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CONGRESS MUST BRACE UP.

The consensus of opinion on the subject up to this writing seems to be that conscription, or forced service or universal service—take your choice for mellifluousness; they all amount to the same thing in the end—is the proper policy to pursue, but is going to be very unpopular.

Meanwhile the war department, because it must get men somehow, we presume, has reverted to the old volunteer plan which it has frequently roundly condemned, and with good reason.

As much as one may deplore the necessity of enforcing military service, by ages and with no exemptions, it must be admitted that the United States cannot carry on a real war without it. At the bottom, it is the only fair way.

The appropriation of our young men just entering manhood may seem cruel, but necessity is always cruel. War itself is merciless and tyrannical.

If congress shrinks from a course which its members know is inevitable in the end, it will do the country a grave injury which will prove costly in lives and money.

The sportingest event of the present peace disturbance is the action of little Bolivia in handing the German minister his passports and advising him to beat it.

When Harry Wilson told the warlike ladies at Baton Rouge that they would serve their country just as patriotically by staying at home and making gardens as by being Red Cross nurses he must have aroused as much enthusiasm as a dish of cold potatoes.

Authorities seem to differ as to the origin of a recent sawmill fire at Pickering. The mill officials think it was due to the machination of German spies, while the president of the company believes that carelessness regarding sparks from the slab pit had something to do with it.

One trouble is that when it comes to attending the school of the soldier, many of our able-bodied young men desire to take a correspondence course.

Our e. c. the Berlin Kreuz Zeitung grandiloquently remarks: "Thirteen hundred millions of the world's inhabitants are fighting 70 million Germans. Let the rest of the earth come as well, we will beat them all."

Add horrors of war: On a recent occasion, King George of England was so busy that he worked nine hours and forty five minutes in a single day and lunched off two ham sandwiches.

With no disrespectful intention, The Bee expresses the hope that the golf clubs and the ladies aid societies will not feel called upon to assert publicly their loyalty to the government.

Some of our haughty neighbors are finding out that if the United States does chase the dollars unduly, she can beat the world in turning them loose when necessary.

Austria's new minister of war is General Sloger-Steiner von Steinstettin. If names count, Austria is in this war to the bitter end.

Bryan is willing to go to war in any old capacity, but T. R. wants to raise a division.

Guatemala shows symptoms of declaring war on Germany. It would take only a half dozen nations now to make this thing unanimous.

LOUISIANA CONDENSED.

During the first two weeks of April 6,000 out of Calcasieu's 40,000 head of cattle went through the dipping vats.

Commander John B. Collins, a native of Louisiana, died at Annapolis, Md., of heart disease, aged 67.

The Louisiana State Teacher's convention will meet next year in Shreveport. During the Alexandria convention, 1,348 were enrolled.

The citizens of Zona had a flag raising and patriotic speeches Saturday.

Hammond citizens held a meeting Friday afternoon to take definite steps toward increasing the supply of food crops.

Tot Howard, negro, is hiding in the swamps and his wife is dead from a pistol bullet near Amite City. A quarrel over twenty cents caused the tragedy.

Rudolph Enterkin is in jail at Vidalia charged with the murder of John A. Wuerner. A lot of whisky belonging to Wuerner was found in Enterkin's possession.

The McConnell gas well in the Lirette field near Houma is still running wild, all efforts to control it having failed.

A flag was raised in the presence of a large crowd at Mansfield Saturday.

Dejersey & Naff have been awarded the contract for 7,000 yards of vibrolithic paving at Lake Charles.

Louisiana Knights Templar began their 54th annual conclave at Alexandria Sunday.

The federal supreme court has refused to interfere in the case of Hilaire Carriere, slayer of Sheriff Swords and legal delays in his case are nearly exhausted.

New stained glass windows are being put in the Catholic church at Abbeville.

H. & M. Uhry have sold their store building at Plaquemine to E. Hirsch for \$10,500.

Opelousas has organized a branch of the Red Cross.

The negroes of Leesville are organizing a company for the nation's defense.

Former Sheriff Jack Parker of Ouachita has given bond for \$7,000 and will be ready for trial next week.

The new state food commission will meet in Baton Rouge April 25.

The boys and girls agricultural clubs at Amite City are preparing to cultivate the vacant lots in the town.

Kentwood ladies have converted their bridge club into a Red Cross circle.

Hammond is to have a strawberry preserving plant, built by a Chicago concern.

Veterans of the Spanish-American war at Vidalia are organizing a National Guard company.

Webster parish farmers are pledging themselves to co-operate in the food preparedness campaign.

Tangipahoa parish has passed an ordinance imposing a tax on dogs.

Seventy eight have been enrolled in New Iberia's new company.

ARCHBISHOP JAMES H. BLENK THE EMINENT LOUISIANA PRELATE IS RAPIDLY SINKING

Archbishop Blenk has been given up by his physicians, Drs. Points and Bel. Since Tuesday morning he has been gradually sinking and his death is believed to be a question of a few hours.

A sad circumstance in connection with the malady of Archbishop Blenk is the grief and deep sorrow of his sister, Mrs. Eva Boos, a resident of Hammond, La., who has been untiring in her vigils at the bedside of Archbishop Blenk.

Mrs. Boos has been an invalid for some time, having been severely injured in an automobile collision in New Orleans in February last.

In case of the death of the beloved Archbishop, the bells of all the Catholic churches will be tolled so that the faithful will be apprised of the passing away of the spiritual head of the Catholic church in Louisiana.

DIES OF WOUND RECEIVED IN LINE OF BUSINESS

Albert Broussard, negro, who was shot in both legs last week by Alexander Webb, negro keeper of the pasture of the Country club, who caught him stealing chickens, died in the Charity hospital early yesterday morning.

Broussard said it was an old-time chicken thief who had been in the "business" for over 20 years.

AMBULANCE HITS CYCLIST INJURY Treated at Charity Hospital Turned Out to be Slight

An ambulance of Grootsch-Leitz Company, undertakers, set out for the Marine hospital with one sick person and had covered less than one third of the distance before it was accommodating another.

For while speeding up North Rampart street, the vehicle ran into August Hypolite, 23, who was riding a bicycle, at Bienville street. He was put in the ambulance and after conveying him to the Charity hospital, it continued on its way.

TOLD A STORY OF ROBBERY Police Are Skeptical Because of Conflicting Statements

San Eriksen, 1012 Magazine street, took aboard a United Fruit boat, complained to the police early yesterday morning that he was taken into the rear of the city by two young men who assaulted and robbed him of \$61. He made conflicting statements, according to the police.

At first Eriksen said he met the robbers in the restricted district and after having several drinks, he accepted the invitation to take a joy ride. While out in a lonely, dark spot, he said, they struck him and took the money away.

VITAL STATISTICS Births

Mrs. Rene Gonzales, a boy, 1938 Perdido street.
Mrs. Sebastian Rogusa, a boy, Hotel Dieu.
Mrs. Augustin Simeons, a boy, 2445 Aubrey street.

Deaths

Edward Joseph, 33 years, 3614 S. Rampart street.
John Rogusa, 4 hours, Hotel Dieu.
Florence Banks, 18 months, 5212 Chartres street.
Charles Torsen, 59 years, Toure Infirmary.
Clare Zenpel, 86 years, Miss.
Mrs. (Widow) Catherine Young, 513 Seventh street.
Anthony Bertucci, 38 years, 1507 Audubon street.
Conrad Freese, 62 years.

AUTO TRUCK AND GALLERY WRECKED

The double gallery at 828 Camp street was pulled down yesterday when an auto truck of the American Box Company, driven by Edward Lennett, 2014 Lafayette street, crashed into the post supporting it.

Damage to the property, owned by Mrs. Fred Lambert, is estimated at \$1,500. The truck was wrecked.

Lennett was driving down Camp street, a trailer attached to his truck. Upon reaching Julia street he swerved from the car track. As he did so the trailer broke loose and crashed into the gallery supports.

CHURCH BELLS WILL TOLL IF THE ARCHBISHOP DIES

Archbishop Blenk's condition continued with no perceptible change throughout the day yesterday, but it is admitted to be most critical by the physicians in attendance.

"When the end comes the people of this city will be notified immediately by the tolling of the bells of the Cathedral and of every Catholic church in New Orleans."

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEET

A number of Orleanians are in Monroe to attend the annual meeting of the State Sunday School Association, which opened yesterday.

FOUR INJURED IN AUTO OVERTURN WILL RECOVER

Joseph L. Bruno, of 1430 Spain street, an Jacob Fido, of 1319 Spain street, sustained fractures of the skull late Monday night when the auto, in which they were riding, was overturned while they were trying to pass another machine.

SUES FOR LOSS OF BOY'S FOOT

Kelman Moxie's case against the Panama Ice Company in behalf of his minor son was still in progress in the United States District Court before Judge Rufus Foster yesterday. He asks judgment in the sum of \$20,214.50 for the loss of the boy's left foot, which is alleged to have been crushed by an auto truck of the ice company at Canal and Carondelet streets Nov. 19, 1915. The lad's name is Joseph.

PARLIAMENT PROLONGED

London, April 17.—By a vote of 286 to 52 the House of Commons passed on second reading a bill extending the life of the present parliament until November. Efforts of a small group to force a general election failed.

GERMAN PLOT

To Finance Aeroplane and Machine Gun Factory in Mexico City

Chicago, April 17.—Rudolph Muller, former German army officer who was arrested here, admitted today that Chicago Germans were financing an aeroplane and machine gun factory in Mexico City.

JACKSON MAKES SEVEN MORE CITIZENS FOR U. S.

Final examination of aliens applying for the citizenship for the month of April was concluded yesterday in the United States District Court by Naturalization Examiner J. E. Jackson. Seven more new citizens were made yesterday and ten the day before.

CALLAN TAKES THE OATH

Judge Rufus Foster, in the United States District Court yesterday swore in Nicholas Callan as assistant Federal district attorney. News of his appointment was received Monday from Washington by District Attorney Joseph Montgomery, who was recently promoted, succeeding District Attorney Guion, who retired.



CLERK JOEN JACKSON, Of Central Station.

U. S. OFFICIALS GET GOTTWALD

El Paso, Tex., April 16.—Franz Gottwald, the German quartermaster General for the Chihuahua military zone, was arrested a week ago when he came to El Paso to buy supplies for the Carranza army.

CIVIL DISTRICT COURT

Salto M. Adams vs. Percy J. Prosser, Jr., note, \$132; New Orleans Land Co. vs. Hypolite Ruffin, note, \$4,455; Wilson & Co. vs. Chas. P. Applegate, note, \$170; H. T. Cottan & Co. vs. C. Venturolla and Nick Venturolla, assignment of act of sale; Nelson Co-operative Association, Inc. vs. Frank A. Barone and Jos. Mossina, Jr., claim, \$392.20; E. E. Leary vs. Charles A. Both, specific performance; State ex rel. Mrs. Emily C. Geribner et als. vs. Mrs. J. Wilberberg et als. mandamus; Lingt Bahero vs. Nick Scutari, claim, \$168.20; Dagan Piano Company vs. Gustav B. Gand et als. sequestration, \$545; Victor Maubereet, Jr. vs. Louis Kriehner, addict; Mrs. Jane Thery, widow of Eugene Yvan, vs. Edward W. Ball, addict; Joseph Scaro vs. Crescent Forwarding Transportation Company, damages, personal injuries, \$6,200.

Successions

Walter Pinkens Smith, Samuel Daniels Peters, Mollie I. Sullivan, Michael Steinmetz, Mrs. Elizabeth Buckey, widow of John M. Growley, Nancy Butler, widow of John Butler.

BOXING GIVEN LEASE OF LIFE

Albany, April 17.—Boxing in New York was given a new lease of life today in the state legislature. The Davis bill, drawn up to wipe out the State Athletic commission and to abolish legalized boxing, was defeated by a vote of 74 to 56 in the assembly.

U. S. DAILY WEATHER REPORT

Wednesday, April 18, 1917. Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday. For New Orleans and vicinity: Showers, light southerly winds. For Louisiana: Wednesday and Thursday, unsettled.

LOCAL METEOROLOGICAL RECORD

Temperature Record. Yesterday's temperature record at New Orleans, as shown by the thermograph of the U. S. Weather Bureau, on the roof of the Postoffice building, was as follows: Time Temperature. 7 a. m. 69, 9 a. m. 73, 11 a. m. 79, 1 p. m. 79, 3 p. m. 75, 5 p. m. 75. Weather Record. The following is the weather data for April 17, 1917, at New Orleans: 7 a. m. 2 p. m. 7 p. m. Temperature 69 74, Rel. Humidity 92 89 83, Wind S.E. 5 S.E. 9, Weather Cloudy Clear.

RIVER FORECAST

The Mississippi River below Vicksburg, and the Atchafalaya will rise; on account of recent rains, crest stages are indicated as follows: Natchez, 49.2 to 49.7 feet, April 20th to 25th; Baton Rouge, 36.8 to 37.3 feet; Donaldsonville, 28.7 to 29.3; New Orleans, 18.7 to 19.2 feet; April 25th to 30th; stage of 41.5 to 42.0 feet at Simmesport and 39.5 to 40.0 feet at Melville by April 25th; the Red River, below Shreveport, and the Ouachita will change very little during the next 48 hours.

FIGALLO'S 52 YEARS LIFE Best Italian Restaurant in City. 722 IBERVILLE ST. Anthony Guiffria, Prop.

GREATEST BATTLE OF WORLD RAGING

Along a 150-mile front battle line the French and British are pushing back the German armies in a titanic struggle for the mastery of the western front.

Stepping into the fray after the British had been hammering the German lines in the Arras region to bits for a week the French struck along a 25-mile front along the Aisne, carried the German positions to an average depth of from 2 to 2 1/2 miles, captured more than 10,000 prisoners and maintained all the ground won.

Last night, after the great success of their initial rush, Gen. Nivelle's forces occupied themselves with consolidating their new positions and resisting German counter attacks. All these assaults were repulsed and in the Aisne region, west of Craonne, the Germans suffered heavy losses. Their total casualties, allotted in the first 24 hours of fighting, are estimated at 160,000 men.

Both British and French reports today indicate that the continuation of the operations is being hampered by bad weather. Nevertheless the British pushed forward in the region between St. Quentin and Cambrai, advancing east of Echy to La Tombois farm, within two and a half miles of La Carcelle, where they threaten to cut the St. Quentin-Cambrai main line of communication.

The strategic lines of the great Anglo-French attack have been worked out in complete harmony by the staffs of the two armies. The dispatches indicate entire coordination for placing and timing the blows delivered so as to insure their greatest possible effectiveness.

In a broad way, it may be judged, the French now have for their immediate objective the isolation of the important railway center of Laon, to turn the southern end of the Humberg line.

The British already have pierced this line at the northern end. The joint operation apparently is aimed at the rolling up of the present German front in an effort to compel retirement on a greater scale than any yet witnessed on the western front since the battle of the Marne.

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