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HAS A MORE IMPORTANT JOB

It has been announced locally that Crawford H. Ellis, vice president of the United Fruit Company, has declined membership on the advisory shipping committee of the national council of defense, for the reason that it would require the sacrifice of too much time from a business of great importance to the nation. He said, in discussing the matter:

Our company is engaged in bringing in one of the most important food products in the United States at the present time, and I feel that I can best serve our country by looking after our own business and maintaining this food supply, which, on account of the present steamship situation, requires very close attention.

The importation of tropical fruits this year, amounting to about 40,000,000 bunches, furnishes a total of about 6,000,000,000 bananas. This, divided among the inhabitants of the United States, of 140,000,000, goes a long way towards helping to feed the public.

Bananas are essentially a food for the poor, and in the large cities, as Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, Kansas City, New Orleans, Galveston and Charleston, the poor people almost live on them, serving them as often as at two meals a day in some form or another.

Mr. Ellis's reasoning is eminently sound. Members of the advisory shipping committee are easily selected, but the place for the man who has borne such a large part in creating, from small beginnings, such an enormous productive industry, in this national emergency, is right on the job where he can direct it and stimulate greater production if possible.

People generally know, even if they do not stop to think of it, that the banana is to all intents and purposes a Louisiana food product. It grows in New Orleans' tropical garden across the gulf and through this gateway is distributed all over the United States. It is one of the greatest of Louisiana food products, which have increased but little in price and is the only one which does not involve additional expense in its preparation. Bananas may be served cooked in a score of delicious ways, but they are equally delicious in their natural state. It is reassuring to think that Louisiana has her own cheaply produced and low priced fish, fruits and cereals as an insurance against hunger, no matter to what straits the world may be reduced, and one of the chief dependencies is the rich, palatable, nutritious fruit of which Mr. Ellis is Head Purveyor in the United States.

It is stated from Paris that MM. Joffre and Viviani carried back to France with them money gifts for various charities amounting to about \$100,000. Each large city they visited announced that it would give that much itself and New York stated that it was raising a fund of \$150,000 to give to Marshal Joffre. The subscriptions were evidently like the old system of crockery discounts—fifty, thirty and ten per cent off for cash.

During the summer excursion period from July 1 to September 1 last year, when travel is heaviest and train service much increased, only two passengers were killed in train accidents on American railroads. Remember this to the credit of the railroads, when you hear somebody who knows nothing about the railroad business abusing them.

A Chicago health commissioner says that a food shortage will be a blessing in disguise because it will decrease pneumonia. In his opinion, over eating is the largest factor in the contracting of pneumonia. The war agitation is a splendid boon to those who spend their time thinking up ways to take the joy out of life.

Mr. Balfour has already announced that Great Britain and France were in desperate straits when the United States took the allies' side, and the Italian mission states that the United States has "saved Italy." The Yankee dollars were never so highly esteemed in the world as they are at the present time.

TACKLING ANOTHER MYSTERY

An interesting investigation is to be conducted in Shreveport at an early date which will be watched with interest all over the state. It is on the question, "What becomes of the liquor taken from illicit sellers and held as evidence?"

The disappearance of these confiscated wet goods amounting to more than a wholesale stock every year in Louisiana, has long been an unfathomable mystery. Nobody ever heard of it being destroyed, and the most popular theory was that it just "evaporated" somehow.

The grand jury of Caddo parish, however, coarsely and unfeelingly says that the liquor is not destroyed and does not vanish into the circumambient atmosphere, but is distributed among officials high up in the police department and their favored friends. A small part, it admits, goes to hospitals and charitable institutions. What becomes of it in those places is a correlative branch of the inquiry, since most doctors insist that their patients are better off without it. The grand jury insists that the law requires the destruction of these contraband goods.

"Destruction" seems to be the logical method of disposal, despite the heart breaks it involves to the thirsty portion of the population. General distribution among such of its inhabitants as would accept a share is hardly practicable, although it would involve a speedy end to illicit liquor sales. The bootlegger couldn't bootleg two steps without being exposed by some one desirous of sharing in the spoils. The prospect of some officers of the law taking his goods and dragging him to jail, and afterward drinking his whisky and beer, is calculated to give the bootlegger a cynical impression of the majesty of the law.

LOUISIANA OPINION.

Will Soon Be Fashionable

Ruston Leader: Do you know how to make a good, old time Johnny cake? If you do not then you should get some old cook of ante bellum days to show you how to do it. There is no article of food more delicious to a hungry man; no bread more satisfying. You can make a meal off of it and have that hungry feeling disappear. We have long wondered why housewives discarded the good old Johnny cake.

Opponents of War Gardens

St. Bernard Voice: War gardens are not finding favor with food speculators—the middlemen, commission merchants and the whole caboodle, who have been bleeding the public. They regard the movement "to raise your own vegetables" as foolish. It may be so, but in the meantime the people who have been gloriously robbed are not going to forget the price of onions, beans and other things.

Acquiring Useful Training

Lafourche Comet: Some of the boys who have joined the service had no idea that they could be such good hostlers—being able to wash and groom their horses as well as some of the husky fellows that hang around the livery stables. We suppose when they get back home they will have so much "elbow grease" that they will not think of throwing away money to pay anything to have their shoes shined.

Ask the Food Administrator

St. Helena Echo: The Government has been calling on the people to be patriotic and plant their gardens, back yards and all vacant places in vegetables for home use and for the market, that the millions may not starve. Well, we have followed this up and have the vegetables all right, now will the government tell us how to get a little bacon to season these vegetables with? They don't taste good held down in the pot with a brickbat.

Baton Rouge not Lawbreaker

Baton Rouge State Times: The vast majority of the cattle owners of the state are convinced that the development of cattle raising depends upon tick eradication more than anything else. Their efforts have resulted in a general acceptance of the fact that the raising of high grade cattle cannot go on so long as the state is infested with ticks. This has not been a sudden conversion, and it will be permanent. It is well to mention here that this parish has had its ups and downs in tick eradication work. Serious opposition has been made and the cattle dipping laws have been resisted strenuously. However, it is gratifying to note here that the opposition to tick eradication has been conducted in a civilized fashion. The courts have been resorted to and not dynamite.

New Supply Opens Up.

Assumption Pioneer: There is a fish hatchery in Alexandria which is under the control of the Federal and State government. We can now look to Aleck, for our supply of fish stories.

Reform Note

Madison Journal: They are just about to break up gambling in St. Bernard!

DISCORD AMONG NOBLE BROTHERS

LOVE AND CHARITY ORDER GETS IN COURT PROCEEDINGS

DAMAGES ASKED OF CAR OWNER

For Inquiries to Boy Struck by Auto. — Day's Filings in District

Clerk's Office

All is not peace and harmony, nor yet love and charity, in the ranks of the General Grand United Order of Brothers and Sisters of Love and Charity of the United States and the Great Republic of Liberia. Ye General Grand Worthy Scribe has been slandered by Ye General Grand Worthy Superior, according to a damage suit filed in civil court yesterday, and Ye General Grand Worthy Scribe asks bail in the shape of a \$2,500 verdict.

Eliminating the flowery phrases and titles, the petition concretely alleges that Rev. J. L. Burrell, filed with "pomp and arrogance," has repeatedly abused and slandered Daniel C. Nelson, plaintiff in the proceedings. Nelson particularly objects to a statement made by Burrell at a meeting in Israel Tabernacle No. 88, at 535 South Rampart street, to the effect that "Nelson ought to go to the penitentiary."

The trouble arose over Burrell's jealousy of Nelson, it is asserted. Some time ago Nelson advanced the order \$250, and alleges that he was authorized by resolution to retain certain fees until he had secured his money. Remarks made by Burrell over his actions in retaining fees gave rise to the slander suit.

ASKS FOR \$9,000 DAMAGES

Automobile Accident Is Basis for Action in Court

As the result of an automobile accident in Carondelet street near Cho on February 17, Jerome Marullo, attorney for his minor son Victor, has instituted suit against Adolph U. St. Pasteur, 2400 Baronne street, for \$9,000 damages.

Marullo alleges that owing to the fact that Pasteur was driving his automobile up Carondelet street at an excessive rate of speed, and did not sound any warning, Victor Marullo was run over and sustained possibly permanent injuries. The lad's skull was fractured in the accident.

Patrick Quinn Leaves Special Legacy to His Daughter

The will of the late Patrick Quinn, filed yesterday, leaves as a special legacy to his daughter Olivia the residence and contents at 921 Mandeville street. The remainder of the property is left share and share alike to his four children.

Allege a Bad Check Transaction

The Pabel and Freigle Sash Factory has instituted suit against Herman Schillinger, Jr., for \$150. They allege that Schillinger gave them a check for that amount on January 24, and that the Metropolitan bank refused to cash the check for the reason that no adequate sum of money was on deposit.

Following were the new suits filed in civil district court yesterday:

- Thos. B. Brooks vs. Olga E. Roos Brooks, divorce; Daniel C. Nelson vs. Rev. J. L. Burrell, damages, \$2,500; Jerome Marullo, tutor, vs. Adolph U. St. Pasteur, damages personal injury, \$9,000; Ernest Blaise vs. Camille Fos, divorce; succession of Joel E. Deane, divorce; succession of Alphonse Bennett, possession; M. Zilberman vs. J. P. Marphis, et als., executory process, \$1,068; William Frantz and Co., vs. Fred J. Meyers, claim, \$177; Evelyn Martin vs. City of New Orleans, injunction; Pabel and Freigle Sash Factory, Inc., vs. Herman Schillinger, Jr., claim, \$150; S. F. Von Ehren, agent, vs. Frank Catania, provisional seizure, \$375; succession of Wm. Thompson and wife, possession; Mrs. Clara Weems vs. Walter Clark, divorce; George Lawson vs. William Lawson et al., partition; Pillsburg Coal Co. vs. Albert P. Sanchez, claim, \$1,002.51.

CHARTRES ST. FIRM MOVES TO CANAL

The property at 512-514 Canal street, owned by the Montgomery heirs and formerly occupied by the Goldstein company, was formally transferred yesterday to the Marks Ribbon company, of 133 Chartres street, which has found an imperative need for additional room for its growing business. Joseph D.

Milk Production Threatened

To the Congress of the United States:

THE several prohibitory amendments which your honorable body is considering as war measures are of vital interest not only to dairymen, farmers, cattle raisers and feed men, but the general public as well. Leaving aside the arguments advanced by prohibitionists who are demanding laws to prohibit the use of cereals and other food products that enter into the manufacture of alcoholic beverages, there is another side to the question the importance of which is not generally known.

With the brewing industry closed down by a prohibitory law the use of dried brewers' grains and malt sprouts by the farmers and dairymen would be discontinued and these commodities, rich in protein and absolutely essential to the stimulation and economic production of milk, would be eliminated entirely from the market. These brewers' grains enter largely into the formation of milk and butter, two commodities that will be found upon the table of almost every home in this country. Now the quantity of milk and butter, which every farmer desires to keep up to the highest standard, would materially suffer through the elimination of the use of these grains whose value for cattle food purposes is universally acclaimed both in the United States and Europe.

Thousands of head of cattle in the vicinity of large cities throughout the country, such locations being so situated that pasture and raising of feed is impossible, are fed almost entirely on brewers' grains. The greater proportion of these cattle without any questioning would be led to the slaughter house and disposed of as beef and the cattle could not be replaced in a period of less than three years. This would make the milk situation extremely serious and increase the cost of milk far beyond the buying power of the poor.

Just now we are witnessing a movement throughout the country for BETTER BABIES. Good milk is an indispensable necessity of every baby's life, of every nursing mother, of every home, of every hospital in this country. Our soldiers in the field likewise will need pure milk. And the cost of production must be kept down. To eliminate brewers' grains for which cattle food will unquestionably lessen milk production 20 per cent—will unquestionably increase the cost of production to such an extent that the purchase price of a quart of milk now fixed at eleven cents per quart will unquestionably force the price to twenty-five or thirty cents per quart in all great centres of population where a pure milk supply is most required.

If the war lasts for a period of three years as has been prophesied, the necessity for the most careful and well considered legislation by the Congress, avoiding, wherever possible, unnecessary sufferings and sacrifices on the part of the people, is vitally apparent.

This is a statement of our case, gentlemen of the Congress. Therefore, we pray that it will be accepted as a reasonable and justifiable opposition toward a movement that threatens, if made effective, to strike not only at the interests of dairymen, farmers, cattle raisers and feed men, but of the entire American people.

FARMERS FEED COMPANY, NEW YORK

GUSTAVE HAFER, President.

Factories:

- Foot of East 76th St., New York City.
- Johnson Ave. and Bogert St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Chapel St. and Passaic Ave., Newark, N. J.
- Pratt and Clinton Sts., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Marks, head of a specially organized realty company, signed the deed of purchase.

The property transferred is in the uptown side of Canal street, between Camp and Magazine, it fronts on Canal by 128 feet deep, and changed hands for a consideration of \$26,000. Owning an interest in the property were Mrs. Sarah E. Parker and Margaret E. Augusta L. Lilius P. and Neil R. Montgomery.

Formal transfer has also been made of the property of S. H. Kross and company, at Canal street, near Dauphine, to the John Frank E. corporation. The property fronts 50 feet 3 inches on Canal street and 114 feet 6 inches on Iberville street, and the consideration of the transfer was \$300,000 in stock, and the assumption of a mortgage indebtedness of \$105,000.

DOCTOR MAY ORDER ALCOHOL BEVERAGES

Kansas City, Mo., May 29. That there is nothing in the state law which prevents a physician from issuing wholesale prescriptions for liquor to be used as a beverage by the persons to whom the prescriptions are issued, was the substance of a ruling today by the Kansas City Court of Appeals in the case of the State vs. Dr. George A. Bradford of Boone county, who was convicted in the Circuit court of giving liquor prescriptions for purposes other than medicinal.

The court held in overruling the circuit court, that every physician has the right to prescribe liquor for use as a beverage, and that the state must show, in bringing a criminal charge, that a physician intends the liquor to be used as an intoxicant only before a conviction may be had.

ELKS BAN PARADE ON ACCOUNT OF WAR

Boston, May 29.—There will be no parade of the Elks at the grand lodge meeting here July 9 to 11. Edward Richter, grand exalted ruler of the lodge, has sent out instructions to subordinate lodges that the annual parade of visiting Elks will be dispensed with and all decorations will be cut down, and all endeavors will be put into "any patriotic service that can be performed."

Cleveland, O., May 29.—The noiseless street car may soon appear here. "Ghost" cars are being manufactured in Portland, Me., and if found a success will be installed in Cleveland. The wheel of silence is a wheel within a wheel, with a springy rubber cushion between the inner and outer sections of steel. Besides being a silencer it is a shock absorber, the manufacturers claim.