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LET LOUISIANA BE REPRESENTED

The action of congress in increasing the membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission from five to nine makes it certain that one of the members will probably come from one of the gulf states. Louisiana, on account of its great traffic interests, should have one of its own citizens named, as one of the new appointees, and will have one, unless the chance for the appointment is thrown away by unseemly political wrangling.

Member of the Interstate Commerce Commission is a position of great responsibility at all times and especially at this time. Its incumbent should be a man of calm judgment, wide information and fine business capacity. He should not only be familiar with railroad traffic conditions in his own community but should be well informed as to the needs and general business conditions of the large originators of traffic. Such a man can give the United States valuable service and will reflect credit and honor upon the people of his state.

Louisiana has a man who will fill all the requirements in the person of John T. Michel, present railroad commissioner and former secretary of state. Mr. Michel's membership on the state railroad commission and his familiarity with all the traffic problems of the nation make him a logical candidate for promotion to the traffic-governing body of the country. His long service as secretary of state will make his appointment acceptable in every part of Louisiana, because it was marked by the utmost efficiency, good business judgment and untiring service to the public.

The Bee does not know how many candidates there may be for this position, and does not doubt that in a way they are honest and capable, but Mr. Michel's qualifications for the position are so pre-eminent, not only in Louisiana but in the southern states, that he should receive the unanimous endorsement of Louisiana's public men, as he would receive the endorsement of its people were they given a voice in the appointment. At this time every community should tender the services of its best and most capable men to the nation, and Mr. Michel is the best and most capable man in Louisiana for membership on the Interstate Commerce Commission.

DREAM FIGURES

The sharp discrepancy between the census-estimated figures on enrollment for military service for New Orleans and the practical estimates made by local registration officers shows the folly and injustice of extravagant official guesses. If New Orleans has less than 20,000 registrations instead of the 37,000 figured out from the census returns of past generations by a department clerk in Washington, unjustifiable doubt may be cast on the city's patriotism.

As a matter of fact figures on the number of young men in New Orleans between 21 and 31 are pure guesswork. In addition to this, several thousand young men from New Orleans are already in some arm of the nation's service. Another considerable number are exempted by the conscription law. A large percentage of the Washington total is composed of young men of the negro race, and while every effort to enroll these should be made and doubtless will be made ignorance and irresponsibility will account for thousands of absentees among them on June 5.

In these circumstances, it should be a matter of pride to every American-born young man eligible for service to present himself early in the morning at his precinct booth and register himself, in order to make the day's enrollment as large as possible for the credit of New Orleans. In the final event, all will be compelled to enroll themselves. There is absolutely no escape from the requirement, and the earlier and more willingly one is enrolled the more credit he reflects on himself and his community.

Scurry county, Texas, was reported to be fomenting an anti-conscription revolution, but Federal Judge Jack nipped it in the bud by sending deputies to arrest seven men. The other male inhabitant of the county must have proven himself to be loyal.

The United States Steel corporation cannot acquire a reputation for patriotism by devoting what constitutes its small change to the purpose of buying Liberty Loan bonds.

The German sense of humor appears to have come out particularly strong in this war. A Danish sailor who was kept on a supersubmarine for twenty one days before being landed says that on several occasions when they encountered a British destroyer, the latter fired, as the U-boat dived but inflicted no damage. Then the U-boat commander would have a tank of oil opened, which rising to the surface constituted an "infallible sign" that the submarine had been destroyed. The British commander would report its loss to the admiralty, the submarine would continue on its way seeking more merchant ships, and everybody would be happy.

Victor Berger and his fellow members of the socialist delegation may take it that the United States has no objection to them taking a cruise on the Great Lakes, but does not care to take the risk of losing them by means of the naughty German submarines.

The British person who suggested that General Alfred Smuts, the famous Boer leader, be selected as president of the proposed Irish convention, ought to have a job on London Punch. He has that variety of unintentional and unconscious humor that makes Punch so enjoyable.

LOUISIANA OPINION.

Unseemly Money Wrangle

Madison Journal: There has been inaugurated in congress a bitter and unseemly conflict between members of both branches of congress and the administration. It seems that we were patriotic enough to make mutual sacrifices and to allay differences on all issues except on the question of money. On this issue the disposition, in common parlance, is to let "George do it." It is all right to vote heavy taxes provided they are paid by the other fellow. After all, the whole controversy rests on the question as to whose ox is to be gored.

Why Not Be Plain?

Shreveport Journal: Surely, the grand jurors knew the names of the officers whose conduct they condemn. Then, why not give them? Again, why indict, by inference, the mayor and four city commissioners and practically every other important city official, in the matter of the distribution of seized liquor instead of stating outright who received this confiscated booze? A district attorney may not accuse by inference. And a grand jury, it strikes us, should have no greater authority. Besides, cancerous evils are removable only at the core. We cannot reach the seat of the trouble unless its point of origin is revealed to us.

Go After the Fly Now

Abbeville Meridianal: Any time of the year is a good time to fight the fly nuisance, but the first warm days are by far the best. Every fly killed at the beginning of the season means hundreds of thousands less during the warm months.

Give Them First Service

Assumption Pioneer: While Uncle Sam is drafting soldiers for active service, we move that the knockers in every part of the United States be first signed-up—they will have all the chance in the world to use their little mallets on the Germans.

No Time for Faultfinding

Ruston Leader: There are men, natives of this country, who have no more patriotism than the cold-blooded frog, that spends its time croaking because bugs are scarce or do not come within its reach. These grouchy critics spend their time searching for something that is being done in the management of government affairs that they do not like. They criticized the president because he did not involve the United States government in war three or four years ago. Now they accuse him of precipitating us into an unnecessary conflict.

Where Force Is Not Desirable

Alexandria Town Talk: American newspapers have the reputation of knowing their own business—the printing of news and the expression of public opinion on public affairs—better than any other national press in the world. Their intelligence, their good intentions, their patriotism, may be taken for granted until they themselves give evidence of stupidity, malevolence or treason. The press as a whole is a severer critic of itself and its members than any outside agency could be. If professional pride is presumably strong enough, at a time like this, to guarantee the chastisement of any paper within its ranks that abuses its freedom.

The Safest Investment

Crowley Signal: A Liberty bond will never be a "white elephant" on your hands. It will always be money laid by. You can leave it there, drawing interest, or in emergency you can sell it. It is as easy to cash as a \$5 bill. A Liberty bond is the safest investment in the world for you, and it will help guard the safety of democracy throughout the world.

ITEMS OUT OF THE ORDINARY FROM THE DAY'S COURT GRIND

Samuel Zennurray, complainant, was appointed receiver for the Fort Morgan Steamship company by Judge Foster in the United States district court yesterday. The company, organized under the laws of Norway, is controlled by the Gulf Coast Plantation company, in which Zennurray is a stockholder. Zennurray is engaged in the business of transporting fruit here from Central America. In his bill of complaint he set forth that the Fort Morgan company is unable to pay for the repairing of its steamer, Fort Morgan, now in dry dock, which has been chartered to him. On this he based his application for receivership.

The defendant and the Gulf Coast Plantation company acknowledge the allegations and left the matter to the judgment of the court. According to Zennurray, the Fort Morgan company is in debt to the Norwegian government.

ASK \$20,000 FOR SON'S DEATH

Parents of Man Crushed by Boiler Sue Dunbar-Dukate Co. Suit for \$20,000 damages was filed in the civil court yesterday against the Dunbar-Dukate Co. by Emanuel Garcia and wife, of Dunbar, La. They allege that their son, Charles Garcia, was killed on April 4 while in the employ of the defendant company, and through the negligence of the latter.

The younger Garcia was engaged in helping move a large boiler in one of the Dunbar-Dukate buildings, when the support under the boiler gave away. Several men working beside him escaped, but it is claimed that he caught his foot in an opening of the floor carelessly left unguarded, and was crushed between the boiler and the side of the boiler shed.

DIDN'T AGREE WITH THE JUDGE

Mrs. David Brown Strikes Husband When Case Is Lost Although his wife had sued him for separation, alleging that he tried to kill himself, her and their children, David H. Brown showed himself of a forgiving disposition yesterday afternoon when he tried to effect a reconciliation with her, after Judge Theard had dismissed the suit for a separation. Mrs. Brown was holding in her hand a "drown suit," which had figured in the divorce proceedings, and struck her husband in the face with it. Brown had testified that last Mardi Gras she wore the suit, causing a quarrel. He also stated on the trial that he had earned as high as \$1,000 a month and that his wife's tastes were expensive accordingly. Judge Theard, after hearing the testimony, rejected Mrs. Brown's suit, and awarded the custody of the three children to Mr. Brown.

GARCIA IS PLACED UNDER BOND

Alleged Munition Smuggler Arraigned Before U. S. Commission Lisardo Garcia, Spaniard, who was arrested Thursday by Federal agents on a charge of shipping ammunition here without labeling its containers, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Browne yesterday and placed under \$500 bond. He pleaded not guilty. The ammunition, seized by the government, consists of 12,600 rounds of rifle shells.

Cotton Brokers Sue Local Men

John F. Clark, and Co., a well known cotton firm, have instituted legal proceedings against T. S. Adams, of Muskogee, Okla., and Sterling Price, of this city, for \$4,795. They claim that the amount is due them on an open account as a result of business dealings of the defendants.

Cases Finally Disposed in Court

Decisions were rendered in the following cases: M. Glaser vs. the Southern Express company, judgment for \$270. Angela Primavera vs. C. C. Luzenberg, district attorney; judgment changing plaintiff's name to Angela Bisceglia. Mrs. C. F. Brandt vs. C. F. Brandt, decree of divorce. Mrs. David H. Brown vs. David H. Brown, judgment for defendant. New Orleans Land Company vs. Southern States Fair-Pan American Exposition company, judgment on opposition of J. A. Petty, making him a preferred creditor to the extent of \$2,056.98. Cable Piano company vs. John E. Morgan, dismissed. Citizens Homestead association vs. William E. Muir, dismissed. John A. Merritt and Co. vs. N. E. Archibald, dismissed.

New Suits in District Court

The following new suits have been filed in civil district court: John F. Clark and Co. vs. T. S. Adams, et al., claim, \$4,795; Meyer Eisenman vs. Rosenberg-Rowan Co.,

claim on contract, \$300; Ernest M. Loeb vs. Caribbean Trading Co., Inc., claim on notes and provisional seizure, \$750; Standard Supply Co. vs. Mrs. Mary Donohue, claim, \$4,600; Liquidators Prudential Savings and Homestead society, claim, \$592.80; succession of William R. Chisolm, State ex rel. Neter Realty Co. vs. City of New Orleans et al., mandamus; authorization of Mrs. Jas. R. Orillo to borrow; Gulf Stevedoring Co. vs. M. J. and T. R. R. and S. S. Co., claim, \$232.50; Emanuel Garcia and wife vs. Dunbar-Dukate Co., damages, \$20,000; Citizens Homestead association vs. Mrs. Sarah Duquette, executory process, \$2,500.

POLICE ARREST TWO AS SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS

Alleged to be dope fiends and members of a gang of thieves who their profession in the commercial section in or cover of night, Walter Miller and "Sonny" Nopoz were arrested yesterday at Gravier and Magazine streets by Detectives Miller and Ford. They were charged with being dangerous and suspicious characters.

WINNERS IN SWIMMING RACES

Excellent Records Made at Y. M. C. C. Last Night Many amateur swimmers turned out last night at the weekly swimming contest of the Young Men's Gymnastic club. All events were bitterly contested by those who participated and several feats of excellent swimming were witnessed. The results follow: First heat, twenty-yard dash—Paul Sentell, first; E. Cloutier, second; and L. Avogno, third. Second heat—Clyde Croasons, E. Burke, J. Gibbons. Third heat—L. Leach, E. Coyle, J. Lautenschlaeger. Fourth heat—Monroe Hatch, W. Moore, J. Stevens. Forty yard dash—W. L. O'Donnell, George Staigg. Forty yard handicap—Alex Moore, L. Avogno, Paul Sentell. Forty yard dash—E. Leach, E. Coyle and L. Lautenschlaeger. Twenty yard free for all—W. Leach, C. Croasons, J. Gibbons. Sixty yard handicap—George Staigg, W. L. O'Donnell, Alex Moore.

NEW CLASS OF ROBBERS

Federal Commission Turns Spotlight on Coal Operators Washington, May 24.—Declaring that coal mines operators are charging exorbitant prices, often many times the cost of their production, the federal trade commission urged Congress to establish control by governmental agencies, which may fix prices. The commission said coal operators have "doctored" their books, vast discrepancies being found in the actual prices at the mine and the recorded prices. Regulation of coal distribution from the mouth of the mine to the ultimate consumer, with authority to allot quantities of coal to various classes of consumers—also was urged.

There is and has been an "ample" productive capacity of coal in the country, the commission declared. Other than extortionate price fixing, the commission blames failure of railroads to furnish sufficient car space and diversion of a east-wise and lake shipping to ocean traffic, as prime factors in the present unprecedented fight of coal prices. In addition to urging drastic government regulations, the commission suggested remedial action to improve transportation facilities, preserve the labor supply and increase storage facilities at points of consumption.

HIGH HEELS WORSE THAN U-BOATS, HE SAYS

Springfield, Ill., May 24.—Women's high-heeled shoes are more dangerous to the American nation than German submarines. This is the assertion of James H. Kirby of Petersburg, Ill., representative in the Illinois assembly, who is fighting hard for a bill to limit the height of heels to one and three-eighths inches. The bill was killed once, but at the urgent insistence of Kirby it was revived and sent back to committee. It has furnished much fun for the lawmakers. "It's no joke, and it's going to pass," Kirby insists, however.

LITTLE GIRL HAS NEW VERSION OF PSALM

By International News Service. Chicago, May 24.—"The Lord is my Shepherd, I should worry." This was the reply of a child in a North Side Sunday school when she was asked to recite the first verse of the twenty-third Psalm. "That girl understands the Psalm," said Mel Trotter superintendent of the Pacific Garden Mission, to an audience here after he had told of the incident.

MAKE DENVER BEARS FEEL QUITE AT HOME

Denver, Col., May 24.—Not satisfied with having mountain scenery within a few miles of the city, Denver has sent out into the Rockies and brought it into the city limits by the cartload. The scenery is not paintings or photographs, but actual reproductions of rugged cliffs and majestic boulders selected for bear pits at City park.

Agents of the city spread a gelatinous material over the most striking cliffs during the day and removed it in the cool of the morning, thus retaining an accurate impression. This was converted into plaster of paris casts, in which form the reproductions have been brought to Denver. The moulds will be constructed in concrete and steel, with cement runs in colors and tints to simulate the original rocks from which they were taken.

'HOME BY XMAS' IS SOLDIER'S PREDICTION

Lincoln, Ill., May 27.—"I'll be home for Christmas dinner." That is the message received by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson of Lincoln, Ill., from their son, Captain John Thompson of the Canadian army in France, in a letter which has just arrived. "We'll win the war now, for there's nothing that can stop us since America has entered," Captain Thompson writes.

GREAT GATHERING OF MASONS BEINGS MONDAY

Continued From Page One. Nonchite or Prussian knight, direction Charles F. Buck, Jr. 2:45 P. M.—Twenty-second degree, knight of the royal axe, prince of Libanus, direction Samuel Wolf. 3:30 P. M.—Twenty-third degree, chief of the tabernacle, direction Leon Holzhalb. 4:30 P. M.—Twenty-fourth degree, prince of the tabernacle, direction T. S. Kavanagh. 6:00 P. M.—Dinner. 7:00 P. M.—Twenty-fifth degree, knight of the brazen serpent, direction Frank E. Lamothé. 8:00 P. M.—Twenty-sixth degree, prince of mercy, direction Allen R. Beary.

Wednesday, May 30.

9:00 A. M.—Twenty-seventh degree, knight commander of the temple, direction H. W. Robinson. 10:15 A. M.—Twenty-eighth degree, knight of the sun, adept, direction J. B. Samuels. 12:30 Noon—Luncheon. 1:30 P. M.—Twenty-ninth degree, Scottish knight of St Andrew, direction Sol Weiss. 3:00 P. M.—Thirtieth degree, knight kadosh, direction A. G. Newmyer. The above degrees conferred by Eagle Council No. 6, Knights Kadosh; Sir Knight Will Moss, commander; Sir Knight Walter Taburn, first lieutenant commander; Sir Knight Joseph Sinai, second lieutenant commander. 6:00 P. M.—Dinner. 7:30 P. M.—Thirty-first degree, inspector-inquisitor, direction H. W. Kaiser.

Thursday, May 31.

9:00 A. M.—Thirty-second degree, master of the royal secret, direction W. H. Murtagh. The above degrees conferred by Grand Consistory of Louisiana, M. R. S.; Joseph Sinai, grand master of kadosh; William M. Murtagh, grand prior; Wynne G. Rogers, grand proceptor.

FAREWELL AFTER FIFTY YEARS

Passing of the Old St. Charles Avenue M. E. Church

The passing of another half-century landmark in New Orleans worthy take place shortly after June 10, when the last service will be held in the old St. Charles Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, near Lee Circle. After the service the church will be turned over to its new owner, a Mr. Field, and it is probable that it will be demolished, and a modern building put up on its site. The service will be a celebration of the church's fiftieth anniversary.

At one time the church had the largest membership of any Protestant church in the city, but the encroachment of the business district upon it has resulted in constantly reducing this membership. There are scarcely sixty members remaining. The \$15,000 derived from the sale of the church has been devoted to the purchase of a site at Napoleon avenue and Robertson street. At present there is a chapel on this ground and it will be used to worship in until the congregation erects a larger building. It also is possible that the congregation will combine with the congregations of other churches located in this vicinity.

JUDGE DECIDES WOMAN HAS TWO LEGAL HUSBANDS

New York, May 24.—Mrs. Mary Timchik occupies the unusual distinction of being the legal wife of two men. That novel status has been fixed for her through a decision rendered by Justice Greenbaum refusing a divorce to George Timchik, her first husband, who named his wife's second husband as co-respondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Timchik married in 1906. They separated in 1908. Seven years later Mrs. Timchik made an extended search for her husband without finding him. Believing him dead, she remarried. Then Timchik reappeared and brought his suit for divorce.

"Where one enters into a second marriage," said Justice Greenbaum, in his decision, "after an absence of five consecutive years of the husband or wife, as the case may be, in good faith, and in the belief that the former spouse is dead, the second marriage is lawful."

Justice Greenbaum decided that Timchik, his former wife of her second husband may bring a suit for the annulment of the second marriage, which, if granted, would restore her as the wife of Timchik. In the meantime the second marriage must be considered in force and the first one in abeyance.

CHEESE KING BUSY. NOT LOST, HE SAYS

New York, May 23.—"I've been so busy selling cheese that I haven't had time to write to my wife," Joseph Santoro, of Cleveland, O., said at police headquarters here. Santoro came from the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in a taxicab because he had heard the police were looking for him. The Cleveland chief of police had asked the police here to find him. His wife had not heard from him in fifteen days and was worried.

Santoro, who used to black shoes on the East Side of New York, is now a "cheese king," and owns a large farm at Chardon, O. He said he has a contract to deliver 100,000 pounds of American cheese to the Allies. He asked the police to wire to the Cleveland police to tell his wife he would write when he got a spare minute.

NOT SO ANCIENT AS SUIT

New Orleans, La., May 24.—Editor Bee: In the copy article describing the street "Vieux Carre," you say, "Charles...". The old street here from France more than a century ago, is still in good condition, and will not be removed. This is an error. The paving referred to which had stood the test of time was supplanted some years ago, say ten or more, after the installing of the drainage canal by the present Belgian block pavement, and this "Belgian" block is a Georgia product. J. M. LAMARIE.

T. AND P. DOING ITS SHARE

Appeals to Employees to Subscribe for Liberty Bonds

Official notice has been issued by the Texas and Pacific railway of the appointment of George D. Hunter to be passenger traffic manager, with headquarters at Dallas, Tex.; A. D. Bell to be general passenger agent, and Frank Jensen to be assistant general passenger agent. All of the new officers are well known New Orleans railroad men. Messrs. J. L. Lancaster and Pearl Wight, receivers of the Texas and Pacific railway, have addressed officers, agents and employees to cooperate with the United States government in disposing of the Liberty bonds of 1917. In their letter they say, in part: "In the present world-wide war in which our country has become a dominant factor, it will not be the privilege of all of us to serve the colors, but each of us can and must assist in some way. We owe it to ourselves to face this obligation squarely. "Vast sums will be needed to prosecute the war to a successful termination and our government is offering an opportunity to many of us to render service by subscribing to the Liberty loan of 1917. Of the company's many thousand employees at least half of us can and are, therefore, obligated to subscribe to this loan. The bonds will be issued in denominations of \$50.00. The receivers state that they have made arrangements with the Whitney-Central Trust and Savings Bank for employees to secure a bond by paying 10 per cent cash and the balance in nine equal installments, and urge their employees to take advantage of the offer. The Texas and Pacific has already given section men the use of right-of-way for growing vegetables and pays them for a half-day each week to be spent in garden work, and this Liberty loan bond appeal is a step further in their campaign to aid in the great war.