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JUDICIAL OF RACING CASE IN PROGRESS

STATE'S CHIEF WITNESS FAVORS DEFENSE THEORY

TELLS ABOUT BETTING SYSTEM

Number of Bets Placed Much Less Than Under Bookmakers—Warnings to Observe Law Posted

Testimony favorable to the defense by Walter A. Veale, a state witness, and admission by William L. Bailey that he is not opposed to individual betting, featured the first day of the trial of the Business Men's racing association officials in Section B of the Criminal District court yesterday.

The case is being tried before Judge Chretien, with whom Judge Baker, of Section A, is sitting in an advisory capacity.

The trial began at 11:30 and at 2:30 o'clock was adjourned until Monday. Robert Eddy, night court clerk and secretary of the Business Men's racing association, was the

District Attorney Luzenberg, assisted by Robert M. Marr, of the Citizen's league, and Assistant District Attorney Henriques, handled the case for the state. Counsel for the defense were Col. John P. Sullivan and John J. Reilly, assistant city attorney.

The officials of the racing association, recently indicted by the grand jury chief on evidence furnished by William M. Bailey, and who were in court, are: J. B. Reilly, supervisor; Joseph A. Murphy, racing judge and general manager of the palm garden, and Arturo del Rio, Victor Le Beau, Dr. G. A. McFarland, John Dillon, A. D. Stewart, Philip Fols and Archibald A. Marks, officers and directors.

That the state will attempt to prove the association knew it was dealing with persons called bookmakers by opponents of racing, was intimated by District Attorney Luzenberg's cross-examination of Mr. Eddy. Mr. Eddy was unable to identify a card, different from the usual admittance badge purchased by persons desiring special privileges at the Fair Grounds. He said he was quite sure, however, it was a ticket admitting its holder to the "boxes" behind the judges' stand.

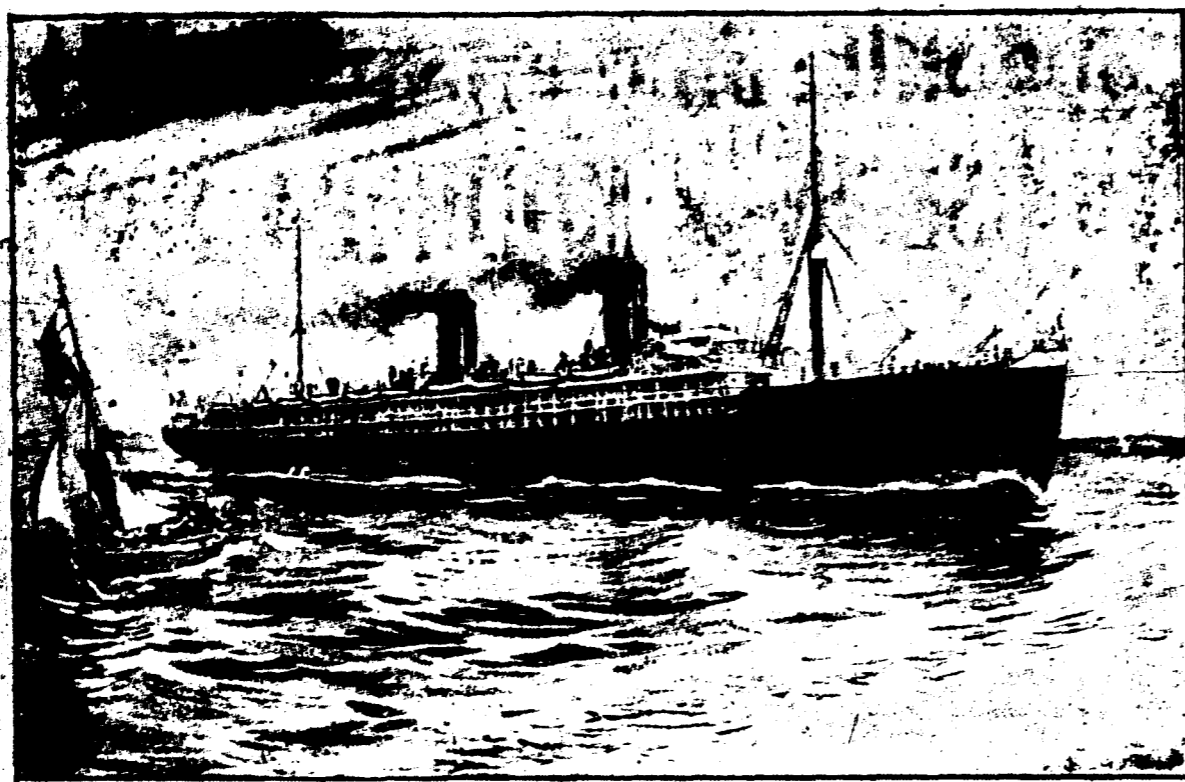
Mr. Eddy identified the general admittance badge and explained how racing was conducted in conformity with the association's rules. On January 16, the day on which violations charged in the indictments occurred, posters bearing provisions of the Lockett law were posted around the race track, Mr. Eddy testified.

The card Mr. Eddy said he believed to have allowed occupation of a box behind the judges' stand, was a ticket entitling the holder to operate as a professional bookmaker, is the state's theory.

The book and ledger of the association were admitted as evidence. Mr. Eddy said he knew nothing of the accounts. The accounts showed that on a certain day \$37 was received for box seats and that from a source described as "rebut," \$5320 was received. It is the object of the state to show the court that the latter sum came from alleged bookmakers operating in violation of the law.

In his examination of the witnesses, Col. Sullivan emphasized that special prices were paid for box seats because of their desirable location. When asked by Col. Sullivan if women occupied these boxes, Mr. Eddy said he did not remember ever having seen any there.

Directors of the association de-



THE LINER ROCHAMBEAU, WHICH REPORTS ENCOUNTERING AND SINKING A GERMAN SUBMARINE

OVATION TO THE FRENCH VISITORS

THOUSANDS GREET THEM WHEN THEY REAR ON

SPOKE AT THE AUDITORIUM

Bade America Welcome in the Fight for Democracy—Mayor Thompson Led the Procession

Chicago, May 4.—General Joffre and vice-premier Viviani and party received a tremendous welcome upon their arrival in Chicago today. Five thousand people crowded into the Auditorium Theater tonight mingled tears and cheers when the Frenchmen bade America welcome in the fight for democracy. Thousands lined the streets, hoping to view the visitors.

Led by Mayor Thompson, and Lient Governor Oglesby and other officials, the procession moved through packed streets to the Chicago Club, where the visitors were entertained at luncheon.

Upon leaving Chicago the mission will proceed to St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, Ills., Philadelphia, New York and Boston, returning to Washington probably in ten days. As a measure of safety, the State Department has withheld the routes to be traveled.

The Auditorium Theater was a mass of flags. M. Viviani was given a tremendous ovation when he finished speaking. When Mayor Thompson rose early in the evening to deliver the welcome address, he was hissed because of his refusal to invite the French commission to Chicago on account of the large German population. Cooler heads prevailed and Gov. Löwen saved the day by a ringing patriotic speech.

FOURTH MONTHLY MUSICAL

The Apollo Circle will hold its fourth monthly musical at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruno, 1233 Marais street, next Wednesday evening.

THE FRENCH TAKE CRAONNE

Last Barrier Toward Laon.—Deep Gash in German Front Line London, May 4.—The French have captured Craonne in one of the fiercest drives of the year. They also seized several important positions east and north of that village. Simultaneously the French cut a gash two and a half miles deep into the German front line, northwest of Rheims, taking 600 prisoners. Craonne is the last barrier toward Laon.

CITY IN LINE FOR RIVER TRAFFIC

SEVERAL COMMERCIAL BODIES ANNOUNCE BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT LAST NIGHT

AFFIRM ACTION OF MEMBERS

Board of Trade's Big Donation to Work of Restoring River Traffic Is Quickly Affirmed

At the meeting of the directors of The New Orleans Board of Trade held yesterday, President M. J. Sanders detailed the steps taken toward participation in the movement to restore river traffic on the Mississippi river to its pristine glory. The directors confirmed the action already taken and authorized President Sanders and the board's delegates, while attending the convention at St. Louis on May 8th and 9th, to make a subscription of \$25,000 to the capital stock of the proposed River Transportation Corporation, under such terms as will be suitable to the board of trade's delegates.

The following delegates will attend the St. Louis convention: From the Board of Trade—M. J. Sanders, president; Wm. P. Ross, chairman.

River Traffic Development Committee—Jeff D. Hardin, Sam Blum, Luke Bloom, A. C. Carpenter, E. Nathan, R. F. Gore, Thos. F. Gunningham, H. S. Herring.

From the Cotton Exchange—John M. Parker, S. W. Weis.

From the Association of Commerce—Walter Parker.

The New Orleans Steamship Association will also send three delegates. The delegates from New Orleans will leave on the Panama Limited on Sunday.

After giving in full the resolutions already published regarding the restoration of river traffic on the Mississippi, President Sanders said in his report:

"I request that acting upon this resolution, you give such authority as you deem desirable, to the President and other representatives of the Board of Trade, who will confer at St. Louis with the exchanges of other communities.

"In this connection, I desire to advise that the exchanges of St. Louis are manifesting very earnest interest in the proposition we have put before them regarding a river transportation line, and it appears now quite certain that the convention at St. Louis will be largely attended."

The directors approved of the action of the executive committee in

PLANS FOR ARMY OF CONSCRIPTION

WHOLE COUNTRY DIVIDED INTO SIXTEEN MILITARY DISTRICTS—LOUISIANA IS IN THE TWELFTH

WILL INCLUDE 216 COMMANDS

Washington, May 4.—The War Department tonight announced the composition of the forthcoming army of 500,000 which will be raised by conscription.

The army will be composed of 216 commands. The department also announced that the nation has been divided into sixteen military districts each of which bear a share in raising the army under conscription and thereafter in keeping its ranks full.

The first district will be New England; the second, third and fourth, New York and Philadelphia; the fifth New Jersey, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia; the sixth, the Carolinas and Tennessee; the seventh, Georgia, Alabama and Florida; the eighth, Ohio and West Virginia; the ninth, Indiana and Kentucky; the tenth, Illinois; the eleventh, Michigan and Wisconsin; the twelfth, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana; the thirteenth, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa and Nebraska; the fourteenth, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado; the fifteenth, Oklahoma and Texas; and the sixteenth the far western states.

Among the features of the Public School Athletic League meet to be held at the Fair Grounds on Saturday, will be the participation in the great parade which begins at 2:30 of the Boy Scouts and Veterans from the Soldiers' Home, their cooperation having been obtained at the suggestion of Mr. B. P. Sullivan, president of the league.

W. O. Hart arranged for the parade a reproduction of the great historic picture the "Spirit of '76," which was such a prominent part of the Liberty Bell reception in 1915; the grandly carrying the Betsy Ross flag will be represented by Mr. W. R. Thompson, a veteran of the home from Mississippi and the son playing the life by William Weanicker, a veteran from Alabama, and Theodore Kerner, a boy scout, will represent the grandson; as Mr. Weanicker is an accomplished performer on the life and the boy scout a talented drummer, their playing will also be an interesting part of the programme.

NOTO WAS ACQUITTED

In Judge Fisher's court yesterday, Joseph Noto was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery upon Emile P. Gassie, an employee of the Citizens' League of Louisiana.

Hirsch Stein and Co., represented by Abney Bartlett, manufacturers.

G. W. Anderson, of C. B. Fox, Inc., exporters.

Julos M. Wogan, vice president

CENSORSHIP BILL PASSES THE HOUSE IN A MODIFIED FORM

Original Measure Proposed Was Defeated by Decisive Vote. Shipping Board Will Have Legislation Ready For the House to Act Upon Tomorrow

Washington, May 4.—The House tonight passed the Espionage bill by a vote of 260 to 105 containing censorship of the press. It provides for the trial by jury of any editor accused of publishing information prohibited by the President.

The convincing vote in favor of the measure itself marked an anti-climax to the fight against the original censorship provisions which culminated today in the elimination from the bill by a vote of 220 to 167 the entire censorship measure.

The substitute adopted is distinctly a modification of the original demands of the administration.

The bill will be sent to the Senate tomorrow, where the debate on the Espionage bill is proceeding slowly.

The Federal shipping experts today completed the final draft of the legislation which Congress tomorrow will be asked to enact giving the President authority to control shipping. Construction on a vast scale is planned.

RUSS SITUATION FULL OF PERIL

Petrograd, May 4.—Foreign Minister Mitukoff's appeal to the Russian people for support for the new government has been apparently successful. The new government continues in full control of the situation but dark days are still ahead.

FRENCH LINER SANK SUBMARINE

Paris, May 4.—The French liner Rochambeau, after a running fight Monday, sank a submarine and escaped harm.

FEATURE OF THE ATHLETIC MEET

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PARIS PAPERS SMALLER

Paris, May 3.—The scarcity of print paper has compelled the government to order still further restrictions on the size of newspapers. After Saturday the principal front newspapers will be of two pages four days a week and four pages the other three days.

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Baton Rouge, La., May 3.—Mrs. M. M. Bannerman, of Grand Cote, was by unanimous vote re-elected president of the Louisiana division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Thursday, at the annual convention here.

Mrs. Peter Yousoff, Shreveport was elected first vice-president. Other officers were chosen as follows: Mrs. Charles Granders, New Orleans, second vice-president; Mrs. W. P. Frith, Bunkie, third vice-president; Mrs. A. P. Miller, Baton Rouge, fourth vice-president; Mrs. D. A. S. Vaughn, New Orleans, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Andrew Currie, Shreveport, treasurer; Mrs. J. S. Allison, Benton, historian; Miss Lise Allain, New Orleans, custodian; Mrs. James Pagan, New Orleans, recorder of crosses of honor; Mrs. D. C. Powell, Lake Charles, organizer; Mrs. E. C. T. Longmire, registrar; Miss Mattie McGrath, Baton Rouge, recording secretary.

BIG ORDER FOR A FLORIDA DRUG MAN

Jacksonville, Fla., May 4.—Walter T. French, proprietor of the Riverside Pharmacy here, was arrested today by secret service officers charged with threatening the life of President Wilson.

French is also charged with proposing to destroy government property and offering to sell German sympathizers chemicals for poisoning officers of the United States army, the ships and the navy. He was held in \$10,000 bond.

PLENTY OF MONEY FOR WAR BONDS

Washington, May 4.—Reports to the treasury department tonight indicate that the two billion dollar loan is greatly oversubscribed. No difficulty is seen in floating the entire seven billion dollar bond issue.

CHARGED WITH TROUSER THEFT

Henry Frank, negro, 2106 Jackson avenue, snatched a pair of pants from a customer in the store of Roy Southern Brothers, 225 Canal street, police say, and was captured at T-houpioulas and Lafayette streets by Patrolman Semel yesterday. He is charged that Frank entered the store and asked about some articles of clothing. While the clerk's back was turned, he snatched the trousers and ran out.

KNIT SOCKS FOR SOLDIERS

Chicago, May 3.—Red Cross officials urge every woman in the United States to knit woolen socks for the American army. They said that millions of pairs would be needed.

CANADA TO BUILD SHIPS

Washington, May 1.—Canada is planning to enter the ship building campaign on an equal scale with the United States.

ANOTHER LOTTERY ARREST

Charged with operating a lottery shop at 1708 New Orleans street, Viola Mare, negro, was arrested yesterday at that address by Patrolman Fernandez and Sharp, of the Fourth precinct station. Paraphernalia found there is being held as evidence.

The progress of the British has been faster than expected, according to advices received by the British mission in Washington.

The German official report admits the loss of Fresnoy and of ground in the vicinity of Bullecourt to the British. It claims the capture of more than 1,000 prisoners.

The Hindenburg line, outflanked and pierced in several places, has failed to stop the forward surge of the British armies and the Wotan positions are the last great barrier barring the road to Douai, Cambrai and Germany's richest prize in France, and great coal and iron fields north of Lens.

The Wotan line runs from Drocourt to Bertin, a stretch of 15 miles running north and south about five miles west of Douai and Cambrai. Around Oostend the southern extremity of the line General Haig has formed a great human mine and is striving with all the power at his command to close the jaws of these mineers. Realizing the menace of the situation the Germans are fighting with a grim determination which reckons no cause in blood too high if it halts their advancing foe.

The French along the Aisne front and in the Champagne are continuing to pound the German lines with their artillery. West of Mont Cornillet, in the Champagne, they have made fresh progress in the wooded district.

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