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HYSTERICS IN HIGH PLACES

In the senate the other day, Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi condemned the Shysterics of the people over food prices and food shortage, and suggested that the "German" scorruption fund" may have been used in creating a food scare that resulted in soaring prices.

This is a somewhat remarkable statement and goes to show that the Mississippi senator is afflicted with hysteria himself and should stake something for his nerves. It is on a parwith his ridiculous declaration on the floor of the senate that there are a million traitors in the United States. The truth is that the food scare was started by high officials of the United States department of agriculture, and even Mr. Williams would hardly claim that the "German corruption fund" could have reached them. No doubt their deliberate purpose was to scare people, but they rather overdid the thing.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston went rampaging through the north and Assistant Seegetary Vrooman took a whirlwind tour of the cotton belt, preaching the urgent need of raising more food. Mr. Vrooman told New Orleans that if the south does not produce its own food supplies this year — and it has never yet done so — its people will starve, because the railroads will not be able to haul us foodstuffs because of traffic congestion. Hysteria? Why Mr. Vrooman filled New Orleans full of it — for the customary few days. By the way, did you work that garden patch this morning? or yesterday?

In the north, conditions are the same. There has been some food hysteria, but government agencies started it. The Kansas City Star reproves one of the alarmists and calms its readers in the following:

The latest form of this more or less hysterical talk comes from George E. Ferrill, connected with the Department of Agriculture, who is quoted as saying that "conditions are appalling," because America has "only enough food to last until next fall."

There is, in fact, nothing "appalling" about this condition. It would be an unusual condition for America to have more than enough food at this time of year to last until after next fall. For ten yea past the average available supply of old wheat carried over on Tilly 1 was about 90 million bushels, or about two month's supply. When this fact is known it is readily seen that there is nothing "appalling" in Mr. Ferrill's discovery that the present supply of food "will only last until

mext fall." It is wise to be rational over the present situation, and not become hysterical. That would not help matters even if there were anything to cause one to lose his mental balance.

The winter wheat has made a poor start, but it has done that in former years. Nature has a habit of making up deficiencies in one section by abundance in others. It is easily within athe bounds of reasonable expectations for the United States and Canada to raise record crops—in the aggregate of all cereals—this year, and only a climatic calamity such as never before experienced, will bring really serious conditions to the people of the United

The American people are level headed and sensible when not thrown off their balance by rant. If the department of agriculture, in "throwing a scare" into the people of this country about food supplies, overplayed its hand, it should not blame the victims of its own exaggerated talk. Senator Williams has no right to say that "Cerman corruption funds" figured in creating a food scare that made prices soar. where prices have soared higher every week for a year without causing commotion. It was paling public opinion. A community cannot by the crowds who go nightly to word of criticism. "Joan the Wothe famine talk of the agricultural sharps, that afford to be charged by one of its honored pub- the Diamond theatre. gave the food robbers visions of easy money, lie servants with abandonment of civic virtue and the food robbers made the prices soar, and truculance to degrading politics without Why blame their misdeeds upon their victims taking cognizance of it. Firm as our faith is in

or the kaiser? that it regards the report that German sub- the widest publicity and that failure to categormarines sank 400,000 tons of allied shipping in ically deny or disprove them will convict the a week as requiring confirmation. If this be population of every count in the court's indict- will probably be chosen as chairtreason, make the most of it.

From South Dakota comes the thrilling tory of the dismantling of a high power wire tess on a German's farm. South Dakota, you know, is an ideal spot to learn military secrets and also from which to transmit them. The owner of the farm was Chris Vetter and the officer in charge was T. W. Taubaumm. If the Taubaumms are going to watch the Vetters. who shall we have to watch the Taubaumins?

The Turks are so desperate for food that prits. Up to last night on arrests they have taken Mush from the Russians.

Did you notice how beautifully Grand Duke Vicolas has effaced himself in these revolutionary times?

LOUISIANA OPINION.

Will Restore Your Mental Poise

Ruston Leader: In the excitement of the moment, don't forget that the preacher will have a few words of cheer for you on Sunday. It costs nothing and is worth much—a "spiritual bargain." as it were.

Make Both Toe the Mark

· Shreveport Journal: There are plenty of rich men willing to let the poor do all the lighting. And there are plenty of poor men willing to let the rich do all the paying. Both kinds are "slackers."

Ye Editor's Potato Wisdom

Colfax Chronicle: The editor of the Chronele has been enjoying a fine supply of vegetables from his garden for the past week, such money and jewelry amounting to as Irish potatoes, sweet peas, beets, onions. \$146. spinach, mustard, etc. We had our first mess of new potatoes on Saturday, April 21. The potatoes, Triumph variety, were planted on the residence of Mrs. Ben Cohn, discussed his findings in the homean. 31. For 38 years we have made it a rule 1810 Marengo street. Mrs. Cohn stead field. Mr. Sims' paper proved of any "layers" of bets at the reack to plant potatoes on the 30th or 31st day of January, if the ground was prepared and the weather suitable, or on or before Feb. 15 in ny event, and we never failed to make a good crop. Sometimes the potato vines are cut and household articles amounting down by the frost, but it never hurts the potato. It is all nonsense to cut off the vines with a street, between March 1 and March hoe, or pour water on them before sunrise 15 last did not report the case until. when frost bitten, as some folks do. If let vesterday afternoon. She suspects Spangle; Banner," this having been alone and properly planted in good soil they will come out all right.

Safe Always to Abuse Congress

Alexandria Town Talk: The supreme ourt has now happily decided that there is no such crime in the American category as congressional lese-majeste. Congress has no power, express or implied, to punish and critial comment that falls short of "physical desruction of the right of the house to carry on affernoon by Patrolman Walsh, and its proceedings." That is to say, we may jump Dunn, of the Sixth precinct station. To the Beautiful Photodrama, "Joan were stricken from the record on LOCAL METEOROLOGICAL RECORD onto congress as vigorously as we like, so long for alleged violations of the Gayas we stop short of leading a delegation of irate | Shattuck law. The accused are Ancitizens into the legislative chamber, throwing out the congressmen and smashing the fur-

Impolite to Contradict a Lady

Assumption Pioneer: According to Mrs. Anna Lee, of the state of Indiana, and who has started a campaign for statutory prohibition of corsets, that of the three evils: corsets, white with Louis Gravois, 17, 3007 Dauplague and whisky—the corset is the greatest. Phine street, a Washington Artitleloming from a woman therefore we are not going to take issue with her.

Hiding Money from the Germans

Lake Providence Banner Democrat: We understand some colored people have withfrawn the few dollars they had in the banks of Lake Providence and taken it home to bury it in in cans in the back lot. These people are most foolish and superstitious kind on the globe, and they ought to know the safest place for their his first statement that Gravois was film the most violent species of de- are paid \$5, \$10 or \$15 extra by tay money is in the bank. They are afraid the Germans will come over here and gobble up all the money in the United States. 'These people believe that which is told them by their own color instead of going to some reliable white person who would gladly give them good advice. Let your money remain in the banks where it is carefully and honestly looked after.

and our advice to those who have withdrawn is a filled to the patriotic fire, with all of the patriotic fire and our advice to those who have withdrawn is a film so absolutely different ahead of her own selfish affections, heir money is to take it back. Do you think from those common to America, that who can make an audience feel the warman w the white people would let their money remain in these banks if they thought there was any danger? We was at

Monroe's Turn to Move Shreveport Journal: The people of Monroe Most spectacles of the past have could not have given the production and Quachita parish are either guilty of the been rather weak as far as story the appeal, the forceful thrust to the things imputed to them by Judge Dawkins, or goes, but this one has a real, vital heart in even the lightest scenes hey are not guilty. Either justice is a mockry and law a travesty over there, or the wellrespected jurist made a terrible blunder in im- has caught public fancy is proved the good people of Ouachita, we tell them that will meet next Thursday at the of-While it is on the subject, The Bee will say the charges of Judge Dawkins have been given fice of Senator E. M. Stafford in the ment. It is up to Monroe to act.

More robberies were reported to he police yesterday and every effort is bing made by Superintendent Reynolds to capture the culhad been made. Owing to the fact that the thefts to k place late Thursday night or early yesterday get down to business promptly. morning, while the city slept, identity of the thieves in most instances is not known. Plain clothes men have been scattered throughout the city.

The biggest case reported yesterday was the theft of between \$100 and \$500 from a safe in the office of the Clea Cola Company at Caiborne and Canal streets. Entrance was gained in an unknown manner and the safe was opened by some one apparently familiar with the combination, as there were no marks on it. Police believed some one on the "inside" had something to do with the robbery,

F. A. Davis, a shipping clerk and cashier, told Corporal Bengert, of the fourth precinct station, that he was positive he locked the safe Thrusday night. The Coca Cola Company has no night watchman. according to the police.

Guy Dimino, proprietor of a saoon and grocery at 1401. Techestreet. Algiers, reported his place was broken into and probbed of

Police are looking for a negress cook suspected of having stolen liewelry and articles worth \$45 from building an Floan associations, who said the negress disappeared sud- interesting to every one of the delediscovered.

Mrs. William Mitchell. 6030 Bentjamin, who claims money, jewelry to \$10f were systematically taken from her former home at 2200 State

Discovery was made yesterday by Ernest Hereford, whose place of other articles all valued at \$31.

CHARGED WITH LAW VIOLATIONS

Two saloon keepers and a negro bartender were arrested yesterday gelo Pizzo, 628 Washington avenue. and his bartender. John White, negro, and Matthew J. Ryan, 3001; Chippewa street.

CHARGE MADE BY MOTHER

L'oyd Neguelousa, 14, 1033 Louisa street, the boy who was in the room and fatally wounded Tuesday, yes-Wilson,

The boy's arrest resulted from a shot himself.

signed his bond.

THE "MASQUE OF LIFE" IS

it is hard to class it as any one parwhich excitement is created by the and absorbing modern drama, with that she has done. The result of the the picturesque and magnificent combination of geniuses is a profentures as a background. That if duction that set the city to talking

LEGISLATIVE REFORM WORKERS

The joint legislative committee on Reform in Legislative Procedure Hennen building, to map out its work, to be submitted to the next general assembly. Senator Stafford

Meminers of the annual convention of the Louisiana Homestead League met at the Grunewald hotel yesteray for a two days' session. The meeting was notable for the lack of foratory and the manifest intention of the association founders to Chairman Phil. G. Ricks introduced W. O. Hart, who told the members of their desire to aid the country in its present straits and Council," testified that German gold hoped that the league would show constant improvement in the volume of new husiness and the volume of new homes. Mayor Behrman, on behalf of the city, made a neat a dress crous demand that the United States 4 welcome.

The convention then settled down o business. President Ricks, in dea livering his report, dealt with the splendid work the league had accomplished during the year and in conclusion said that he hoped every other year would bring about even more success than the last.

An elaborate report was delivered by Emile A. Wagner, of New Orleans, secretary of the league. The financial condition of the organization was then outlined by John A Davilla, its treasurer.

In the afternoon addresses wer made by Leon Sugar, of Lake Charles, and Joseph S. Loeb and A D. Danziger, of New Orleans; R. N Sims, examiner of state banks and denly and a little later the loss was gates, and concerned the homestead and its obligations.

One of the features of the lunchbers of the Louisiana league was W. O. Hart, vice president of the Security Building and Loan Associa- | Veale accompanied him. business is at 325 St. Charles street. Him, and through William Pfaff. that his property at 1735 Jackson | chairman of the committee of ar- | he had seen violations of the law at avenue, vacant at present, had been trangements. Cards containing the rebbed of piping, felding wall gas werds of the songs were given to brackets, chandeliers and various each one entering so that all might join in the singing.

CROWDS ATTRACTED DAILY

the Woman'

Drawn by the beauty, the magnitude, the irresistible charm of the photogramatic production, "Joan the told of his observations. Woman," the crowds in attendance upon the exhibition of the great picture at the Tulane theater are constantly increasing. "Joan the Woman" is especially a motion picanything else and it is not compelled League had expected to prove to take advantage of any subterfuge to gain distinction or to fully imry recruit, when the latter was shot press the public that it is one of the greatest productions that has yet Iterday was placed under \$500 bond | ben thrown upon the screen! It is in the Juvenile Court by Judge a picture that deals with a human You can make bets under this syssubject that has always been close to sympathetic human hearts; it is statement made to the police by human in its conception and human of bookmaking and under this sys Mrs. Gravois, the dead youth's in its execution and the broad humother. She said that just before man appeal of its actors brings it the funeral Lloyd Neguebousa told close to every spectator and makes figure out a winning combination in Wnid SW her he accidentally shot her son, it almost a living, breathing thing advance on four or five horses," When questionned by Judge Wil- upon which his interest, perforce, Veale said in reply to District At son, however, the boy adhered to must be centered. Anyhody can torney Luzenberg. handling the gun and accidentally lirium tremens if he has moneylers.' I received the 'extra,' but did enough and attempts may be made not know it was a violation of the Captain Dunn, of the fire depart- to invest such a production with B. M. R. A. rules." ment, Neguelousa's grandfather, dramatic individualiay, but to the man who can take such a story as that which history has woven about Joan of Are and invest it with all ABSOLUTELY DIFFERENT of the patriotic fire, with all of the for the soell of the inspiration until its emoticular variety of production. Most tions are with difficulty restrained. people would call it a spectacle be- to that man is the credit for the cause of the tremendousness of its greater achievement due. Cecil B. scenes, and the obvious way in DeMille inspired the work of Geraldine Farrar in this wonderful picvery magnitude of the situations, ture, but a less acconvolished actress

and has yet failed to invoke a single

man" will close its showing at the

Tulane theatre on Saturday night.

FIGALLO'S

52 YEARS LIFE

Best Italian Restaurant in City.

722 IBERVILLE ST.

Anthony Guiffria, Prop.

Washington, May. 4. The President and cabinet this afternoon planned to immediately put the whole force of the government at work to preclude the possibility of Russia declaring a separate peace.

SEPARATE PEACE

GERMAN GOLD

Paid for Big Meeting Demanding the U. S. Keep Out of the War

New York, May 4.-Ernest Bohm, trial of Franz Rintelin, et al., monbers of the "Labors National Peace labor mass meeting" at Carnegie ball foodstunts." in June, 1916, at which William Jennings Bryan was the principal Beston News Bureau, which recently speaker. The meeting was a thundkeep cut of the European war, just wherethe Lusitania was sunk. Witness told of efforts to whip up sen-Sment in favor of the munitions embargo. . .

TRIAL OF RACING CASE IN PROGRESS Continued from Page One

came volunteer committeemen to to be violating the law.

it was rare that more than 20 bets staple article of food." were taken on a race. I do not know or that there were any special men who were assigned as commissioners to lav bets.

William M. Railey was the second con given by the Loan Building and by Col. Sullivan he admitted having Rohr, 15, 730 Foucher street, was Homestead Associations to the mem- made individual bets at the track and had no objection to this method. the singing at the opening of "Amer- He testified that on January 10 he ica," and at the close of the "Star was sent by the Citizens League to see how betting was being conductarranged at the suggestion of Mr. ed at the Fair Grounds. On this oceasion John E. Lansing and W. R

Col Sullivan asked the witness if the track prior to that date and the answer was in the affirmative.

"Then why, did you not report them to the police?" the defense lawyer asked.

"Well, because I saw no use in doing so. I had no faith in the Sunday, cloudy,

police." The question and answer, however instance of District Attorney Lu-

zenberz. Mr. Railey also described the systene of placing bets as he saw it and

Walter R. Veale, who was to be the state's main witness, gave tes- Time

timony that strengthened the case for the defense. Veale was a stakeholder at the ture. It makes no pretense at being Fair Grounds and the Citizens

through him that the Locke law was being violated there. "Under this system of individual betting with stakeholders, witness declared, it is impossible to average tem but you can't tell what you

sland to lose. Averaging is the basis

tem you can't average." "It is impossible for a 'layer' to

SPECIAL NOTICE

I BEG to notify the insuring public that

Crawford H. Ellis, vice president of the United Fruit Company, thinks that in the search for cheap and wholesome food the toothsome banana should not be overlooked, esoccially in New Orleans, the banana clearing house of the country, "Bananas," said Mr. Ellis, "are little the star government witness in the higher than they were in 1916 and prices are on a parity with those prevailing the year before. They have not advanced, despite the radi-W. G. Weeks of New Iberia, who paid the expenses of the "Great cal increase in the price of other

Mr. Ellis's view is sustained by the

"Approximately 116,000,000 bananas, or over 38,000,000 pounds of pure and nutritious food are now being brought into the United States every week. Bananas are not only palatable, but their great food value has long since been established. In speaking of bananas, Mayor Mitchel's committee on food supply stated that banamas contain most of the nourishment that meat does, According to leading authorities. watch the Paim Garden and prevent bananas are many times more nuunlawful betting," Mr. Eddy said, tritious than potatoes. Albuminates "Frequently in directors' meetings are present in banapas almost, in the members would urge each other to same proportions that they are in 20 to the track to watch the betting milk. Bananas retail today at 23 and to nab the first man who seemed cents a dozen, and have increased less in cost than any other food "Under the old system of betting product. This is most important to 300 to 400 bets were taken on every the poor of the country, as bananas race. Under the new law, however, have admittedly become for them a

WALKED IN FRONT OF AUTO

Walking into the path of an automobile driven by Joseph Doyle, 1026 Lyon street, and owned by Arthur witness. Under cross-examination Hill, 734 St. Charles street, Joseph knocked down and seriously injured Thursday afternoon at Foucher and Laurel streets. He was able to walk home where a doctor treated him and pronounced his condition not serious. The accident was reported to the police yesterday.

U. S. DAILY WEATHER REPORT

Saturday, May 5, 1917. Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday. For New Orleans and vicinity

Fair, light northerly winds. for Louisiana: Saturday, fair;

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:

Temperature 9 a. m.... 1 p. m..... 3 p. m.... 5 p. m...... 79 5 p. m....

Weather Record

The following is the weather data for May 4, 1917, at New Orleans: 7 a.m. 2 p.m. 7 p.m.

Temperature ... Rel. Humidity ... Weather Sprinkling

RIVER FORECAST

The Mississippi River, below Vicksburg, will fall slowly passing below flood stage, 47 feet, at Natchez, about May 8th; below the Red River the Mississippi and the Atchafalaya will change very little or will fall slowly. The Red River, below Shrevoport, will rise and the Outchita will not change much during the



SOUTHERN **PACIFIC** LINES

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On Sale May 7-8.

Limit May 12.

Account Southern Wholesale

On Sale May 10, 13, 14, Limit May 19. Account Interstate Cottonseed

\$20.40 `

DALLAS

Crushers' Association.

5-TRAINS DAILY TO TEXAS-5

Through Sleepers to Galveston and Dallas.

227 St. Charles Street CITY TICKET OFFICE, Phone Main 4627