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NEWMAN QUILTS AS POLICE HEAD

DIFFERENCE AS TO METHOD OF ENFORCING SUNDAY LAW

MAYOR WILL ASSUME DUTIES

Until Successor to Commissioner Newman Is Elected—Latter Insisted on Use of Detectives

Differences between Harold Newman, commissioner of public safety, and Mayor Behrman over the manner of enforcing the Sunday law yesterday morning resulted in Commissioner Newman's resignation and his retirement to private life. The mayor is now acting head of the department of public safety and will remain in charge until Mr. Newman's successor is elected.

Friction between the mayor and commissioner is said to have developed some time ago, and culminated last Sunday in conflicting orders to the head of the police department, James W. Reynolds. It is said that Mayor Behrman, before leaving for Little Rock, Ark., left instructions with the police superintendent that the use of plain clothes men in enforcing the observance of the Sunday law was to be discontinued.

Commissioner Newman, on the other hand, favored this method as an auxiliary to the regular police force, and when the mayor's orders were given preference over his decision to retire from office. The decision was reached Monday, it is said.

Yesterday morning the commissioner had a conference with the mayor, and shortly afterwards wrote out his resignation. The resignation was presented at the regular meeting of the commission council and was duly accepted.

The use of plain clothes men to ferret out and keep watch on the Sunday observance law was advocated by Commissioner Newman, who took the position that this is indispensable if the law is to be strictly enforced. Mayor Behrman, on the other hand, takes the position that such tactics are demoralizing to the police force, and do not improve the enforcement of the law. The mayor's views are contained in the following statement submitted to the commission council in connection with the Newman resignation:

"In connection with the resignation of Mr. Newman, I feel it incumbent upon me to make clear that neither am I, nor is the city administration in any way disposed to recede from the enforcement of the Sunday law. However, from experience in this particular matter, the greatest care must be exercised to safeguard against the greater danger of demoralizing the police force. In the work of enforcing the Sunday law plain clothes men are generally patrolmen who are sent out upon the work, without the regulation uniform; hence, the term plain clothes men must not be misunderstood to apply to our detective force. In that way abuses are likely to creep in. The city administration, as well as I have determined that a rigid enforcement of this particular law must be maintained.

"I regret very much Mr. Newman's resignation for the reason that throughout his term as a member of the Commission Council he has made a most valuable officer of the city government, and, besides, our personal relations have been friendly in the extreme."

SECOND DRAFT PLANNED

Washington, June 19.—The second draft will be within six months after the 25,000 conscripts are in camp. Pershing's division will be reinforced immediately by picked troops and by September 1 division of guardsmen will be moving over the sea. The New York guardsmen will be the first militia men to go.

Clark Arrested on a Serious Charge

By International News Service. Knoxville, Tenn., June 19.—Federal officers today arrested W. S. Clark on the charge of dynamiting part of the Federal Dyestuff and Chemical corporation plant at Kingsport. It is intimated that Clark was acting for a group of plotters in New York. Other arrests are expected.

DEFER ACTION ON "RAT GUARD" LAW

Final action on the proposed amendments to the "rat-guard" ordinance was postponed yesterday by the city council, following the receipt of a formal protest from the Realty-owners Protective association.

The matter was referred to the commissioner of public safety, now Mayor Behrman, and it may be a couple of weeks before the amendments are adopted.

In the meantime a joint conference between members of the dock board and representatives of the health bodies, including the United States health service, as represented by Dr. Simpson, the state board of health, and the city health department, was held yesterday afternoon in the offices of the dock board to decide on a feasible method of completing the work of rat-proofing the dock system. Nothing was given out on the meeting, but it is understood that the dock board cannot see its way clear to complete the rat-proofing work at present on account of the lack of funds.

It is not thought that the protest from the Realty-owners Protective association will have the effect of delaying very long the plan to remove the quarantine restrictions at the rat-proofed docks. It is pointed out that the quarantine was imposed by the Federal authorities to keep plague-infected rats from leaving the city, rather than entering it. The continued work of the rat-trap-

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FIRE AND ROUTED HIS ASSAILANTS

Just after he alighted from a Chevrolet at Third street while on his way home early yesterday morning, Joseph Giovenzo, 2520 South Robertson street, was attacked by five men. His face was bruised. Giovenzo, followed by them, ran to his home, procured a revolver and frightened the men off by firing several shots.

Corporal Meyers and Patrolman Buse were in the neighborhood and heard the shots. Giovenzo told them he recognized one of the men to be Joseph Scherer, 2525 Magnolia street. The only explanation for the assault that Giovenzo could give was that he was recently a witness in the murder case of Fritz Huber and that Scherer was a relative of the dead man.

SORDELET WAS PEEVISH

When Refused Drink, Hurling Glass, Cutting Bacino's Arm

Angered because he was refused a drink, Sarafin Sordelet, 23, 1410 St. Bernard avenue, hurled a glass at James Bacino, proprietor of a saloon at 1384 Annette street, yesterday. An artery in Bacino's right arm was severed and he was taken to the Charity hospital. His condition is not serious. An affidavit will be made against Sordelet.

Sordelet entered the saloon under the influence of liquor and asked to be served a drink. Bacino refused, stating he had already drunk enough. This aroused Sordelet's anger and picking up a glass from the counter, threw it at Bacino.

CONSOLATION FOR THE UNRAFTED

PLAN TO ORGANIZE THEM INTO A HOME GUARD

GOV. THINKS IT OVER, REPORT

Call for Special Session May Have Been Delayed to Consider New Proposal

"The home guard will get you if you don't look out."

One of the most interesting of all the New Orleans war stories was about in the city yesterday afternoon. And there is sufficient foundation of truth in it to have caused some apprehension among those who heard it.

The story was to the effect that the governor is preparing to take steps that will ensure the enrollment in the home guard of every man between the ages of 21 and 31 who are not drafted for the conscript army. This would mean an organized militia in Louisiana of close to 200,000 men.

As the governor was to have issued the call for a special session of the legislature yesterday morning, and the call did not materialize, it was reported that the delay was caused on that account; that a measure was being framed that would result in the involuntary enlistment in a new state militia of every man of registration age, and that this would be included in the call for a special session.

It is also said that the governor has authority to take this step without further action from the legislature. The necessary authority is said to be contained in the Federal militia act, passed by Congress some time ago.

Louisiana is now practically without a state guard, as the militia has been drafted into the Federal service, and shortly will be in France. The need of some kind of a state militia is being urged on the governor by interested parties, and it would occasion no surprise should an effort be made to organize a state guard along the same lines that the conscript army is to be organized.

FTOMAINE POISON RESULTS FROM EATING CREAM CHEESE

Three children living at 2621 Hospital street, yesterday were stricken with ptomaine poisoning after eating cream cheese purchased from a shop at 1021 North White street. A doctor was summoned and he left them at home and out of danger. The children are Dorothy Revortiga, aged three and a half years, Florence Dussani, aged two years, and Charles Dussani, three and a half. Three pounds of the cream cheese are being held for analysis by the city chemist.

LOITERING AND LOTTERING

George Dixon, negro, 3022 South Franklin street, was arrested at Camp and Bordeaux streets yesterday by Corporal Schouerman and Patrolman Roach for loitering. When searched at the Seventh precinct station lottery tickets are said to have been found in his possession and he was additionally charged.

FELL THROUGH MANHOLE

Walking in his sleep, Lieutenant Joseph O'Brien, of fire truck company No. 8, fell down the man hole on the second floor of the engine house at Calhoun and Carondelet streets early yesterday morning. He dropped to the first floor and received injury not considered serious at the Charity hospital.

AUSTRIAN CABINET RESIGNS

By International News Service. London, June 19.—Austria is threatened with a serious political shake-up. The premier and cabinet is reported to have tendered their resignations. The reason given is the refusal of Poles in Parliament to vote for the budget.

JEALOUSY NEARLY CAUSES TRAGEDY

MRS. CATHERINE SCHOLL FIRES WILD AT L. McPHERSON

SHOOTING CHARGE IS LIKELY

Mrs. Scholl Claims That McPherson Woman Stole Away Affections of Her Husband

In a fit of jealousy last night, Mrs. Catherine Scholl, 2712 Royal street, fired two shots at Laura McPherson, 110 Howard street, who is alleged to have stolen the affection of her husband. The bullets went wild. Mrs. Scholl was arrested.

William Scholl, the husband, was in the Howard street house at the time. He ran out a few minutes after the shooting and was taken in charge by Detective William Ford, who was in the neighborhood. He arrested Mrs. Scholl.

Mrs. Scholl was booked at the Central station for discharging firearms on a public highway. She was later paroled. This morning she will be charged with willfully shooting at, police say. Scholl was not charged. The McPherson woman refused to make a charge or give a statement.

Mr. and Mrs. Scholl are said to have been separated for nearly a year and had planned to effect a reconciliation. Yesterday afternoon, however, Scholl changed his mind and is said to have informed his wife that he intended to live with Laura McPherson.

This is said to have aroused Mrs. Scholl to such an extent that last night she went to the Howard street house in search of her husband. Mrs. Scholl arrived there just as Laura McPherson came to the front door.

Taking a small revolver from her bosom, Mrs. Scholl rushed upon the other woman and fired two shots. She was greatly excited and her aim was poor.

Love for Charmer Ended in Suicide

Because a woman of the underworld refused to accept his attentions, police believe, William Colton, 120 St. Maurice avenue, a Boylan detective, committed suicide in a room on the second floor of the Country hotel, 126 Royal street, by sending a bullet into his brains last night. His body is being held at the city morgue.

"I love you and cannot live without you," read a letter, apparently returned unopened which was found in his pocket and addressed to Rosy Smith, 1506 Iberville street. It continues: "You have those country girls beat by a city block. You are the only girl in the world for me. But why did you not answer my last letter? I have waited patiently to hear from you. You do not seem to realize how much I love you, and what it means to love a woman as I love you."

Rosy Smith was taken to police headquarters by detectives and interviewed by John Davis, coroner's clerk. She said she knew nothing of the suicide and denied ever having received letters from him.

The letter was signed Herbert Beckham, Mount Herman, La. However, a card found among papers in the dead man's valise bear the name of William Golden, while he registered at the Country hotel as W. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Duffy, who operate the Country hotel, were sitting in the lobby last night when they heard the report of a revolver. An employe was sent up stairs to investigate.

Sims Commander Anti U-Boat Fleet

By International News Service. London, June 19.—That an American man-of-war is the flagship of the combined naval forces of the United States and Great Britain in Irish waters, the chief scene of U-boat activities, is officially announced. Vice Admiral Sims has been appointed to complete the operations in those waters in the absence of the British commander in chief.

Immediately after his appointment the flag of the American commander in chief was hoisted as senior officer in charge.

STATE C. E.'S HOLD INITIAL SESSION

The State Christian Endeavor union opened last night at the First Presbyterian church with a large delegation in attendance. During the convention it is expected that many matters of vital interest will come up. The convention will continue until Thursday night. The address last night was delivered by the Rev. H. Cornelison, D. D., who welcomed the delegates as pastor of the convention church; the Rev. A. H. Ziemer, as president, gave the annual message to the convention; Karl Lehmann spoke on "Christian Endeavor's New Day." Many of the delegates are here and a full attendance from all parts of the state is expected.

The officers of the state union are the Rev. A. H. Ziemer, New Orleans, president, who will preside at the sessions of the convention; D. M. Boyle, vice-president for the Southeastern district; Thomas Wemple, Shreveport, vice president for the northern district; E. E. McMillan, Roanoke, vice president for the Southwestern district; Miss Mary T. Pirie, Baton Rouge, corresponding secretary; Miss Anna Kinney, Lake Charles, treasurer, and Mrs. E. E. McMillan, Roanoke, recording secretary.

ALEXANDER IS HOME

The conservation of all food is the keynote of the meetings which have been attended by M. L. Alexander, state conservation commissioner, who yesterday returned from Providence, R. I. He declared that the meetings of shellfish commissioners held there was devoted in a large measure to the conservation of the supply. Much attention was given to the greater protection of migratory birds.

WOULD ABOLISH SHINGLES

Abolition of shingles on all buildings in the cities and towns of Louisiana is being sought by Fire Marshal Campbell. Mr. Campbell is urging the passing of these anti-shingle ordinances in order to reduce the fire hazards of the state.

LEA JOINS UNITED FRUIT

James Lea, former chief clerk to the superintendent of the Northeastern railway, has been appointed claim for the United Fruit company. He was succeeded by H. T. White, freight claim agent of the Southern railway.

SEEKING A MUSIC LOVER

Police are looking for the thief who stole a \$50 phonograph from in front of the Diamond Music company, 224 Dauphine street, between 11:30 and 1 o'clock yesterday.

GUNS RAID RUSS BASE

Petrograd, June 19.—German seaplanes again raided the great Russian base on the Gulf of Riga, dropping forty-one bombs on warships. Aeroplano sheds and shore defenses are in constant danger of a repetition of these raids, is thought by military experts and show evidence of a great set battle impending.

U. S. PLANS INSURANCE FOR MERCHANT MARINE SEAMEN

Government Demands That Owners Take Out Insurance Protecting Men From Capture or Death

By International News Service.

Washington, June 19.—Masters, officers and crews of American vessels will be insured against war risks after June 25. Secretary McAdoo's idea that American seamen should be protected by the government of property indemnity in event of loss of life or personal injury by war risks, and compensation in event of capture and detention by the enemy, which was embodied in Act of June 12 to go into effect for vessels sailing from the United States ports within two weeks after approval of the law and for ships sailing from foreign ports to the United States will be operative in July.

Secretary McAdoo tonight announced the completion of all arrangements under which the bureau war risk insurance of the treasury department would be operated.

Collectors of customs will be agents in receiving application for insurance and quote the rate fixed by the authorities in Washington. In regard to sailings from abroad, American consuls will perform the same offices. Vessel owners are given the option of insuring with regular companies. If the latter are preferred, policies must be written on terms satisfactory to the Secretary of the treasury. Believing that a private insurance man would expedite matters, Secretary McAdoo appointed John J. Crowley, of Hartford, assistant director.

The Delayney law provides insurance of one thousand to three thousand dollars for seamen. For capture and detention of American sailors they are entitled to payment during detention equal to their salary. Where the owners evade insuring the men the secretary is empowered to take out the required insurance at the cost of the owner, who also is liable to a fine of \$1,000 for each member unprotected.

FRENCH REPULSE TEUTONIC ATTACK

By International News Service. London, June 19.—Only one major attack launched by the Teutons along the Champagne and it was broken up by the French artillery, marked the fighting activity along the west during the last twenty-four hours. The Champagne thrust was delivered by the Crown Prince in an effort to re-establish Salient in the French lines. It was crushed by Pertin's troops yesterday. The Teutons were driven off with heavy losses, Paris announced. Apart from this there was only minor raids.

PLEASED WITH RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM N. O.

Another telegram of appreciation was received yesterday from Secretary McAdoo addressed to the New Orleans Clearing house association. It follows:

"Deeply appreciate your kind telegram of congratulations on success of the Liberty loan. I am peculiarly gratified with the splendid and patriotic response made by the people of New Orleans to this loan. The spirit of New Orleans demonstrated on my recent visit in behalf of the Liberty loan was a genuine inspiration. You and the people of New Orleans have done your part nobly. Heartily congratulations and best wishes."

HAS ORDERS FOR FRANCE

Irving G. Moses of New Orleans has received orders to go to France, according to word received yesterday. Mr. Moses was graduated from Harvard university in 1916 and since America entered the war he has been anxious to get to the front. He will proceed with the next field section that leaves for the front.

FLAG RAISING IN FOURTH WARD

The Fourth Ward Athletic and Benevolent association will hoist the National colors Friday at 5:30 p. m. on a flag pole at 2224 Iberville street. Several prominent citizens will deliver addresses suitable to the patriotic demonstration.

\$500 IN MONEY STOLEN

Mrs. Ethel Conney, rooming at 901 St. Charles street, reported to police last night that \$500 in jewelry and money were stolen from a suit case in her room.