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GOING IN AT THE WRONG END

The state food preparedness commission met in Baton Rouge this week after a long period of quiescence. So far as reports go, their chief accomplishment was in the way of obtaining tin cans in carload lots for the various parishes.

These promoters of big crops in Louisiana have been in charge of the food raising propaganda of the state for nearly two months. They may have been very active under the surface; but so far as public knowledge goes, all they have done is to make speeches and encourage the formation of parish food preparedness committees.

This is not the Bee's conception of what this commission was appointed for. Its mission, as the general public understood it, was to promote and encourage the growing of more crops and the planting of more acres, in order to increase the food supply of the country.

One of the lines upon which the commission might have worked is suggested by the following paragraph from the Lake Providence Banner Democrat:

There are thousands of acres of uncultivated land in East Carroll that could be secured by the government free of cost for cultivation of food crops if it wanted it and could get the labor.

At the time the commission was appointed, The Bee suggested that immediate action be taken to finance producers of standard food crops in order that they might increase their acreage.

It was also suggested that the commission specialize on increasing the rice crop, the staple food product of half the world.

The Quakers of New York and Vermont have probably disappointed some people who have suddenly developed conscientious objections to war by firmly announcing that until after the declaration of peace no converts will be considered.

Judging from the remarks of Mr. Kitchen in the House recently, he would have the United States reach down in its pockets and pay for the coming war C. O. D. "I would feel like a miserable coward," he said, "to impose a burden on my children and my children's children to pay for something for which they were not responsible and yet refuse to take out of my pockets money for my share in the burden."

It is queer how many people, judging by newspaper reports, would prefer to spend the coming year in a stuffy and insanitary jail than to take a job to me chance of escaping military service altogether, with the assurance that the worst that can befall them is to spend a year or two at good pay in outdoor life, subject to less danger than such as crossing Saint Charles avenue on Sunday involves.

LOUISIANA OPINION.

No Compulsory Child Labor

Crowley Signal: The boy who takes a hoe and goes out to make war food growth, in the spirit of helpfulness and unselfishness, is making a better future citizen out of himself in every respect.

Put in the Plainest Words

Montre News Star: The United States government is determined to obtain an absolutely correct list of all the males in the Nation between certain ages, and there is no reason why it should not be secured without wounding the tender sensibilities of even the most contemptible slacker.

The Rule-Bound Railroads

Alexandria Town Talk: Our railroad traffic has been badly congested all these months for lack of the very equipment that has been exported in such quantities. Not only have they suffered by deprivation of that rolling stock and building material, but their congestion has been increased by the necessity of hauling it in such volume to the seaports.

Psychological Panic

Lake Charles American Press: After banging up and down the crowded roads Sunday in a recklessly driven automobile, narrowly escaping accident a dozen times, many men will walk up to the conscription desk to register their names with fear and trembling.

Nothing Could Be Fairer

Ruston Leader: We are willing to let the economist have all the snails he advises us to eat and make our meals off of garden truck, butter, eggs and milk.

The Vanishing Roosevelt Army

Shreveport Journal: Here are the figures as the World gave them: Total force claimed 31,832; actually enrolled, 1,175; doubtful, 5,250; yet to be enrolled, 25,407. So that when Mr. Roosevelt released his actual war force, he cut strings that bound him, in a military way, to exactly 1,175 men.

We Still Have Canned Cows

Lafourche Comet: The residents of New Orleans this week came near having the "Milky Way" obscured, as the dairymen's association threatened to cut off the entire milk supply. The people of New Orleans cannot act too smart with us country "guys." If they do we'll surely make 'em go to bed without milk.

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

After being out over an hour and a half, a jury in Judge King's division of civil court yesterday afternoon reported that it was unable to agree on a verdict in the case of H. Reing vs. the New Orleans Railway and Light company, for \$27,500 damages.

The suit was brought on behalf of 9-year-old King Reing, who lost a hand beneath a Levee and Barracks car on July 15 last. The testimony introduced by the plaintiff and the defendant was at variance, and the jury was unable to agree on the facts. The question of the amount of damages to be awarded accordingly was not touched on at all in its deliberations.

Last July, according to the petition of the plaintiff, the Reing lad was watching over his little sister Thelma, as the latter was playing in Royal street, near Mazant. A Levee and Barracks car proceeding at an excessive rate of speed, struck the lad despite the fact that he was in plain view, and the latter lost his hand beneath the wheels.

The defendant claims that three little children were sitting on the curb when the car approached slowly, and that all three arose. The Reing lad ran against the car in crossing the street, and suffered the loss of his hand through his own negligence.

JURY COMPLETE IN THE PIERSON CASE

Introduction of Testimony Will Begin Next Tuesday

Further progress was made in the second trial of the Dr. Clarence F. Pierson libel case before Judge Skinner yesterday afternoon. At 8, Green, C. C. Babylon, and Louis D. Michel were accepted as jurors, filling out the panel of twelve. The jury is now composed of the following: Albert J. Marion, L. Bamberger, Paul A. Verneuil, Jules E. Leunond, R. B. Kirkpatrick, J. J. Genthier, J. O. Spaul, A. S. Green, C. C. Babylon, T. J. Conway, J. H. Zengbuhl and Louis D. Michel.

As Monday is a legal holiday, the next session in the trial will be held Tuesday. It is probable that most of the evidence at the second trial of the case will be read to the jury in documentary form, consisting of a transcript of the evidence at the first trial. The case is expected to last considerable time.

ASKS A DIVORCE AND ALIMONY

Jos. D. Neely Defendant in Proceedings Brought Yesterday

In suing her husband for a divorce, Mrs. Joseph D. Neely asks the court for an injunction to establish her rights to a half interest in the community property. This consists of the residence at 2231 Berlin street, a five-passenger automobile, an interest in the business of the Mehle Live Stock Commission company, of Arabi, certain cattle in various parishes, and the furnishings of the residence at 4303 Dumaine street, where it is alleged a woman named as co-respondent resides. Mrs. Neely alleges statutory acts of her husband as a ground for divorce, and claims that she is now in Hotel Dieu suffering from a nervous breakdown as a result of his conduct. Alimony in the amount of \$25 a week is asked.

AUTO ACCIDENT IS BASIS FOR \$5,000 DAMAGE SUIT

Mr and Mrs. John Danner, Jr., on behalf of their daughter Ethel, have instituted suit against Dr. J. Townsend Wolfe for \$5,000 damages. They allege that on June 1 last, while the girl was crossing Frenchmen street, near Tonti, she was struck by a machine owned by the defendant, and badly injured about the head. It is asserted that the car was being operated as a jitney, and in a reckless manner.

DIVORCES ARE THE END OF TWO GREINA MARRIAGES

Two Greina marriages wound up in the divorce courts yesterday. Olivia Catherine Miller, suing Henry George Bilebar, alleges that a year after their marriage on August 29, 1915, the defendant abandoned her, and that he has been guilty of a statutory offense. Amy E. Branch, in a suit for annulment of marriage brought against John Thomas, alleges that she married the latter in Greina last March, and later found that he had married Elizabeth Meener in Indiana in November, 1915. The former marriage still being valid.

ANDRESEN ESTATE INVENTORIES \$5,481

The Henry Andresen estate is valued at \$5,481 in an inventory filed yesterday. Real estate is listed at \$1,500; household goods at \$226; life insurance, \$250.25, and cash on hand, etc., at \$501.77.

NEW SUITS FILED YESTERDAY

Following were the new suits

filed in civil court yesterday: Jos. Langhin vs. Charles H. Kamp, claim, \$740; Dennis A. Candau vs. Charles E. Borez and George D. Zibulich, provisional seizure, \$500; Mr. and Mrs. John Danner, Jr. vs. Dr. J. Townsend Wolfe, damages, \$5,000; Leonard G. Gumpion vs. Jos. A. Monnand, note, \$300; Authorization of Mrs. Marie A. E. Garcia to borrow; Succession of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Williams; Olivia Catherine Miller vs. Henry George Bilebar, divorce; Mrs. Iwelda Smith vs. Amodeo Graucor, divorce; Amy E. Branch vs. John Thomas, annulment of marriage; Jennie McManus vs. J. D. Neely, divorce and injunction; Succession of Mrs. Marie Johans; Succession of Mrs. Louise Letiz; Succession of Baldassara Chappetta.

EX-EXPRESS MESSENGER WANTED IN MONTGOMERY

Charged with stealing a trunk containing \$75 worth of men's clothes from a trunk at the railroad station in Montgomery, Ala., Joseph Lassebe, 609 St. Charles street, was arrested last night by Detectives Behrman and Dodson. Police say he confessed to the charge. Montgomery authorities were notified to send for him. Lassebe was employed as a messenger for the Southern Express company the time of the alleged theft.

ST. CHARLES AVE. CHURCH FORMALLY TRANSFERRED

The formal transfer was effected yesterday of the property in St. Charles avenue at Calhoun, owned by the St. Charles Avenue Methodist church, to Hubbard Field, who purchased it recently for \$15,000. The property has a frontage on the avenue of 23 feet and on Calhoun of 152 feet. The congregation recently secured a site further up town, and the last services were held in the old church Sunday.

WOMEN FILL MEN'S PLACES IN NORTHWEST

Portland, Ore., June 1.—Women conductors soon may be collecting fares and helping mothers with babies board the street cars of this city. The local traction company is gathering data regarding the women who are serving as railway employees in England and France. The growing shortage of labor in the Pacific Northwest is alarming transportation and other corporations. In Portland 600 conductors are employed.

Women have replaced Japanese as car cleaners in the Spokane terminal of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad, a part of the Hill system. Railroad officials feel that women will do the work just as well and will release the men for heavier labor. Already one of the large department stores of this city has been forced to place women as floor walkers, who have taken the positions made vacant by men who have enlisted.

WAREHOUSE FOR ALL COMMODITIES

The addition of a third chain of public owned warehouses has been decided upon by the dock board. Besides the cotton warehouse and the grain elevator, the dock board has decided to erect a large commodity warehouse.

The old waterworks site was purchased for \$85,000 Thursday. This piece of property is bounded by Water, Richard, South Peters and Orange streets and it was assessed at \$55,000. The deal was closed by T. J. Kelly of the dock board.

Coffee, sugar, rice and such commodities will be stored each in its own separate compartment in the warehouse. By means of conveyors to be installed, cargoes can be lifted direct from the warehouse to the ships.

This action was made possible by the recent authorization of \$25,000,000 in bonds, and of this amount about \$4,000,000 was converted into working cash. At that time W. R. Thompson, president of the board, announced that the object of this issue was to increase the facilities of the port. Nearly two million of the amount was invested in a grain elevator. Other hints at further expansion are contained in his statement.

The board has under active consideration plans for furnishing the sugar and rice industries with appropriate marketing, storage and shipping facilities. The present facilities for assembling and exporting lumber and oil are by no means adequate, hence developments along these lines will be speedily inaugurated. The import trade in coffee and the import and export trade in general commodities will in the near future be supplied with ample facilities for storage and distribution. Finally the board proposes to extend and improve the dock system and to supply the same with such machinery and devices as will increase its economic efficiency.

CURB-MARKET PRICES

Among the offerings at the curb market this morning offered by the Housewives League will be corn at 20 cents a dozen and butter at 17 cents a pound. Eggs will be offered below the current market price.

PINE MEN TO BUY LIBERALLY

Purchase of Million Dollars in Liberty Bonds Contemplated. The Southern Pine association expects to purchase \$1,000,000 worth of Liberty bonds. Initial steps were taken at a meeting of the company held in Memphis and a partial canvass resulted in \$200,000 being subscribed. Since then circular letters have been sent out to the various firms composing the association and it is believed that the subscriptions will be raised in a short time.

GRARDS LIKELY TO RECOVER

Though Not Out of Danger, Chances Are Brighter

Although still in a dangerous condition, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Girard and their baby, who were assaulted with an axe as they slept several days ago, are likely to recover, it was said at the Charity hospital last night. The belief is based on the fact that they have lived longer than it was thought they would at first. Wesley Sumner, arrested as a suspect and positively identified by Mrs. Girard as the man she saw haunting over her when she was awakened by the baby's cries, still maintains innocence. He is being held under a charge of entering in the night time with intent to commit burglary.

PARK WILL MARK ITS NORTHERN END

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of the humorous phases of the trip. Despite the fact that the party arrived in New Orleans within a minute of the scheduled time, and that of 251 towns and cities visited en route, only six had seen the party. Delayed more than five minutes behind the schedule, someone in New Orleans had remarked to him that they were "lucky to have made the trip so successfully." Another man wanted to know whether they had passed through Cincinnati or Louisville, although the highway does not pass within 600 miles of either place.

Special guests at yesterday's luncheon were the following: Albert A. Schaffenberg, J. Macdonald, Major F. N. Cook, T. S. A.; Henry G. McCull, Lieutenant Libbounty, T. S. N.; Lieutenant Commander T. R. Yarnell, T. S. N.; T. E. Gelliste, E. H. Lafaye, W. E. Tallman, Mayor Behrman of New Orleans; Mayor F. H. Davidson of Winnipeg; T. C. Norris, premier of Manitoba; P. M. Milner, E. M. Stafford, Harold W. Newman, J. D. Clarkson, Walter Parker, A. G. Ricks, E. J. Glenn, W. P. Parkhouse, W. A. Campbell, Gordon A. Campbell, Mrs. C. H. Tobaut, M. Janss, Mrs. J. D. Clark, Mrs. L. Dicks, Mrs. W. D. Stewart.

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENT

WALTER PRIMAVERA vs. C. E. LUZEN. STATE DISTRICT ATTORNEY - CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS - STATE OF LOUISIANA - No. 1422. I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 29th day of May, 1917, judgment was rendered in the above case in the following behalf, to-wit: In the case submitted, the court, considering the law and the evidence in the favor of plaintiff, rendered judgment for the plaintiff for and for the reasons the law orally assigned. It is ordered that the defendant herein, in favor of Joseph Primavera, plaintiff, and against C. E. Luzen, defendant, change the name of plaintiff, from Walter Primavera, to Joseph Primavera, plaintiff, to be for these proceedings. JUDGMENT RENDERED IN OPEN COURT THIS 29th DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1917. AT TEST: I HEREBY CERTIFY IN OPEN COURT THIS 30th DAY OF MAY, 1917. C. W. ELLES, Judge. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed this judgment and affixed the seal of the said court, at the City of New Orleans, this 30th day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. J. GRIESHABER, Deputy Clerk.

St. Andrew's Sunday School COR. CARROLLTON AVE. AND ZIMPLE ST. NEW ORLEANS May 21, 1917. Orleans-Kenner Elec. Ry. Co., 127 S. Rampart St., City. Gentlemen: MR. H. JOHNSON, GEN. MGR. Enclosed please find St. Andrew's S. S. check for \$25.00 covering Special Car service furnished us Saturday May 19th to carry our scholars and teachers on their annual picnic. Your magnificent park at Kenner was a revelation to a great portion of the two hundred and fifty scholars who attended. The fencing of the grounds, the substantial shelter erected, the ball park and tennis courts have indeed perfected Nature's rich endowment of the grounds. The consensus of opinion among those who attended was that we use the park each year hereafter. Permit me to thank you for the excellent car service rendered, which left nothing to be desired. Yours very truly, H. JOHNSON, GEN. MGR. ST. ANDREWS S S. SBC/RL SUNDAY IN KENNER Grounds for Tennis and Baseball Dancing in Felix Park Free With O-K. Line round-trip tickets. Heintz's Military Band, 4 to 10 p. m.