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## IN SHAPE TO GO ON WITH THE WAR

### EXTRA BURDEN ON NEWSPAPERS FINALLY FIXED BY SENATE

### PROGRESS WITH FOOD BILL

House May Pass It by Saturday. Senate Will Probably Devote Some Weeks to It.

By International News Service. Washington, June 21.—A quarter of a cent a pound additional tax on second class mail, which includes newspapers and publications, was finally agreed upon this evening by the Senate finance committee. A five per cent tax on the profits of all publications above four thousand dollars was also imposed by a vote of eight to six.

The committee killed an increase in the price of post cards to two cents, thereby cutting ten million dollars from revenue that the change would bring in.

A six per cent exemption on the excess profits of businesses started since the war began was agreed to.

The administration food control bill probably will pass the house Saturday, but when it will go through the senate is uncertain.

The bill may even be finally enacted by July 1, as urged by President Wilson, according to Senator Chamberlain, who is piloting the measure through the senate.

## AT DEADLOCK ON RAT PROOF WORK

### DOCK BOARD WILLING, BUT IT HASN'T THE MONEY

### HEALTH WORKERS ANXIOUS

To Have the Work Completed Soon. Lifting of Quarantine Hung Up by Protest.

The question of completing the rat-proofing of the New Orleans dock system has reached a comparative deadlock, following a conference of the other day between members of the dock board, and representatives of the public health service of city, state and union.

The dock board is willing enough to have the work done, it avers, but does not know where to find the money. The health authorities, on the other hand, urge that it is absolutely imperative that the docks be rat-proofed.

In the meantime the ordinance which would permit the lifting of quarantine restrictions at four city landings already rat-proofed is "hung-up" on account of a protest filed by the Property-owners Protective association. Health officials say the protest is without foundation and hope to see the amendments to the ordinance placed on final passage next Tuesday.

### Little Bubonic Plague

"There are few known ports where bubonic plague infection exists at the present time, and it is much easier to guard against rats leaving these cities on ships, than it is to put effective quarantine restrictions in effect in every port in the world to keep rats from leaving all ships afloat. In fact this would be practically impossible. There is no danger of any further plague infection being brought into the city of New Orleans, for the reason that ships arriving from ports where the infection is known to exist are subjected to such restrictions in those ports that the rats cannot come aboard."

### Sounds Warning Note

Dr. Dowling, president of the state board of health, sounded a note of warning at the rat-proofing conference, regarding what might happen to New Orleans should there be another outbreak of plague here. The infection exists, and while there is little possibility of an extensive epidemic, the consequences of even one case would be very serious.

"Louisiana health authorities have been under fire lately," declared Dr. Dowling. "The army authorities declare that there is too much hookworm and malaria in the state for troops to be concentrated here. We have been kept busy refuting those damaging reports, but with a report of this kind it is almost impossible to effect a satisfactory correction."

### NO WAR MISSION TO JAPAN, SAYS LANSING

Washington, June 21.—Secretary Lansing tonight denied the report that the government is about to send a diplomatic or war mission to Japan.

## Russia Will Stand Firm With Allies

### By International News Service. Washington, June 21.—Boris Bakmeteff, the ambassador from Russia, in the first interview since his arrival, declared that Russia will fight to the last ditch. There will be no separate peace. Only a lasting universal peace without annexation or contribution of money will be recognized by the new government of Russia.

The ambassador's party dined at the White House tonight. Tomorrow he will confer with Secretary McAdoo, when it is likely the disposition of Russia's one hundred millions credit in the United States will be discussed.

## BODY OF DROWNED YOUTH RECOVERED

The body of Julius Rosenberg, 21, 1637 Cho street, who fell into the river and was drowned in attempting to board a Canal street ferry Wednesday night, had not been recovered in late last night.

Identity of the dead youth was established through his straw hat and letters, found floating in the river. His brother, Joseph, identified him.

Julius Rosenberg, employed as secretary to Commodore V. S. Nelson, of the Naval station at Algiers, was in his way home when he met his death. He tried to jump onto the ferry Thomas Pickles on the Algiers side of the river as it was leaving the pier. Young Rosenberg missed the boat and fell into the water.

Failure of Julius to return home caused his family to worry yesterday morning. In the morning papers they read of the drowning of an unidentified young man and Isaac Rosenberg went to the Algiers police station. There he identified the hat and letters.

The dead youth is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Rosenberg, three brothers and two sisters. His brother Joseph is an attorney-at-law.

## Tulane Professor Completes Design

The design for the coins for the New Orleans bicentennial have been completed by Professor Ellsworth Woodward, head of the Newcomb School of art. The United States mint will be asked to cast the first coins February 2, 1918. One side of the coin will be the head of Bienville with the date 1718 stamped beneath. The other side will be a perspective of modern New Orleans.

### MR. HART TO READ PAPER

Further congress of alienists and neurologists to be held at Chicago, July 11 and 12. Governor Pleasant has appointed Mr. W. O. Hart a delegate to represent the state of Louisiana, and Mr. Hart will at the congress read a paper entitled: "Insanity as a defense to crime in Louisiana," having been specially requested to do so by the committee in charge.

## MAYOR LECTURES POLICE CAPTAINS

### BEHRMAN SAYS HE HAS 'STAKED HIS REPUTATION'

### STATUTE MUST BE ENFORCED

Chief Executive Says Regulars Are Sufficient to Enforce Sunday Law. Regrets Newman's Action

Determined to enforce the Sunday closing law, Mayor Behrman yesterday morning called into conference at police headquarters Superintendent Reynolds, officials, captains and minor officers of the police force. He told them that "to a certain extent, I stake my reputation on the ability of the police to enforce this law."

Mayor Behrman said in part: "I am not here to give you instructions. These will be issued to you by the inspector of police, who is the officer charged with this duty. However, on account of the differences of opinion between ex-commissioner of Police Newman and myself which have appeared in the daily papers of this city, I have come here to tell you that the Sunday law must and will be enforced."

"This law is on the statute books and therefore must be respected. You did not make it and you have no power to change or repeal it. While I believe, as I have said, that business men, whether they are seven men or not, have some rights that are not to be ignored, I want the Sunday law enforced and I want it enforced by the regular police force of this city, employing uniformed men. I have confidence in the police force of this city and in the officers in charge of its administration, and I am sure that these men can secure an enforcement of the law without resort to other methods."

"I want you to inform the business people in your precincts that there will be no let-up in the strict enforcement of the Sunday law and that you have instructions to arrest any violator of it. I have given my word to the people of New Orleans that the Sunday law would be enforced and I want you men to help me keep that promise."

"Each one of you men must get busy at once, starting with this coming Sunday and see that the Sunday law is observed in your precincts," said Inspector Reynolds.

"We regret that Mr. Newman has left the government for so little reason. We have not always agreed with him. We have sometimes differed sharply with him. But on the whole he has been a good official, with excellent work to his credit, and we have had occasion often to commend his high intelligence, his energy and his public spirit."

## FOOD BILL WILL BE PASSED SOON

Washington, June 21.—Indications of the passage of the food control bill in a form satisfactory to the administration developed in both houses of Congress. Only quick work by Senator Gore in rushing Sherman to make an emergency speech prevented the vote today.

## "I Want Him" is Girl's Death Cry

### By International News Service. Waukesha, Wis., June 21.—A murder and suicide followed on the heels of the infatuation of Miss Grace Lusk, school teacher, and prominent in society, for Dr. David Roberts, former state veterinarian and president of the Dr. Roberts medical society here.

Miss Lusk shot and killed Mrs. Roberts as she stood at the head of the stairs in Miss Bianca Mills' house, where she lived. She leveled the revolver at Dr. Roberts and Chief McKay and screamed: "I want him! I want him! I want him!" Suddenly she turned the revolver on herself and fell dead with two bullets in her body. There are no witnesses to Mrs. Roberts' murder. No reason for her being in the house was given.

## TO TRAIN MARINE ENGINEERS HERE

James M. Roberts has been appointed in charge of the merchant marine school to instruct engineers for the merchant marine at Tulane University. This appointment was made yesterday by W. B. R. Creighton, dean of the college of engineering, and is done because Tulane was selected as one of the schools to train engineers for the marine. The course in Tulane will start July 2.

Men who will be able within six weeks to pass the government examinations for chief and assistant engineers are especially desired by the United States shipping board, according to the chairman, William Denman. For this reason Professor Robert at Tulane and the professors in charge of the work in the other four schools will have the job of rushing their students through a course in one month which will include only the barest essentials of the practical knowledge which marine engineers must possess.

### Receives Information

The only information which Professor Robert has received as yet in regard to the school came from Professor E. S. Miller of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who is acting in behalf of the shipping board in arranging the instructional work planned.

"Professor Miller explained in a two-page telegram," said Professor Robert, "that the school would begin July 3, and would last one month. He said that in case we receive more students at Tulane (than we can take care of) we should give the preference to oilers and water tenders. These men have seen experience in the engine rooms of merchant ships and it is thought they will be able to grasp most easily the further knowledge required of them. Professor Miller informed me that other information in regard to the school will be sent by mail. I expect it Friday."

### Will Instruct All

Professor Robert predicted that Tulane will be able to give instruction to all students who apply for the course. During the regular session the Tulane engineering college has an enrollment of more than 150 students.

## URSULINE ENDS WORK OF YEAR

### "FABIOLA" SUBSTITUTED FOR USUAL LIGHT OPERA

### SIMPLICITY MARKS CLOSING

Academic Certificates Presented to Four Pupils—None Graduated by College Department

A note of solemnity marked the close of the school year of the Ursuline college and academy in State street yesterday morning, being occasioned by the recent death of Archbishop Blenk, a warm friend and patron of the institution. Instead of the usual light operatic play "Fabiola" was substituted, and the rest of the program was in keeping with the simplicity that has marked the closing of the college every year for nearly two centuries.

Academic certificates were presented to four pupils, Misses Inez Estopinal, Mary Gertrude Long and Mildred Vera Heister, of this city, and Lorena Marie Guistry, of Carenara, La. There were no graduates from the college department this year.

Of general interest as marking the distinctiveness of the Ursuline college in educational circles, the fact may be noted that yesterday was the one-hundred and eighty-ninth annual commencement of the institution. The Ursuline college is a link between the old and the new in New Orleans. From its splendidly equipped and spacious college buildings in State street, it is a long jump back to the eighteenth century, when the Ursulines first came to New Orleans; yet the old building which they first occupied in 1731 is still standing to the north of the cathedral at Jackson Square, and is probably the oldest building in Louisiana.

### Move to New Quarters

Five years ago the Ursulines moved to their present location from the college property in the lower part of the city, recently sold to the levee board. That location had been occupied by them continuously for eighty-eight years, but their removal was made necessary when the property was expropriated in order to permit improvements in the levee. At their State street college the Ursulines are continuing with success the work undertaken nearly two hundred years ago at the instance of Governor Bienville, of Louisiana. They are authorized by legislative enactment to confer degrees, and have a large enrollment, both of day pupils from the city, and of pupils from outside points, including quite a number from Mexico and Central American points.

Very Rev. Canon F. Racine represented the archdiocese of New Orleans at the commencement exercises yesterday, and presented the certificates. The premiums were distributed by Father L. Zerr, chaplain of the college. Quite a number

### HEIDINGER, ST. LOUIS SUICIDE, NOT KNOWN HERE

Police Superintendent Reynolds yesterday received a communication from the police chief of St. Louis asking that investigation be made to determine whether a man believed to be William Heidinger, who committed suicide at St. Louis, lived in New Orleans or has relatives here. Clothing worn by the suicide bore the trade marks of New Orleans concerns. It is the belief of the St. Louis authorities that the man figured in a robbery in that city a few weeks ago. He committed suicide at the New Carlton hotel, where he registered as William Heidinger. Up to last night, efforts of the police to locate relatives or friends of the dead man were futile. Neither is such a name in the New Orleans city directory.

## THREE DIE; FIVE SUFFER FROM GAS

### FUMES OVERCOME MEN IN HOLD OF MOMUS

### FIREMAN MAY BE A VICTIM

Green Jute Bags Believed To Be Responsible for Tragedy—Men With Pulmotor Cut Down Dead List

Three negroes are dead and four white men and a negro are in the Charity hospital in a serious condition, as a result of being overcome by gas in a hold of the Southern Pacific liner Momus, moored at Conti street, last night.

Those in the hospital will recover. The Dead: Horace Johnson, 12, 929 Verret street, Algiers. Joseph Johnson, residence unknown. Charles Dugay. South Robertson and Berlin streets.

### The Overcome

Jake Lamar, fireman, 3612 Banks street, attached to engine company No. 29. Ben Bailey, 36, 728 Desire street. Alphonse Kobel, 43, 1313 Napoleon street. Albert Hadley, 21, negro, 326 Newton street. Paul Barnaby, address unknown.

### Fireman Overcome

Lamar was overcome when he and other firemen from the Central fire station, under Chief Pujol, participated in the work of rescue. The firemen and a squad of men from the first and third police precincts, in charge of Sergeant Theodore Ray, did admirable work and held down the death list.

The men were overcome in hatch No. 2, where there was stored jute bags. Police at first thought the tragedy was the work of an alien enemy, but after a thorough investigation arrived at the only plausible theory—that the gas formed from green jute bagging.

The Momus, which plies between New Orleans and New York, arrived here yesterday evening. Last night work of unloading begun. Horace Johnson, Joe Johnson and Charles Dugay were the first to descend into the hatch.

### Breaks Neck in Fall

As soon as they disappeared into the gloomy depths a faint cry was heard. Then Dugay was seen trying to climb out. His fellow-workmen above were horrified to see him reel over and fall to the bottom, breaking his neck.

The others tried to rescue the three but the fumes were too strong. Police were notified and then the fire department. In a short while police and a number of men from the central fire station, including the first aid squad, arrived.

### Rescue Attempts Failed

In the meantime, attempts to rescue the negroes were made by lowering men into the hold with ropes. But those who went down were overcome.

But for the arrival of the firemen with their pulmotors, it is believed all who went down would have been asphyxiated.

While the firemen were working on the overcome men, Charity Hospital ambulances were speeding to the scene.

The three negroes were hoisted out. Death came as they lay in the bottom of the hold. Their bodies were taken to the city morgue.

## TWO GOVERNORS UNITE TO MAKE DRYDALE DRY

By International News Service. Jefferson City, Mo., June 21.—Governor Gardner, of Missouri, will join Governor Capper of Kansas, in asking the war department for a dry zone around Leavenworth, Kansas. This would make Drydale, Mo., dry.