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WILSON DEMANDS ACTION ON BILL

URGES PASSAGE OF LEVER FOOD MEASURE

MAY HAVE TO GO TO CONGRESS

Representative Haugen Fibs Minority Report Charging Proposed Law Discriminates Against Farmers

Washington, June 15.—President Wilson served notice on Congress to take action at once regarding the Lever food control laws which will give him the power to regulate food prices. After considering important legislation pending, he decided, if necessary, to go before Congress and demand the passage of the bills at once.

It will be of prime importance to be made a law before July 1, as harvesting season will begin in some sections within two weeks. President Wilson conferred with Senator Martin, majority leader, today. The law talked with both Republican and Democratic leaders.

Haugen, a Republican, of Iowa, in the house today filed a minority report, alleging that Lever discriminates against farmers. He contended the original bill contemplated the control of agriculture it aims only to control foodstuffs.

LOYOLA LAW CLASS ORGANIZES FIRST ALUMNI

The first alumni of the law school of Loyola university was formed at the banquet held in the Greenwald Theatre last night by the graduates of this year's class. It was announced at the banquet that each member of the class had subscribed to the Liberty Loan fund and consequently had raised \$2,600.

Those who received law diplomas follow: Julius F. Anderson, John E. Burzayne, N. G. Carvajal, H. B. Curtis, Charles J. Conklin, H. F. Cotton, Richard A. Dowling, Thomas J. Dunphy, F. W. Gaudin, J. K. Indell, F. Foster Michon, Francis Williams, Cheri Anthony Miranna, George L. Massie, George Pizzani, J. F. Poynter, Gaston Rose, Ernest J. Robin, James Riggard, James G. Schollin, Sidney L. Sambola, John St. Paul, Jr., W. H. Smart and F. G. Wenzel.

WILL CONTEST SEAT

London, June 15.—The Sinn Feiners of East Clare have decided to contest the seat in parliament vacated by the death of Major Wm. Redmond. They have chosen as candidate Edward de Valera, formerly a professor in Dublin university, and sentenced to death for his connection with the Sinn Fein revolt. His sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life and he is now in jail.

LIBERTY LOAN FUND RAISED BY NATION

Washington, June 15.—The three billion Liberty loan has been contributed by three million men, women and children of the United States in defiance of military autocracy. Officials today said the loan closed at noon.

Cleveland was first to respond and subscribed \$274,000,000.

AUTO BUILDING

Through the office of Leo Fallner, an investor whose name was not announced, has bought the four-story residential property 617 St. Charles street. Following alterations, the ground floor will be occupied by a store for automobile trade.

PERSHING'S NAME

Paris, June 15.—The French press is still busy discussing the proposition of Gen. Pershing's name. La Liberte says that probably the best solution is Perche, meaning Gallant Father, or Percher, meaning Dear Father.

ELEVEN MILLION BONDS SOLD HERE

NEW ORLEANS TOTAL SUBSCRIPTION NIS \$11,450,000

LOUISIANA BUYS \$17,000,000

Liberty Bonds Listed in Stock Exchange—Equitable Life Largest Subscriber at \$250,000.

New Orleans subscriptions to the Liberty Loan total \$11,450,000, according to an official announcement made yesterday afternoon by James B. Butler, of the Clearing House committee. This is \$2,500,000 in excess of the amount allotted to this city, and was furnished by 20,000 individual subscribers.

The state of Louisiana, outside the city of New Orleans, probably will absorb \$10,000,000 in bonds. The allotment for the entire state, including New Orleans, was \$15,500,000, and the bonds taken will amount to \$10,000,000 above that amount, according to present figures.

Liberty bonds were listed on the stock exchange yesterday afternoon for the first time. The first call was made a couple of hours after the subscription list closed at 11:00 hours. There was no sales recorded.

The largest subscription in the city was by the Equitable Life Insurance company for \$250,000. The most popular denomination of bond, however, was the \$50 variety, with the \$100 bond a close second. Especially in \$50, was the work done by the Boy Scouts, one troop of which turned in subscriptions amounting to \$125,000.

The members of the clearing house committee, which managed the bond campaign in New Orleans, are: James P. Butler, Jr., P. H. Saunders, R. S. Howell and W. W. Borden. In a statement yesterday Mr. Saunders declared: "Never in the history of New Orleans has a campaign been conducted with so little friction and with such a spirit of cooperation. Everyone interested in any way in the campaign has given every bit of assistance possible, and all personal interests were set aside from the day the campaign opened. We are proud of the showing made by the people of the city."

BUYERS' CONVENTION DATES

At a meeting of the spot trade committee of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Bureau Thursday, August 20-25, was set for the holding of the annual fall buyers' convention here. Fred O'Donnell was appointed chairman of the entertainment committee; N. S. Gahan, of the committee on advertisement, and S. A. Weil, of the committee on invitations.

Out of town merchants who, during the convention week, make purchases of \$500 or more from members of the bureau are reimbursed their round trip railroad fare.

MORE COAL! MORE OIL!

Not Enough's Production of Fuel Is The Nation's Francis Peabody Says

Washington, June 15.—Francis S. Peabody, chairman of the coal committee of the Council of National Defense, told the Senate public lands committee today the country was not producing enough oil to win the war and that if nothing were done to develop new wells the reserve supply would be exhausted in twelve months and production would be fifty million barrels less than the requirements.

Oil and coal situations in the West, he said, are especially bad and the United States depends much upon supplies of fuel and food. While the United States is producing more coal than ever before, Mr. Peabody said it is possible to increase production 100 million tons.

Texas Rotarians Welcomed by City

One hundred Rotarians from Texas reached New Orleans yesterday and were met by the Rotarians of this city. The visitors immediately were taken in hand and were given a round of entertainment.

The New Orleans delegation will leave this morning with the Texans for Atlanta, where the International convention of Rotary Clubs will be held. Among those who will go from this city are: Levering Moore, W. S. Hickford, B. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brando, C. P. Ellerson, A. Elmer, George Eckart, E. Fitzgerald, John R. McIlvay, S. D. Sizer, J. D. Williams, W. J. Fitzgerald and wife, S. E. Tronard, Walter Foster, W. C. Lovejoy, J. T. Jones, Victor Michel, W. D. Seymour, Miss Seymour, Misses Florence McCarthy and Roma H. De Lucas.

SKULL AND BONES CAUSE RETREAT

The human skull and bones found in a pastboard box in a Louisville and Nashville passenger car at the head of Julia street early yesterday morning are believed by the police to have been put there by a practical joker. The skull was found in a car and was almost frightened out of his wits.

Keane was cleaning the car and caught sight of the box on a rack. Being curious, he saw what it contained, he took the box down and opened it. What he saw caused him to drop the box and flee from the car. He did not stop running until the harbor police station was reached.

The box and its gruesome contents were sent to the coroner's office. Printed on the outside of the box, which also contained a shirt, a pair of socks and a collar, was the name of Hirschberg Bros., Nashville, Tenn. The monogram "A. M. R." appeared on each of the three pieces of wearing apparel.

FOUR CANTONMENTS ARE APPROVED BY GOVERNMENT

Washington, June 15.—Four sites for war army divisional cantonments were approved yesterday, completing the list of sixteen points at which military towns are to be built by September 1, when the first draft of troops will be called to the colors.

At each cantonment a full division will be given its preliminary training before being sent to Europe for final instruction behind the fighting lines. They will be located as follows: Ayer, Mass.; Yaphank, L. I., N. Y.; Wrightstown, N. J.; Annapolis Junction, Md.; Petersburg, Va.; Atlanta, Ga.; Columbus, S. C.; Chillicothe, Ohio; Louisville, Ky.; Battle Creek, Mich.; Little Rock, Ark.; Rockford, Ill.; Des Moines, Iowa; Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; American Lake, Washington.

LIGUORI HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS CLOSING EXERCISES

Liguori High school held its closing exercises yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at St. Alphonsus hall. The program follows:

March, Fraternity, McGee; choruses, greeting song, Lord; salutatory, A. J. O'Keefe, class president; 16-17, overtures, Southern melodies; address, Harry McEnery; awards to the seventh grade; choruses, America, Here's My Boy; L. L. L. awards to the eighth grade; choruses, I love Sammy, Holyday; awards to the first year; eighth; choruses, Liguori High School march, Michael; remarks, Very Rev. J. Mahony, C. S. S. R.; Trade, Southern Belles, Hazel.

Two gold watch fobs will be awarded, one for spelling in the English grade, and the other for English composition in the first year high school.

PRO INFLUENCE GETS IN WORK

ALEXANDRIA FAILS TO BE AWARDED CANTONMENT

U. S. FAVORS DRY STATES

Mayor Whittington Does Not Give Up, But Louisiana Delegation Urges 'No More Strife'

Prohibition influence in Washington is responsible for the rejection of the claims of Camp Stafford, at Alexandria, for one of the new army cantonments, according to reports here. After a long contest, in which Shreveport and Alexandria were the Louisiana contenders, the prize was awarded to Little Rock, Ark., where one of the government forts is now located.

Mayor W. W. Whittington, of Alexandria, who has been here for several days watching the situation, left for his home yesterday. He has not yet given up hope that the cantonment will be located in Alexandria, but others regard the matter as practically settled. In the interests of harmony the Louisiana senators are opposed to any further fight against Little Rock, because an effort is being made in Congress to

Far From Coast

The cantonment at Little Rock will care for the men from Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas, and as it is far removed from the coast, the congressional delegations of the three states have united in its defense. Since Little Rock was selected it is felt that it would be better for all three states to have the cantonment than on the Atlantic coast.

Shreveport and Alexandria both made a strong fight to secure the cantonment, and the announcement that it had been awarded to Little Rock comes as a surprise. One big advantage Alexandria had over the Arkansas city was that it was 200 miles closer to New Orleans, a possible port of debarkation of troops, and was also more conveniently located for the mobilization of the forces of the three states.

Dry States Favored

It is said that "dry" states are being consistently favored over "wet" states in the location of the cantonment camps, and that this is the reason why Arkansas won out over Louisiana. Similar instances have occurred elsewhere, it is said.

After Fort Snelling, Minn., had been tentatively selected for a cantonment, according to a Washington dispatch, a number of Dakota prohibitionists went to the capital city, and as a result of their visit the camp site was changed to Des Moines, Iowa, in a dry state. Fort Riley, Kansas, won out over Missouri cities in the Kansas-Missouri district for a similar reason, according to some reports, while out on the coast the state of Washington was given the preference over California.

U. S. BOAT SUNK AT END OF FIGHT

Washington, June 15.—After a thrilling running fight for two hours, the American tanker *Moreni* was sunk by a submarine June 12. It was not torpedoed. Four of the crew were lost.

The German commander complimented Captain Thomas Thompson on the battle.

The *Moreni* left Baton Rouge May 12 for Lghorn, Italy. It fired 150 shots to the submarine's 200.

NEW FOOD CONTROLLER

London, June 15.—Baron Robinson succeeded Viscount Davenport as food controller, according to an announcement in Commons today.

Plenty of Coal Promised Nation

Washington, June 15.—A billion tons of coal is promised the nation next year under the agreement of the United Mine Workers of America with the Council of National Defense. Equal recognition will be given by the government henceforth to the mine workers and operators, each acting as a check on the other.

ITALIAN MISSION ON WAY TO ST. LOUIS

Memphis, June 15.—The members of the Royal Italian mission, headed by Enrico Ariotta, a cabinet member, were entertained at a banquet tonight. The mission left later for St. Louis.

WIFE IDENTIFIES HUSBAND'S BODY

The body of the white man who killed himself by leaping in front of an interurban car near Harahan, La., Thursday morning, yesterday was identified by Mrs. Eugene Cookmeyer, Claiborne and Perdido streets, as that of her husband. Two other attempts at suicide were made by Cookmeyer during the past few

months. Cookmeyer was in good health, and was a hard worker being employed in a local foundry. But his health began to fail him and he fell a victim to nervous prostration. One evening after returning from work he slashed his throat with a razor in the presence of Mrs. Cookmeyer. The blade, however, did not touch the jugular vein.

Goes to Hospital

After being released from the Charity hospital he was remanded to the City Hospital for Mental Diseases and had not been there long when he escaped. Police recaptured him, but he escaped again.

This time Cookmeyer's condition was worse. He imagined men were after him to take his life. Several days later he was found under a bridge near his home by a policeman and brought back to the mental hospital. But Tuesday he escaped a third time.

Wanders About

Cookmeyer had been seen wandering about between Shreveport and Harahan. Thursday he jumped in front of a car and instantly killed.

Unidentified, the body was taken to the undertaking establishment of Fred Leitz, in Jackson avenue, New Orleans, by order of Coroner Brown, of Jefferson parish.

Mrs. Cookmeyer read of the suicide in newspapers and, from descriptions given, thought the man might be her husband. Yesterday morning she went to Leitz's place and identified the body.

MANAGER DECLINES TO BUY BONDS AND RESIGNS

Tampa, Fla., June 15.—Ernest Kreher, of German descent, president and general manager of a local shipbuilding company, resigned as president of the board of directors last night. This action was taken following the strike of employees of the plant yesterday, because, it is said, Mr. Kreher refused to buy Liberty bonds.

The board authorized the purchase of \$3,000 worth of Liberty bonds which were subscribed for today. The men are expected to return to work Monday.

ALLEGED JEWELRY THIEF GIVES US

MAN, HOWEVER, PROTESTS INNOCENCE TO AUTHORITIES

ALLEGED THEFT WAS \$11,850

John E. Harris Surrenders Upon Advice of Lawyer When He Learns Police Want Him

Accompanied by a lawyer, John E. Harris, alias Pleasant Harris, surrendered to Police Superintendent Reynolds yesterday, and was later identified by August Bauman, 1825 Magazine street, as one of the two auto bandits who robbed his store of \$11,850 worth of jewelry several months ago. Other witnesses also identified him. Harris denies the charge.

George McManis, alleged chauffeur of the car in which the thieves escaped, was arrested in Mississippi several months ago.

Admits Part

He admits that part of it but denies having figured in the robbery. He said the man who did it fired his automobile and afterward gave him a ring. The ring has been recovered. Both McManis and the ring have been identified by Bauman.

The robbery took place on the night of March 14, 1916, when the thieves entered the store when a man entered and ran out with a tray of diamond rings. Bauman tried to catch him but he jumped in a waiting automobile and was sped away.

Description Given

From a description given by Bauman, Police Superintendent Reynolds, who knows Harris of old, at once assumed he was the man who snatched the tray. Orders were issued for his arrest. Next day Harris is said to have left the city.

More than a week ago Harris returned to New Orleans and went about in disguise, police say. He knew the authorities wanted him, so he consulted a lawyer yesterday and together they went to headquarters.

NORMAL OPENS JULY 23

Brookhaven, Miss., June 15.—A summer normal will be held at the Copiah-Lincoln Agricultural High school, beginning July 23, and continuing six weeks. The board of control has selected the following teachers and courses for the term:

Directors, Prof. Joe L. McMillin, of Macon; local director, Prof. R. L. Landis, of Wesson; mathematics, J. E. Corinth, of Magnolia; primary department, Miss Eva Bennett, of McComb; home science, Miss Mattie Furr, of Wesson; girls' and women's clubs, Mrs. M. S. Hoods, of Hazlehurst; music, Mrs. Joe L. McMillin, of Macon.

The courses to be taught are: Theory and practical teaching; primary methods; model school mathematics; home science; English; agriculture; club work and public school music. The normal will be under the supervision of the State Department of Education.

NEGRO COOK ARRESTED

On complaint of Louis Young, house detective, John Sherrod, negro cook at the Mont-Léone Hotel, was arrested yesterday for being a dangerous and suspicious character. He is being held pending investigation of stealing foodstuffs from the hostelry.

SHIPPING BOARD COUNSEL

Washington, D. C., June 15.—Alfred Hauer, of Charleston, S. C., a lawyer, was today appointed advisory counsel to the federal shipping board. Chairman DeLoan in announcing the appointment said it was another instance of a man of large affairs putting aside personal interest to serve the government.

DECISIVE BATTLE NEAR IS BELIEF

DUAL STRUGGLE MAY BE STAGED SHORTLY

OPPOSING GENERALS READY

Haig Will Attempt Smash Through Belgium and Hindenberg Expects to Launch Gigantic Attack

London, June 15.—Big guns, mines, and scouting parties are setting the stage in the west for what may be a decisive battle. Indications are that a dual battle will be fought as Hindenburg is preparing a huge drive against the French all the way between Rheims and Soissons.

General Haig, having battered at the door into Belgium, and the Messines Ridge, getting ready to smash through. Hindenburg's offensive against the French is in the initial stage. The German crown prince's heaviest artillery is honeycombing the positions on the Aisne and in several vital sectors south as far as Verdun.

General Haig plans to attack so that Hindenburg will have to give up the south and reserve the north.

BLIND COMMISSION ELECTED

Dr. J. W. Newman Chosen to Head Organization

Officers were elected at the meeting of the Louisiana Commission for the Blind held at the Y. M. C. A., Thursday night. They are: Dr. J. W. Newman, president; Dr. A. O. Browne, first vice president; Miss Anna E. Kennedy, second vice president; Miss May Collins, third vice president; Mrs. A. Grumbach, recording secretary; Miss Emma McConnell, recording secretary for the blind; Mrs. Tinette Lichtenstein, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Henry Aicus, financial secretary; W. O. Hart, treasurer; Miss Betty Stroebel, assistant secretary to the blind; Dr. A. Oscar Browne, president, reports were read by Mrs. J. W. Newman, prevention of blindness department chairman; Mrs. Finlay D. Ross, home and housing department; Mrs. F. J. Schwartz, membership committee; Mrs. Tinette Lichtenstein, ways and means committee, and by Miss May Collins and Mrs. W. D. Clayton, educational committee.

BOY HURT IN COLLISION

Eight-Year-Old Lad Thrown From Father's Buggy

One boy was hurt and two others escaped injury yesterday when a buggy they were in collided with a Prutania car at Antoine and Prytanica streets. All were thrown into the street.

The injured boy is Raymond Lambert, eight years old, 1300 Constantine street, who, police say, was driving the buggy which belongs to his father. The others were his brother Emmet, nine, and Lloyd Magrander, eleven, 1132 Magazine street. Raymond suffered lacerated wounds of the leg and he was taken to the Toussaint infirmary. His condition is not serious.

IRISH MAY GET AMNESTY

London, June 15.—The government is considering the granting of amnesty to the Irish prisoners arrested at the time of the rebellion last year. Chancellor Bonar Law made this announcement in the house of commons today, saying that the government's decision would be known immediately.

MERCHANTS TO CAPITAL

A special delegation will be sent by the Retail Merchants' bureau to Baton Rouge to advise with the State Board of Affairs in regard to the assessments of stocks and merchandise. This action was taken yesterday at a conference of the bureau.