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## RED CROSS DRIVE A GREAT SUCCESS

NEW ORLEANS OVERSUBSCRIBES \$500,000 APPORTIONMENT

\$550,086 RAISED IN 5 DAYS

Elks Do Bit by Collecting in Their Famous Three Hundred-Foot Flag. Banquet Is Planned

When the campaign for Red Cross funds in the New Orleans district closes Monday night, it is expected to have subscriptions totalling nearly \$600,000. The apportionment for New Orleans was \$500,000, and the executive committee is justly proud of the showing made for this city, which is fully as good as that made for the Liberty Loan.

Last night the total subscriptions amounted to \$550,086, this result being announced by the committee. More than \$70,000 was collected by the teams Saturday, there being many large subscriptions. One notable feature of the campaign is the people of large means are giving much more in proportion than those of limited means.

**Elks Add Part**  
Yesterday afternoon the Elks added their part to the campaign by parading in Canal and St. Charles streets. The procession was led by a band of Elks carrying a large flag on which contributions were tossed by the spectators.

There were many bills, and a few gold pieces to be seen. From a monetary standpoint, however, the parade was somewhat of a disappointment, but this was in no wise due to the Elks, who made every possible effort for the cause.

**Many Large Subscriptions**  
Among the larger subscriptions reported yesterday were: Standard Oil Company, \$10,000; B. S. Castles, of New York, \$3,000; N. O. Nelson, \$1,000; Walter Demegre, \$1,000; Louisiana Club, \$1,000; Grunewald interests, \$5,000; Cotton Exchange, \$1,000; Ford, Bacon and Davis, \$1,500; Employees' Central railroad, \$1,100.

All the teams engaged in the city campaign, and those covering the eight parishes adjacent to New Orleans, will attend a banquet Monday night at the Grunewald hotel. The results of the campaign will then be announced, and it is hoped that by means of the extraordinary showing made by New Orleans, Louisiana's contribution of \$700,000 to the fund will have been assured.

## 100 STUDENTS IN ENGINEER COURSE

At least 100 students are expected to enroll in the course at Tulane university for the training of engineers for the Merchant Marine. This announcement was made yesterday by Professor James M. Robert, recently appointed head of the school. The course will open July 2 and the government will pay the tuition for acceptable students.

There will be two times to register for the course between 9 and 10 a. m. and at night between 7 and 8 p. m. The night registration will be in Room 23, Stanley Thomas hall, Tulane campus.

**SERIOUSLY INJURED BY BLOW FROM STICK OF WOOD**  
Eugene Roberts, white, and Joseph Cheophite, negro, firemen aboard the French liner St. Louis, moored at Second street, became involved in a quarrel aboard the vessel early yesterday morning and the former was struck on the head with a stick of wood. He was taken to the Charity Hospital and is in a serious condition. Cheophite was arrested on a charge of beating and dangerously wounding.

## AUTO PARADE TO BE NEW FEATURE OF CELEBRATION OF BASTILLE DAY BY FRENCH CITIZENS

MR. ROMAIN ORATOR OF DAY

English Speaker Yet to Be Chosen. Proceeds to Boys' School and Orphans' Relief

The general committee of arrangements of the Fourteenth of July French society, which met Friday night at the headquarters on Esplanade avenue and Bourbon street, Dr. John G. Roussel presiding, decided upon a new feature—a parade of fifty patriotically decorated automobiles directed by Mr. Emile Pomes. The autos will convey to the fair grounds the officers and committees and guests.

Hon. Emile Genoyer, consul-general of France and honorary president of the society, Governor Pleasant, Mayor Behrman, special guests and Mr. Armand Romain, who has accepted to be French orator of the day, will be among those in the parade. The English orator has not yet been chosen. Every chairman of sub-committees presented a most satisfactory report, particularly on decoration of Canal street, athletics, races, fireworks, amusements, dancing, etc.

It is very fortunate that the French 54e will take place on a Saturday, thus giving the thousands that will attend an opportunity of many hours of pleasure. It should be borne in mind that the entire proceeds of the festival will be equally divided between the fund for the maintenance of the free school for boys founded by the society and the fund for the relief of French orphans of the war.

Dr. Jules G. Roussel, who has been president of the Fourteenth of July society for several consecutive terms, has been appointed by the French government its special representative and trustee for the transmission of the relief fund to France. This is the first elaborate celebration since 1913, on account of the European war, and the attitude of neutrality of the United States, which has now entered in the gigantic conflict for democracy.

## LOUISIANA WHEAT FIRST TO REACH ST. LOUIS

Louisiana wheat is the first to reach St. Louis, according to a telegram received yesterday by the board of trade. It follows: "It may interest you to know we bought the first carload of new wheat yesterday, received in St. Louis on this crop. It was sold at auction and there was a good deal of excitement on the floor over it. We paid \$2.41 for it. It will further interest you to know that this shipment came from Louisiana. You can get an estimate of the value of the flour by multiplying the wheat price by five."

## MEMPHIS DOUBLES RED CROSS SUBSCRIPTION

Memphis, Tenn., June 23.—Memphis will raise double the \$100,000 allotment for the Red Cross. The total for the Memphis district tonight is \$166,214. Indications are that all Southern cities have nearly doubled the subscriptions allotted to be raised.

## GOVERNMENT MAKE TAKE OVER ALL OIL LAND

Washington, June 23.—Acting according to indication given out by Secretary Daniels, all oil and coal lands in the country may be commandeered before the war is over. He spoke before the public lands committee, saying: "The navy has begun the policy of oil burning ships. Every acre of oil land in the country must be conserved."

## Little Girl Killed by Auto Yesterday

Seven-year-old Clovina Fernandez, of Galvez and St. Ann streets, died in the Charity Hospital early last night from injuries received, when knocked down by an automobile driven by Dr. H. A. Mont, 3014 Ursuline street, at Miro and Dumaine streets, yesterday afternoon. Dr. Mont was not arrested.

Investigation by Patrolman Andrew Ziegler, of the fourth precinct station, developed that the accident was unavoidable. The little girl is said to have run directly in front of the automobile before Dr. Mont was able to stop. The doctor drove her to the Charity Hospital.

Little Clovina received a rupture of the lung, three fractured ribs and general bruises. From the beginning doctors realized there was little chance for recovery. The end came shortly before 7 o'clock, about six hours after the accident. Police will take the matter up with the district attorney.

## GERMANS LAUNCH COUNTER DRIVE

London, June 23.—A concerted Tonton counter drive along the whole forty-mile front north of the Arnes and to the Champagne is on. Not an inch was gained up to the time Petain issued its day communique. Instead, he reported, Germans paid terrible toll for their vain assaults.

Berlin disputes this, asserting the French positions on a front of nearly a mile were taken with three hundred prisoners. For France this Aisne-Champagne front is crucial and closely interdependent with it is Verdun.

Unable to take part in a direct way, the Crown Prince, it is believed, has been for months planning to take it in an indirect way by cutting the Paris-Verdun railway.

At any point between Soissons and Souain, a break would shatter that result. Bitter fighting, perhaps the bitterest of the year, is still ahead. The Crown Prince is out to redeem his Verdun failure and Petain is trying to hack up his immortal words: "They shall not pass."

## ORATORS TO TELL CAUSES OF THE WAR

In order to tell the people of the United States the cause, the demands and the purposes of the great war for Democracy, the National Security league in Chautauque, N. Y., will conduct a training school to educate speakers to go about the country and address the people.

Mayor Behrman yesterday received a letter asking that he appoint delegates from New Orleans. Being unable to go himself he has designated Nicholas Bauer, assistant superintendent of education.

Others who have been suggested to Mayor Behrman to represent New Orleans at the orator training school are Henry M. Gill, public librarian, and some one from Tulane university to be named by President Robert Sharp. The last two have not yet been consulted.

Dr. H. H. MacCracken, president of Vassar college, will be one of the chief trainers of the school, and will represent the governor of New York.

## INJURED BY AN AUTO

Walter Wilson, 37, 1960 Perdido street, was knocked down by an automobile driven by Dr. Joseph Wymer, 118 North Olympia street, and slightly hurt yesterday morning. Dr. Wymer treated him at his office and Wilson then proceeded to his work.

## RADICAL CHANGES IN SOLONS' WORK

SENATOR STAFFORD RECOMMENDS CHANGES TO COMMISSION

30 DAY RULE TO BE ADVOCATED

Another Vital Change Would Be Committee of Revision to Go Over Bills

Radical changes in the present method of handling legislation in the state lawmaking body are proposed in a report prepared by Senator E. M. Stafford, and submitted to the commission on legislative procedure. Copies of the report are now being distributed, and its suggestions will be considered by the members of the commission at a meeting to be held in Baton Rouge, when the extra session of the legislature is convened.

With regard to the introduction of new bills, it is proposed that thirty days from the opening of the session be the limit for all but appropriation and fiscal bills, and for bills affecting such measures as have been called to the attention of the legislature by the governor. Purely local bills are to be introduced within the first ten days, so that committee meetings can be held during the opening days of the session, and the measures gotten out of the way.

## Advantages Pointed Out

If the thirty-day rule could be established, the General Assembly would know just how much work it had ahead for the second thirty days of the session, and could govern itself accordingly. It would not be practicable to jam the legislative calendar full of bills during the latter part of the session.

Committees on revision are suggested for each branch of the legislature, the committee to have full authority to make changes in the titles of bills, where the titles are not clear, or seem to conflict with the subject matter of the measure. Other duties for the committee could be established by rule of both houses.

A suggestion is made that when an act is introduced it be prepared by the public printer in the form which it would take if finally passed, and copies then struck off for every member of the legislature. Under the present system three typewritten copies of the bill are submitted, so that it is practically impossible for members of the General Assembly to keep track of the various measures introduced.

## Reduce Bound Volumes

Another reform suggested is that the bound copies of the acts of the legislature can be reduced considerably in size by omitting at the end certain set formulas, and the names of the certain state officials, and by omitting such unnecessary phrases as "Be it further enacted, etc." It is estimated that the Acts of 1916 could have been reduced in size 123 pages by a sensible readjustment of the book, and the omission of unnecessary words and phrases.

A legislative reference bureau is also proposed whereby members of the legislature desiring to introduce a measure could have access to all statutes in this and other states relating to the same subject. This would obviate such occurrences as the introduction of the Powell banking act, which promises to release national banks in the state from thousands of dollars of taxation, because the act comes in conflict with a Federal statute. The secretary of state would be placed in charge of the bureau, which would be established on an inexpensive scale, and would be built up gradually to the point where it would be a big factor in securing properly drawn and constitutional legislation.

## Powder Factories Object of Attack

There have been four mysterious explosions in munitions factories or depots within the last ten days, one in France, one in England, and two in Austria. The total deaths are 216, with 170 missing from the latest disaster.

Many of the 625 wounded are in a critical condition. The total wounded numbers thousands.

Here's the list:  
June 22, munitions factory blown up at Bloeweg, Australia. 136 dead, injured 625, missing 170.

June 17, three Austrian military munitions depots near Wiener-Neustad destroyed. Dead six, injured 300.

June 13, factory at unnamed place, a French town. Dead 24, injured 60.

June 13, factory blown up at Ash-ton-under-Lyne, near Manchester, Eng. Dead 50, many injured.

## LOSS OF MONEY CAUSES ARREST

Mat Mulrooney, 1016 Magazine street, whose legs were broken in an accident, is said by the police to be in a pitiful plight as a result of an alleged robbery of his wife, Mrs. Mulrooney, who is alleged to have gone to the store.

Mulrooney, who was hurt at the naval station at Algiers where he had been employed, received a check for \$68 from the station and gave it to his wife to cash. After cashing the check, police say, she went to the room of Louise Huggins, a negro, and later returned home minus the money.

Witnesses say Louise Huggins picked up a roll of money that Mrs. Mulrooney dropped. The negroess admits this, but claims to have kept only \$10 which she says was given her by Mrs. Mulrooney. Louise was arrested by Detectives Glifton and Ford and charged with petty larceny.

## LA. FIREMAN MAY FOREGO MEETING

Whether the Louisiana State Fire convention, which was scheduled to be held in Plaquemine, will be held or not remains to be seen. Firemen of the state now are taking a vote on the question. W. M. Campbell, state fire marshal, it is understood, is opposed to the postponement of the meeting. However, following a conference between William J. Kleinpeter, state president of G. J. and a delegation from Plaquemine, it was decided to put the matter up to a vote of the association.

Mr. Campbell yesterday addressed a letter to the state president strongly urging that the convention be held as originally planned. The movement toward stopping the convention began after it was learned that the International Association of Fire Engineers had canceled their convention at Jackson and the state organization thought it should do likewise. Mr. Campbell pointed out that the firemen of the state from each city should send delegates and that much good would result from the fire fighters getting together and discussing ways of minimizing fire loss and preventive measures.

## A FAREWELL DINNER

Presentation of a diamond stud and a farewell dinner marked the last association of James Campbell, chief engineer of the steamship Pontant, who leaves the ship to go to Scotland and take charge of the engine room of the new steamship J. E. Walker, of the Pierce Navigation company.

## PROMPT PAY OF RESOURCES TAX

WILL BE REQUIRED HEREAFTER BY STATE AUDITOR

COMPANIES HAVE BEEN LAX

Law Imposes Two Per Cent Penalty on Delinquents. Tax Yields \$150,000 Annually

Lumber concerns and others engaged in severing the natural resources of Louisiana from the soil, and therefore subject to the conservation tax, will be interested in the announcement that hereafter the penalties for non-compliance with the tax are to be rigorously enforced. The state auditor's office, which has the collection of the tax in charge, will not only see that all concerns liable to the tax pay, but will insist on a prompt remittance.

The conservation act provides that payments shall be made within a month of the close of each quarter's business, the penalty after that date amounting to two per cent monthly. Many sawmills and other concerns have been negligent in the payment of this tax, and lately penalties have been imposed on a number of them. Hereafter the penalty will be applied to all promptly at the end of thirty days after the quarter has closed.

The state engaged in the production of salt, lumber, sulphur, turpentine and petroleum. It amounts to between \$30,000 and \$40,000 per quarter, or nearly \$150,000 yearly, the money going to the state conservation commission.

## EAGER TO FIGHT, FINDS HE'S DOWN AS A GIRL

Portland, Ore., June 23.—"Does this look like Eleanor to you?" asked an elderly woman of Deputy City Clerk Stanley Myers, as she pointed to a big, broad-shouldered six-footer beside her.

Myers admitted it didn't look like Eleanor to him.

"Well, certainly he isn't Eleanor, but his birth certificate gives his name as Eleanor and his sex as female," said the woman. "He expects to get into the army and they have demanded his birth certificate. His name is Kenneth Brown-tree, and he's a man—not a woman. My name is Mary D. Sampson, and I was present when he was born. What can we do to correct this mistake?"

Myers suggested an affidavit from the attending physician, who is now in the East. The affidavit has been received with the explanation that the doctor made an error in registering the birth. Kenneth will enter an officers' training camp.

## RAT HUNTING DAY FOR OHIO COUNTY

Columbus, O., June 23.—A rat invasion threatens the very foundation of the Buckeye state. Corn cribs, chickens and even cats have been helpless before the tide of rodents that make living a menace in many parts of the state.

So bold have they become that farmers in Highland county are going to take a day off soon for a county-wide rat hunt. Three times have tomato plants been set out at the state fair grounds here and three times have the rats gnawed them to pieces. Secretary Shaw of the state agricultural board says the menace is serious.

## FOR GAY-SHATTUCK VIOLATIONS

Two arrests were made yesterday by Patrolmen Conrad and Shannon for alleged violations of the Gay-Shattuck law. Joseph Montheleme, 2336 Erato street, was charged with having a door between his bar and grocery at that address. Vincent Boura, proprietor of a saloon at 3801 Magazine street, was accused of selling beer to a woman.

## PROS. WIN CLOSE FIGHT IN HOUSE

ANTIS LOSE LONG STRUGGLE IN LOWER HOUSE

FOOD BILL GOES TO SENATE

Dry Forces Tack on Amendment Which May Mean Practically National Prohibition

Washington, June 23.—The Food bill passed the House 365 to 5. Prohibition gained a clean victory in the house when the dry forces attached to the bill this new section: "No person shall use any food-stuff materials, or feed in the production of alcohol or alcoholic beverages."

Prohibitionists lost today in the first legislative brush on the dry section of the food control bill when Representative Hamlin of Missouri, acting as chairman of the committee of the whole, sustained a point of order against the amendment by Representative Webb designed to give the President power to take over liquor for redistillation.

Senator Borah has proposed an amendment giving the President power to proclaim the retail prices of bread, flour and other foods.

## GHOSTLY LIGHT FINALLY DIMMED

The spirit by the roadside again has retired to the grave. No longer does it reign with a pillar of fire among the ghostly white tomb of its subjection in Metairie cemetery. Motorists on the road who heretofore at night have stopped their machines and gazed with awe-inspiring wonder at the spectacle which presented itself, now pass the resting place of the dead with nothing to disturb the tranquility of their mind.

Ghost or no ghost, the spectacle in the graveyard for many days has been the talk of all motorists who traveled along the shell road. That the apparition, if apparition it was, was over the grave of a woman who was at one time a well known character in New Orleans was the seed which implanted in the brains of the superstitious the subject for many a wild tale.

As, suddenly as the pillar of fire appeared in the cemetery, the flames died out. Again the tongues of the motorists began to wag. Why had the tombstone which shed such a radiance suddenly lost its brilliancy? A motorist of somewhat of a scientific turn of mind decided he would make an investigation and trace the ghost to its home. Step by step he unraveled the mystery. First he discovered that the tombstone was of red granite. Several yards down the road which passes the cemetery, this would-be defective discovered a road light. One side of its bulb, the side toward the cemetery, was smeared with black paint. His deductions were rapid. The mystery had been solved. Rays from the light reflected from the granite tombstone had given the tombstone the appearance of being on fire. But why had the rays singled out this particular tombstone?

## CHARGED WITH THEFT OF COFFEE AND SUGAR

Vincent Valentine and William Cenance, negroes, were arrested yesterday by Corporal Clark and Patrolman Raggio on complaint of Eugene Reboul, proprietor of a coffee store at 1041 Bourbon street. Reboul accuses them of stealing coffee and sugar worth \$14 from his warehouse. Christopher Rider, who conducts a restaurant at 1136 Decatur street, was also arrested charged with buying some of the alleged stolen property.