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WITH THE CARDS ON THE TABLE

Chairman L. E. Thomas and members of the Board of State Affairs are busy touring Louisiana these days trying to persuade the parish officials that only by having all property assessed at its full cash value can the board make a just and equitable assessment that will be fair to all.

Meanwhile, by the adoption of eighteen laws at an extraordinary session, the Kentucky legislature has provided for radical changes in the assessment and taxing system which it is believed will give the state sufficient revenue without placing unjust burdens on anybody.

Among the most important of these laws are three measures which were submitted by a special tax commission appointed at the last regular session of the general assembly. These measures provide for the classification of property for taxation, the exemption of intangible property, agricultural machinery and materials in process of manufacture from local taxation, the exemption of bank deposits from local taxation, and the imposition of a merely nominal state tax; the appointment of a permanent state tax commission and for the reduction of the state tax rate.

Louisiana has been playing at tax reform for many years, but its people seem content to bear the burdens they already have rather than to risk others in a general readjustment of taxes. As long as the majority of them take this attitude, we can do nothing with our oppressive and burdensome tax laws, but a democracy which is afraid to try to correct acknowledged evils is in a bad way.

FALSE PROSPERITY

Many newspapers which grow vehement and red in the face when it is claimed that the licensing of liquor makes for prosperity in a community are now busy trying to establish the belief that war is going to usher in a period of unexampled prosperity.

Business men who are naturally concerned in making their plans for the future on the effect of the war on trade will be interested in the economic conditions that developed in the North in the Civil War.

The country went into war in the hard times that followed the panic of 1857. It did not recover from the effects of that panic for about five years. By 1862, however, the demand for goods had passed the production and an era of unprecedented industrial activity began.

From that time, James Ford Rhodes writes, "until the end of the war trade was active, manufacturing busy, labor constantly employed and failures remarkably few." In 1863 John Sherman, who was not liable to be carried off his feet by enthusiasm, wrote to his brother of "the wonderful prosperity of all classes, especially of laborers."

For further arguments along this line, we suggest that the Star get a file of the literature issued by Mr. Gilmore and the Model Liquor License League. The arguments are parallel.

Three masked men approached Henry Moss, a negro storekeeper near Westlake the other day, and announced that they were Germans. They shot into the atmosphere to emphasize their words, rifled the store of valuables and said they would return soon, kill all the negroes and take the remainder of Henry's stock.

It is just as well that Mexico has abolished its department of justice. Justice still has plenty to do in our sister republic, but she can't lay hands on the right fellow somehow.

Capt. Beith, known in literary circles as "Ian Hay" told a Kansas City audience recently that the permanent war headquarters of the allies will probably be located in the United States. Now watch Shreveport and Alexandria jump in with offers of free rent if the entente nations will select one of those cities to direct the war from.

Godfish skin is said to have been used as an excellent substitute for leather in Germany, and is said to be tougher and more durable than shark's skin. Providence seems to have provided that the sacred codfish and the shoe factories are located hand-in-hand, as one might say.

In visiting Washington's tomb, Sir Arthur Balfour said that Washington would have rejoiced to see England and America fighting together in behalf of democracy. Probably he would, but he would have been paralyzed with astonishment over the idea.

Mayor Thompson's "disloyalty" must have been overlooked, or the reports of it exaggerated, since he led the procession when the French commission visited Chicago Friday.

The report that King Constantine of Greece will abdicate proves that the fairy story writers have not yet lost their powers of imagination.

LOUISIANA OPINION.

Plant Fruit Trees This Year

Alexandria Town Talk: Arbor day's approaching. Plant a tree. And while you're about it, why not make it a fruit tree? Food's more important than shade.

His Chance for Profit, Too.

Assumption Pioneer: This is the chance of the farmer. Never in the history of the world has the farmer had a brighter opportunity to prove his worth than the present time.

Go After all Autocracies.

Ruston Leader: We hope our government is not going to confine its stupendous expenditure of men and means to assisting the emperors to dethrone the kaiser and overthrow the German empire; but that it will extend its efforts to the overthrow of imperialism everywhere. It is time for people to learn that hereditary royalty is an illusion and snare to the freedom of the people that should have long ago dissipated long ago.

The Value of Team Work

Shreveport Journal: England's plan of fighting the submarine is to sink U-boats faster than they can be built. Our plan is to build merchantmen faster than they can be sunk. Between the two of us we ought to turn the trick.

Poor Substitute for Fair Pay

St. Francisville True Democrat: Among the resolutions passed by the Teachers' Association in convention at Alexandria, last week, was one asking school boards "to encourage their teachers to attend meetings of the State Teachers' Association, and pay the full salaries of the teachers while in attendance." We hope that they will have occasion to "resolve" this many times over before it is done, certainly not while school funds are as inadequate as they are now to the actual needs of the schools.

Will Make Congress's Task Easier

Farmerville Gazette: The United States Senate has passed a bone-dry law in so far as it applies to the officers and men of the army, the president, vice-president, all federal officials and diplomats. The bill makes it unlawful to sell or give away liquor, wine or beer to any officer or men in uniform, or the president, vice-president or any government official. That looks to us very much like the entering wedge for nation-wide prohibition.

Another Lady Editor

Oberlin News: With this issue of The News Mr. S. N. Young withdraws as owner and the paper becomes the property of Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald. The policy of the paper will remain the same as heretofore. The paper will be devoted to the best interest of Allen Parish and the development of her wonderful resources. Every effort will be made to present the interesting news of the parish in such a way as to make The News a welcome week-end visitor in every home in Allen parish.

LA. DRUGGISTS MEET HERE TODAY

Druggists from over Louisiana, who are members of the Louisiana Pharmaceutical Society, will gather at Hotel Grunewald Tuesday for the thirty-fourth annual session. The session will last for three days.

Luncheons, a river ride, a basket picnic and "supper d'ansant are some of the social features planned for the visiting delegates.

Mayor Behrman will deliver the address of welcome and he will be responded to by William G. Hudson.

MILK COMMISSION MEETS, RE-ELECTS ALL OFFICERS

Members of the milk commission met Monday afternoon at the Association of Commerce and re-elected all officers for a term of one year. Those composing the commission are: Doctors J. J. Delandre, C. E. Turner, Paul B. H. Evans and Mrs. Joseph Dorevoux.

The directorate is composed of the following: Doctors J. S. Halsey, F. J. Kimberger, J. Signorollo, A. D. Mouloubeus, C. J. Bordenave, C. A. Bony, Mr. Will Coleman, Drs. C. J. Miller, C. C. Derby, M. C. Lowe, E. N. Kenney, Dr. Joseph Wyner, Sam White, H. Howard, O. W. Botha and S. F. Brand.

TWO STAGE WIFE ATTACKS

Two wives told the police that they were attacked by their husbands Sunday. John Gairns, 2906 Erato street, has been arrested. Edward Bremer, member of the Washington Artillery, is being sought by the police. It is charged Gairns assaulted his wife with a broomstick. He was arrested for assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

GIVES BOND ON LIBEL CHARGE

Buzh A. O'Donnell, former publisher of the New Orleans American was arraigned in the First City Criminal Court yesterday before Judge Fisher on two charges of libel. Hampton Reynolds and Stanley Behrman, son of Mayor Behrman, are the complainants. Bond was set at \$1,000 in both instances. Misses Jean and Kate Gordon signed the bonds.

PRIZES FOR GAMES A LOTTERY?

Capt. Wheatley Stages Test Case from Spanish Fort. Whether games at Spanish Fort in which winners receive merchandise for prizes are violations of the lottery law will be decided in the best case against officers of the Crescent City Amusement company against whom Capt. Wheatley, of the fifth precinct station, yesterday filed an affidavit in the second city criminal court.

BALFOUR TO ADDRESS SENATE

United States to Know Allies' Needs Shortly. Washington, May 7.—Arthur Balfour, the head of the British mission, will be received tomorrow afternoon by the United States Senate. He will make a short address. By the end of the week, United States will have a complete list of supplies required by the Allies.

ALLIES CONTINUE GAINS

London, May 7. The French and British continue to gain ground along the West front.

FIFTY KILLED BY EXPLOSION

San Francisco, May 7. — Four thousand residences, many warehouses and factories were destroyed and fifty persons killed in munitions explosion at Osaka, Japan, Sunday, according to a cable received tonight.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON.

Miss Mary Mallard, daughter of the late Rev. B. Q. Mallard, who died Sunday, will be buried from the home of her sister, Mrs. W. K. Sento, 1917 Berlin Street, Tuesday afternoon.

LOADED DOWN WITH TICKETS

Louis Worman, 56, 612 Frenchmen street, was arrested yesterday at Louisiana and Burgundy street by Patrolman Sherr and Fernandez, of the fifth precinct station, and when searched, police say nearly 200 tickets of the National Lottery Company of Havana were found in his pockets.

CHEER NAMES OF FRENCH LEADERS

JOFFRE AND VIVIANI APPLAUDED BY PROSPECTIVE ARMY OFFICERS.

UNIVERSITY ARMY RECEPTION

For Young Men About to Leave for Training Camp Brings Out Large Attendance.

"It is no more merely the United States, it now is the United Nations," exclaimed Dr. Roussel, graduate of the University of France, amid deafening applause Monday night while addressing future officers of the new United States army who were attending to a smoker given by the University club to those of New Orleans who had enlisted to attend the training camp at Fort Roots, Arkansas.

The mentioning of the names of Marshall Joffre and Minister Viviani, was another signal for prolonged handclapping and cheers on the part of those present. Dr. Roussel among others was giving a voice to those about to embark on a military career. He declared that France had been doing its share and more than its share during the war. Speaking of the ambition to conquer and add territory through military expedition, he declared that France had this ambition and had met defeat. "Likewise Germany will meet defeat in her ambition and France and the allies shall win this war with the aid of the United States," he concluded.

The encampment and the work done at Plattsburg was the subject of an address by Nelson S. Wooty. He explained the various military work which the members of the camp underwent and told what was expected of them.

William H. Creighton, dean of the College of Technology of Tulane, Prof. W. B. Gregory of the Engineers Department, Tulane, Arthur Waters, Carroll B. Wadswley and Charles G. Wolfe also made addresses.

Prof. Gregory urged the engineers who had not yet completed their course to hold down their enthusiasm and wait until graduation before they enlisted. He upheld his plea by citing the suggestions of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and also stated that the government wanted its engineers to be through trained before they began to serve their country. He declared that if Germany should make a separate peace with Russia it might mean that the war would be prolonged for two years and everyone would be given his chance to do something for his country.

One of the largest crowds which ever invaded the University Club's headquarters was on hand to attend the smoker. The visitors overflowed the capacity of the room and many of them were lined up on the stairway.

TWO BOYS STABBED IN PICTURE SHOW QUARREL

Two white boys, Benjamin Bass, 15, 714 Marigny street, and Milton Gomez, 16, 1413 Chartres street, were stabbed early last night by an unidentified Italian youth, following a quarrel over a seat in the Virginia moving picture theatre at Chartres and Frenchmen streets. Condition of the wounded boys was reported as not serious at the Charity Hospital. Their assailant is being sought by the police.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births. Mrs. August Wahl, 8129 Nelson, a boy.

Mrs. Robert Bold, 4119 General Ozden a girl.

Mrs. Rene Gonzales, 1292 Derbigny, a boy.

Mrs. Eugene Lewis, 1022 St. Philip, a boy.

Marriages. George Keller and Miss Lena Eiler.

Joseph Johnson and Miss Viola Wilson.

Deaths. Mrs. (Widow) Emily Balse, 75 years.

Joseph Balo, 23 years.

Maryland Cooper, 63 years.

Emil Boehm, 73 years, 2407 Bayou Road.

Mrs. (Widow) Lucille St. Dizier 83 years, 1816 Entenore.

George Holland, 52 years.

Alvin Cameron, 22 years, Norfolk Va.

Conrad Lanstram, 67 years.

Laurence Honnessy, 6 days, 2011 Howard.

Emily West, 30 years, 4122 Constance.

Mrs. (Widow) Catherine Tric'u 74 years, 2624 Royal.

MORAN WINS OVER SAILOR DAVIS

A fair sized crowd saw three good boxing contests at the Orleans Athletic Club last night. The main bout between Pal Moran and Sailor Davis and the two preliminaries as well were worth seeing. Manager Anshel is to be congratulated on the evening's entertainment and deserves better patronage.

The curtain-raiser was between Young Jack Herman and Kid St. Martin, better known as the newsboy. Referee Griffith gave the decision to Young Herman after four rounds of hard fighting.

The second preliminary between Kid Chip and Kid Murphy was quite exciting. Kid Chip saw blood flowing on the side of his neck, due to a head bump, and wanted to stop, but Referee Griffith told him to fight, which he did and showed his gameness. At the end of the sixth round, Referee Griffith called it a draw, which met with the approval of the crowd.

The main bout between Pal Moran and Sailor Davis, was one of the best fifteen rounds shown here in some time. The two men fought evenly each of the fifteen rounds. Pal Moran, having a longer reach, and more experience than Sailor Davis, outpointed him in every round. Sailor Davis has a strong punch, but his generalship on the part of Moran won the battle for him.

It was announced by Lew Rose that the winner of this fight was to meet Joe Mandot, the champion of the South.

HERE ON BRIEF VISIT

C. A. McCoy, of the law firm of McCoy & Moss, and a prominent attorney of Lake Charles, was in New Orleans Friday and Saturday to attend a meeting of the Louisiana Bar Association. He was accompanied by Mrs. McCoy.

DANGEROUS RUNAWAY.

Lives of pedestrians and persons in vehicles were endangered early last night when a team of horses, attached to a driverless wagon of the American Express company, dashed at breakneck speed from Euphrasine and Franklin streets to Callopie and Rampart streets where they ran into a Dryades car. Dr. Joseph Willis, negro 1815 Dryades street, was thrown from the car and slightly hurt. The horses became frightened at an automobile.

HE NEARLY CALLED THE TURN.

Omaha News, May 7. Henry Backer, a traveling salesman, was arrested by the federal authorities today for predicting that Joffre and Viviani will never reach France alive.

When Soft Metal Cuts Hard.

A bar of hard steel is cut rapidly with a revolving disk of soft iron. This is caused by the intense heat produced by the friction; the heat, being concentrated at one point on the steel bar, melts this, while the revolving disk distributes it over its circumference, which is kept cool by the current of air. A bar 31 millimeters thick is cut in two by a disk 30 centimeters in diameter and 2 millimeters thick revolving at 80 meters a second in from eight to ten seconds.

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D. MERCIER'S SONS. Les marchands renommés par la modicité des prix de leurs articles et la loyauté dans leurs transactions commerciales. Vêtements confectionnés, Chapeaux et Articles de Toilette pour messieurs et enfants. Le magasin est ouvert le samedi soir jusqu'à neuf heures du soir, octobre au 1er Juillet, coin des rues Dauphine et Beaubien, à deux étages de la rue du Canal, 5ème District.

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