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AUTO DEATH TOLL TEN SINCE JAN. 1

INJURED NUMBER 164 DURING SAME PERIOD

PEDESTRIAN VICTIMS 105

Of Whom Nine Were Killed and 96 Injured—Fearful Toll Paid for Reckless Driving

Since the first of the year ten persons have been killed in New Orleans and 164 injured in automobile accidents. This comprises nearly all the deaths and most of the injuries resulting in all kinds of traffic accidents.

Of the ten persons killed, nine were run down by automobiles, and the other was in an automobile when death overtook the machine. Of the injured persons 96 were run over in the streets, demonstrating that the greatest number of casualties are among the pedestrians.

The record of the death-dealing automobiles since January 1 is as follows:

Here Is Record February 29 Charles Nuss, aged 42, of 1007 Marais street, run down by automobile at Kajabandou, killed.

March 21 Thomas Lee, aged 1528 Levee avenue, killed in Louisiana avenue near St. Charles by a car driven by Father John A. Clarke, of 5701 Constance street. Accident unavoidable, according to the police report.

March 27 Morris Wilson, colored, of 130 South Tertiary street, killed in North Rampart street near Canal by an automobile truck driven by Paul Lang, of 1237 Lafayette street.

April 18 Mary Booth, aged 7, of 4124 Thibodaux, run over in Napoleon avenue by an automobile driven by William Soucier, of 1937 Cleveland avenue, who was on the wrong side of the street. Accident unavoidable, according to the police.

April 18 Georgiana Thomas, colored, aged 7, of 613 Dryades street, neck broken by automobile operated by Moise F. Steeg, 2221 Berlin. Steeg was arrested on manslaughter charge.

April 27 George Schaefer, aged 59, of 910 Poland street, killed by an automobile at Alvar and St. Claude streets, car driven by Leo Matthews, colored chauffeur. Accident unavoidable, according to the police.

Aged Woman Killed April 29 Mrs. Florence Paul, aged 63, stopping at 1214 Royal street, killed at St. Charles avenue by Sidney Koller, 4719 Baronne. Accident unavoidable, according to the police.

June 2 Mrs. John Brown, of 1040 Magazine street, struck and killed by an automobile in Poydras street near Baronne. Joseph Cangolosi, driver of the car, charged with manslaughter.

June 4 Honoria Walston, 128 North David street, drowned in the New Basin canal when an automobile in which she and several other persons were riding plunged through an open bridge.

July 2 Clovina Fernandez, aged 7, of St. Ann and Galvez streets, run over near her home and crushed to death beneath an automobile driven by Dr. H. A. Montz. Accident unavoidable, according to the police.

In only one instance where persons have been killed by automobiles has it been reported to the police that the automobile was proceeding at a rapid rate of speed, and in only three cases were any arrests made by the police. Among those killed were four small children and four people over 50 years of age.

Slow Auto Deadly Judging from the police records of accident cases the automobile is

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HOLLWEG AND VON STEIN RESIGN

CHANCELLOR AND MINISTER OF WAR OUT OF OFFICE

HOLLWEG CHANCELLOR 8 YEARS

Dr. George Michaelis, New Chancellor, Holds Liberal Views—Von Stein Opposed War

London, July 14.—Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, is out of office. He resigned today, exactly eight years after he took the office.

Emperor William has accepted the resignation and appointed Dr. George Michaelis, who was under secretary in the Ministry of Finance. He is a native Prussian, and has been ambassador to the entente countries. He holds decidedly liberal views.

Simultaneously, the directing chief of the Prussian and German army system, General Von Stein, resigned.

The Prussian war office is in reality the imperial ministry of war, performing the functions of that of the other states.

General Von Stein recently excited the antagonism of the Socialists by his Pan-German activities. He was charged by the Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts last month with aiding in the circulation of a Pan-German pamphlet opposing peace efforts.

There is a strong probability that Hindenburg will be named to succeed Von Stein as the war minister. In that case, Hindenburg's right hand General, Von Ludendorff, will become the chief of staff. These two men were summoned back by the Kaiser after they started for the front.

They were closeted for hours yesterday and today with the Kaiser and the Crown Prince. Democracy is on the march in the empire. Fear of discontent is due to a temporary loosening of centralized power and may permeate the empire's armed forces the same way that the revolutionary sentiment swept the Russian army resulting in months of disorganization.

Unlike the Russian army, the Teuton forces would have no time to rally and reorganize once a state of dissolution has set in. It is to prevent such a catastrophe that the two military chiefs are conferring with the Kaiser and his son. Within the next 48 hours, it is believed, the flames of political strife will either have flared up into a holocaust or have died down with the crisis withered, temporarily at least.

Term Sheriff Is Ousted From Job

Nashville, July 14.—Ouster proceedings having been filed against Sheriff Joe W. Wright, sheriff of Davidson county, he was suspended from office by Judge Thos. F. Matthews, of the First circuit court. He was charged with illegal collection of jail fees and profited by activity of liquor interests, who bought off candidates in the last election.

WOMEN AWAIT ACTION OF GERMAN ASSEMBLY

The Women's committee of the Council of National Defense will not have their registration day as first planned on July 21. This action has been decided upon pending the outcome of the bill before the general assembly requiring all women in the state to register for any service which their country may call upon them to perform.

Radio School To Be Opened Monday

M. G. Grubman, United States Radio Inspector, will open a school of radio telegraphy in the Y. M. C. A. at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night. Classes for both men and women will be formed.

Wireless operators are in demand by the navy, army and merchant service. After they have received a license they will have no trouble in securing employment in either the navy, army or merchant marine.

Students will be given a thorough theoretical course in wireless telegraphy. Applicants who wish to enroll in the school may communicate with Dr. A. O. Browne, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., for further particulars.

DRAFT DAY IS NEAR AT HAND

Washington, July 14.—Draft Day will be next Saturday or the following Monday. Provost Crowder announced each state would be responsible for getting the draftees out and ready for transport to training camps when the President calls, which will probably be Sept. 1. Another ruling adopted is if a man after being drafted fails to appear before the local board, he will be listed "held for military service." If he fails on the call to camp he will be arrested as a deserter.

WOMEN OF FRANCE MAY GET BALLOT

By C. F. BERTELLI, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Paris, July 14.—Encouraged by the success that has just crowned the efforts of the English suffragettes, the "League for Women's Suffrage" of France has presented a petition to the chamber of deputies asking for the rights of equal suffrage for all Frenchwomen.

Despite the fact that the granting of such a petition would be an almost revolutionary event in a country where women have never had the slightest political power, the leaders of the movement are confident that they will obtain the vote. Misses Marguerite Durand and Maria Veronne, who headed the delegation, explained on what they base their hopes to me as follows:

"Equal political rights that we are demanding are the just dues of every woman in the terrible times we are passing through. All women are entitled to the franchise on account of the heavy burdens they have so willingly assumed, both social and economical.

"History has shown that during all long-drawn-out wars the women at home have done the work of the absent men, but the results that the women have obtained through their skill and their bravery and perseverance have always been in vain because they have never enjoyed equal rights with the men. In the France of to-morrow, which will have an even more crying need for its women in all lines of endeavor, it would be better for the good of all that conditions should not be permitted to remain as they now are."

Mme. Witt-Schlimberger, president of the "French Union for Woman Suffrage," feels that at the present time the suffrage party should not make its demands too radical.

WOULD TAKE OVER PRIVATE PLANTS

GOETHALS WANTS EVERY STEEL MERCHANT SHIP BUILDING

WOULD HURRY CONSTRUCTION

If Plans Approved Federal Inspectors Will be in Full Charge Within a Week

Washington, July 14.—Every shipbuilding plant in the United States will be Federalized within a week if the programme announced by Gen. Goethals is adopted. He proposes to place the government inspectors in charge of every navy yard in the country and requisition every steel merchant ship in course of construction.

It is expected that this procedure will facilitate the production of steel ships by more than fifty percent.

In explaining his proposal Gen. Goethals said: "By this federalizing each yard, giving it government help and putting it on a speed basis, we shall produce its greatest efficiency. As fast as the berths are cleared each yard will be devoted to the production of a single type of tonnage for the complete co-operation of the yards."

This program is made comprehensive because expedition cannot be obtained in a yard engaged partly on rush work and partly on pre-war time schedules. My investigation has satisfied me that citizens of the United States and of our allies will pay the cost of expediting ships now building for them, and take them off our hands. If this policy is adopted it will conserve our fund."

TO COMMEMORATE CENTURY OF PEACE

The American Peace Centenary committee which originated the idea of celebrating One Hundred Years of Peace between English speaking peoples in 1915, but which celebration, owing to war conditions, was confined to the celebration held in New Orleans, January 8, 9 and 10, is still in existence and as part of its work has arranged to present to the people of Great Britain statues of Washington and Lincoln.

The idea of so doing was conceived by Mr. J. A. Stewart, who first organized this peace movement and who is chairman of the executive committee thereof. The statue of Washington will be given by the state of Virginia, and will be a replica of the Boston statue which now stands in the corridor of the capitol at Richmond.

The Lincoln statue will be given by Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, modeled from but slightly different to the one unveiled in Cincinnati, and designed by George Grey Bernard.

The statues will be erected upon a site selected by the English government in London, and will be formally unveiled about September 1, to be dedicated with formal and elaborate ceremonies after the war. Mr. W. O. Haet, a member of the committee, has been selected to represent Louisiana on the committee of presentation, and will soon visit New York for a meeting of the committee.

HOUSE GREETES FRANCE WITH AVIATION BILL

Washington, July 14.—The House sent Bastille Day greetings to France by passing the \$640,000,000 aviation bill without a dissenting vote. It now goes to the senate.

Memphis Center Of Dope Trade

Memphis, July 14.—Arthur Evans, who was arrested by Federal officers, has confessed to United States District Attorney Keyser, that Memphis is a distributing point for the dope trade. He said Morphine and cocaine was sent from here to New Orleans, Denver, Chicago, Springfield, Ills. Warrants for nine others were issued, eight of whom have left town.

INDICTED UNDER ESPIONAGE ACT

Louis Bershovit, alias Louis Bersin, arrested some time ago near the Alger naval station on a charge of espionage, was indicted yesterday by the federal grand jury and probably will be interned for the war. This is the first indictment of that nature returned here since the war started. The specific charge against Bershovit is that he furnished information with respect to description, condition and disposition of war material of the United States for the purpose of communicating the same to the enemy.

Other true bills returned by the grand jury were against the following: Timothy D. Sullivan, embezzling \$1,250 from the local postoffice, plead guilty and sentenced to a year and a day in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

Louis and Ernest Day, saloonkeepers, selling beer to men in uniform.

H. B. Smith and W. Scott, operating a swindling scheme by which Sears, Roebuck & Co. were defrauded of \$83.57.

John McDonough, presenting a forged check for payment.

H. C. Armstrong, misusing mails in scheme to defraud.

John Talton, selling liquor to men in uniform.

Henry Derbensten and Louis Ludrick, stealing condensed milk from the local docks.

WEDDING INVITATIONS ISSUED

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. John Vigneaux announcing the approaching marriage of her daughter Julia to Mr. Ovid S. Coleman. The wedding to take place Wednesday July the 18th at 7:30 p. m., at the family residence, 2123 Columbus St.

COWBOYS FIND OLD UTE BURYING GROUND

Craig, Colo., July 14. Cowboys living in this section of the state have discovered an ancient Indian burial ground within half a mile of the city limits. They overheard an old trapper tell of a battle fought in the early '60s between the Ute and Arapahoe tribes, and going to the spot where he said the dead had been buried, found several mounds. Digging into the first they found the bones of an Indian chief. Great quantities of brass rings, marbles, elk teeth and snake rattles were found.

TROOPS CALLED OUT TO QUELL I. W. W.'S

St. Louis, July 14.—Troops B and Battery A, of this city, were ordered by Governor Gardner to go at once to Flat river to quell the labor disorders which were started by the Industrial Workers of the World.

BLACKHANDERS GIVE RECEIPT

VICTIM TELLS TROUBLES TO POLICE FORCE

ITALIANS RECEIVE LETTERS

Collector Promises Protection and Thanks Donor for '150 Oranges.' One Is Arrested

The application of business methods to the art of "blackhanding" may be carried too far, as was proved yesterday evening in the arrest of Giovanni Catalanotto, of Taylor avenue and Canal Boulevard. According to Carmelo Trappagnano, who is the chief witness against Catalanotto, the latter's brother gave him a receipt for the money after blackmailing him out of \$150.

With Giovanni Catalanotto behind the bars the police and detectives are looking for Salvatore, his brother, and Giovanni Romano, who are believed to be implicated in the affair. Italian residents of the Lakeview district, many of whom have received blackhand letters recently, will be interested in the turn that events have taken.

Down on List

Yesterday that on June 6 he received a letter telling him that he was "down on the list for \$200." The letter was signed Mano Nora, with the reputation skill and crossbones and blackhand bench.

On June 21 he received a second letter advising him that a messenger would appear shortly for the money. Then three days ago, he states, Salvatore Catalanotto appeared at his house and demanded the \$200. After haggling over the sum the two men compromised on \$150 and Trappagnano turned over the cash and was given the following "receipt" signed by the collector:

Now Are Friends "Thank you for the 150 oranges. We are now your friends, and no one will molest you."

Trappagnano turned over to the police the two alleged blackhand letters and the receipt. Special officer Arthur Marullo went to the Catalanotto home and arrested Giuseppe. He states that Giuseppe told his wife in Italian to say to anyone that asked after Salvatore that the latter was away on business.

FIRST NIGHT CURB MARKET SUCCESS

The first night curb market of New Orleans backed by the city which opened Friday night was a success in every way. The market which is conducted by the Housewives League had an unusually large attendance and here many aspects of a festival.

The market Friday night was attended by 3,000 persons. It opened at 6 o'clock, when Mayor Behrman made his address. He congratulated the Housewives' League on its achievement in establishing the market a year and a half ago, and spoke of the value it had to the city now that food prices are such a cause for worry.

Forty wagons composed the market Friday night, and almost as many were on hand Saturday morning. Choice tomatoes were sold at five cents a dozen, corn at five cents for a dime, eggs at 30 cents a dozen, and butter at 41 cents a pound.

Several Orleanians whose backyard gardens are providing more vegetables than their owners can consume had their surplus stock on sale at the curb market Friday night and Saturday morning. Another curb market had an as-

JULY FOURTEENTH FETE SUCCESSFUL

THOUSANDS ATTEND CELEBRATION AT FAIR GROUNDS

FLAGS ARE GIVEN SOLDIERS

Associate Justice O'Neil, Mayor, Armand Romain, and French Consul Deliver Talks

Not in years has the 14th of July been celebrated in New Orleans with the vigor and wholehearted enthusiasm that marked yesterday's observance. After three years of patriotic non-observance, due to the fact that France was at war and the United States neutral, so that local citizens of French descent were constrained to forego the annual celebration, the French society staged its annual observance yesterday on an elaborate scale.

Quite a large sum was raised for the orphan's fund, this being a source of special gratification to the committee, headed by Dr. J. G. Rousseau. There was also a celebration of the course of the afternoon and evening, and the crowd did not leave until close to midnight.

Drills and parade by the soldiers from Camp Nicholls were a feature of the celebration at the Fair Grounds. After the maneuvers the regiment was presented with three handsome silk American flags by the French society. At 7 o'clock in the evening there was a banquet for the members of the society, and at 8 o'clock a display of fireworks of the Fair Grounds. Musical numbers, speeches by Justice Charles J. O'Neil of the supreme court, and Armand Romain, Frank Fortier, representing Governor Pleasant and Mayor Behrman were made.

Between 7,000 and 8,000 persons sat in Audubon park at 8 o'clock in the evening. Esmond Phelps, and Lieutenant-Colonel Allison Owen, were the principal speakers, and the Washington Artillery band furnished music from 6 o'clock to 9. The park was decorated for the occasion.

GIRLS IN OVERALLS PLAY BASEBALL DAILY

Cleveland, July 14. The two girl teams playing baseball on the Nation Square and Park grounds every noon are not bloomer girl teams. The loose-fitting trousers they wear are the uniform of the factory—just plain feminine overalls, which are becoming popular here. The girls are playing out a season schedule. There are twelve teams in the league and the girls all wear overalls.

MARINE LEAKS STOPPED

Washington, July 14.—Further leaks of marine information were stopped today by Pres. Wilson's proclamation forbidding marine insurance or reinsurance with German agents.

sortment of inexpensive vegetables on sale Saturday morning. This was on Prytania street at the former site of the Housewives' League curb market. After the league moved its market to Carrollton avenue the Prytania market stall keepers continued the curb market. About thirty-five wagons were there Friday night and Saturday morning.