 3,000 pounds of wool Thursday for over \$2,600.

A fair given at Donaldsonville yielded \$700 toward the extinction of the debt upon the Catholic church.

Young women volunteered their aid to copy the DeSoto parish registration cards.

The mayor and council of Roseland have taken the oath of office and appointed minor officials. The new administration will appoint a clean up day soon.

D. Clay Roberts, aged 12, was killed at Durham Springs by the discharge of a gun by Emmet Roberts, his cousin, aged 8. The boys were playing with the weapon.

Kenner is most averse to losing its I. C. motor car service to New Orleans, and a committee is laboring with the railroad officials.

H. F. Thomas, who has just closed up the affairs of the Union bank at Monroe, has been tendered a position in New York.

The Ouachita Natural Gas and Oil Co. has increased its capital to \$200,000.

Folsom has new set of village officials. Howard Hoffpauir, aged citizen of Vermilion, is dead. Lake Providence citizens have organized a rifle club. Lafayette parish is going to hire an assistant for the parish demonstration agent. Natchitoches banqueted the Jefferson Highway tourists on their return trip.

MANY DECISIONS RENDERED BY SUPREME COURT YESTEREDAY

Rehearings Granted

Obed Pete Williams vs. Texas and Pacific Railway Company. Shreveport Window Glass Company vs. Railroad Commission of Louisiana.

James Woodruff vs. Producers' Oil Company. Rehearings Refused

J. H. Barr et al. vs. Youngblood Sugar Factory, Ltd. Trustees applying for certiorari or writ of review to the Court of Appeal, parish of Lafayette, state of Louisiana.

Succession of Mrs. Nannie Hall Lattier, deceased. On probate of will; Adolph Lattier, opponent.

W. P. Connell, individually, and as tutor, vs. Yazoo and Mississippi Railroad Co.—City of Baton Rouge, called in warranty.

Succession of Mrs. Wilhelmina Metz. Mrs. Emily Lemoe vs. Texas and Pacific Railway Co.

John McDonald vs. Texas and Pacific Railway Co. (divorce amended) by allowing legal interest from the date of judgment of the district court, and rehearing refused.

Dominick J. Tranchina vs. City of New Orleans in re Dominick J. Tranchina, applying for a writ of mandamus.

State of Louisiana vs. George G. Vogt, in re George G. Vogt, applying for writs of prohibition, mandamus and certiorari (with reasons).

Charles H. Moore-fields vs. Bowman-Hicks Lumber Co. John Hinton vs. W. A. Martin, sheriff, et al.

Mrs. Maud Glass Barnette vs. Louisiana Western Railroad. Luke Johnson vs. New Orleans Great Northern Railroad Co.

The Palmer Co., Inc., Standard Oil Co., Intervenor, vs. W. A. Wilkins, et al. Henry Oliphant vs. Nona Mills Co., Ltd.

Jean M. Gordon vs. Business Men's Racing Association. Lovinia Augusta Brooks vs. Texas and Pacific Railway Co.

Mrs. Mary S. Tooke and husband, L. M. Tooke, vs. H. B. Burke et al. D. B. Lanier vs. Hammond Lumber Co., Ltd.

Jefferson and Plaquemines Drainage district vs. Whitney-Central Trust and Savings Bank.

Mr. Chief Justice Monroe August Thede vs. Louisiana Railway and Navigation Co.—Judgment affirmed.

Mrs. S. J. Ben et al. vs. Louisiana and Northwestern Railroad Co.—In re judgment of Court of Appeal and District court is set aside. Case remanded to District court.

State ex rel. Melchalya Basin Levee board vs. Paul Capdevielle, auditor.—Judgment affirmed.

State of Louisiana ex rel. A. V. Coco, attorney-general, vs. Shreveport Water-works Co.—Judgment affirmed, exemption filed be overruled and case remanded.

J. A. Ballard, sheriff and tax collector, vs. Joseph H. Godby.—Judgment affirmed.

Zelotus Tucker and wife vs. Illinois Central Railroad Co.—Judgment affirmed, demand herein set up and dismissing suit.

Hubert M. Anstey vs. Concrete Construction Co., John F. McCoy and Dr. George K. Pratt.—Judgment affirmed.

John F. Coleman vs. Sewerage and Water board.—Judgment affirmed.

H. F. Crow et al. vs. Board of Supervisors of Road District No. 19 and J. W. Payne, tax collector.—Judgment affirmed.

J. C. Goddard vs. Louisiana Railway and Navigation Co.—In re denied.

Eureka Homestead society vs. E. T. Dean, recorder of mortgages.—In re denied.

Mr. Justice Provosty State of Louisiana vs. Hugh A. O'Donnell.—Judgment set aside and the accused is ordered discharged without day.

Bradford S. Keeley et al. vs. National Packing Co., Ltd., et al.—Judgment against National Packing Co. set aside. Judgment against the New Orleans Gaslight Co. for \$10,000 in favor of Mrs. B. S. Foody and \$5,000 in favor of the minor, Lucy Corwin.

State of Louisiana vs. C. E. Lafargue.—Judgment affirmed.

State ex rel. H. N. Gaudier vs. Paul Berthelot, chairman twenty-eighth judicial district committee, et al.—Judgment appeal dismissed.

Succession of Vory Robt. Cochetin M. Frain.—Judgment affirmed.

W. K. Henderson Iron Works and Supply Co., Ltd., vs. Mrs. Annie B. Hitchhams et al.—Judgment affirmed.

J. E. McAdams vs. Southern Express Co.—In re refused.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Giles vs. F. G. Veith.—In re refused.

State of Louisiana, city of Shreveport, vs. George Williams.—In re refused.

Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children vs. Board of Love Commissioners of the Orleans Levee district.—Judgment reduced to \$11,550.00. Fleming, receiver et al. vs. E. V. Serran.—In re refused.

NEGRO SUES FOR \$11,500

Walter Williams Had an Unhappy Experience in North

Walter Williams, negro, yesterday filed in the United States District Court against the Illinois Central railroad for \$11,500 for the loss of his right hand in an accident at DuQuoin, Ill. Williams is alleged to have been brought to Illinois with a number of other negroes to work for the railroad.

It is charged by Williams that when he reached DuQuoin he heard of how badly negroes were being treated by white workmen there and asked to be sent back to New Orleans. The only transportation afforded him, he claims, was a freight train. While on a box car an obstruction knocked him off and he fell under the wheels, Williams says in his petition.

SLAYER OF DELHAYE APPLIES FOR PARDON

James Duval, of Crowley, sentenced in 1912 to life imprisonment for the murder of John Milton Delhaye, has applied a second time for a pardon. Delhaye was killed while out riding in the country with Duval and the latter's stepdaughter, Dora Murff. Dora Murff was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary on a charge of manslaughter.

EIGHTEEN NEW CITIZENS ARE ADMITTED BY THE COURT

Eighteen aliens were given their final citizenship papers in the United States District Court yesterday when examined before Judge Foster by Examiner J. S. Jackson of the naturalization bureau. Three failed to qualify and 21 others scheduled for examination failed to appear.

FIRST ARREST IN CITY UNDER REGISTRATION LAW

On the districts where discrepancy between registration and estimates seen greatest. In case of doubt as to age of persons who have not registered the tabulation records of political organizations and other local records should be consulted and data may be obtained from the bureau of the census.

The purpose of this program is to inaugurate from tomorrow a vigorous, aggressive and effective enforcement of the penal clauses of the selective service law against all who have by their failure or refusal to register brought themselves under those provisions. The department of justice is sending today similar advice to United States attorneys and marshals with instructions to release on their own recognizance all persons arrested by marshals or deputy marshals or by state, county and municipal police officers and turned over to them who promptly register under the terms of paragraph 10 registration regulations. The secretary of war constrains section 5 of this selective service law as requiring compulsory registration by the officer making the arrest of each arrested person immediately upon his conviction. Please give notice to all who have any duty enjoined upon them in connection with the enforcement of the penal clauses of the law and particularly to state, county and municipal police named in paragraph 16 of the regulations.

"Comments must be fair and free of malice and on the assumption of the inference drawn by said publication from the facts that are stated in it being correct, there is nothing in said publication but is entirely legitimate.

"A libelous implication may be corrected by explanation, or by a question or statement in answer or rebuttal by matter suggestive of an answer, but the publication in this case is not of that character. It merely draws inferences from certain facts that are stated, and comments upon them, leaving to the reader to judge of the correctness of the inferences and the appropriateness of the comments, and it is up with the declaration that the whole thing is too silly to be taken seriously.

"We can readily understand how public officers, conscious of a growing public confidence in the integrity and ability of this administration, should feel essential at a juncture such as this, but the stings and arrows of the opposition press are not necessarily libelous."

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PROCLAMATION. To The People of the City of New Orleans: The delay for subscriptions to the LIBERTY BONDS expires on Flag Day, Thursday, June 14, 1917. Therefore, I feel impelled to urge every patriotic and liberty-loving citizen to act at once and subscribe to the extent of his or her means to this bond issue; and forasmuch as the terms of payment are exceedingly liberal, no one should fail at least to subscribe for a bond of the denomination of \$50.00. I particularly urge all social, literary, benevolent, commercial and other associations to convene at once a meeting of their entire membership, and to impress upon them the duty and the necessity for subscribing to this loan; and I shall be pleased, if so requested, to furnish to address these convocations speakers who are thoroughly familiar with the subject. New Orleans has never lagged behind the other cities of the Union in civic pride, patriotism or prompt response to the Nation's call to duty, and I feel assured will not fall on this occasion. MARTIN BEHRMAN, Mayor. J. P. COLEMAN, Secretary to Mayor.