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## PEACE MEETING HELD AT A. OF C.

PARISH AND T. & P. HEADS CONSIDER HIGHWAY SQUABBLE

### SPECIAL LEGISLATION URGED

Committees Appointed to Try and Get R. R. to Drop Injunction Proceedings Against Jeff. Highway

The passing of special laws which will greatly aid road building in the state and a probable amicable settlement of the injunction proceedings brought by the Texas and Pacific railroad against the selling of road bonds for the Jefferson highway in four parishes of the state may result from a meeting yesterday between the parish authorities of various parishes and the officials of the Texas and Pacific railroad. This meeting was called by the good roads bureau of the Association of Commerce.

Some time ago the Texas and Pacific filed injunction proceedings against the Jefferson Highway association prohibiting that association from selling bonds in St. Landry, Avoyelles, Nat. Bouteles and Rapides parishes. The railroad alleged that in these parishes it had two lines of road for the support of the same road bond issue. Railroad men claimed that this was an unjust taxation and that the road was taxed twice for the same thing.

Peyton Sandoz, Gaston Portier, Dr. W. D. Haaz, C. J. Pope, C. T. Callert, and W. F. Brown, spoke on behalf of the residents of the road districts and explained to Judge Freeman of the Texas and Pacific, that no discrimination was sought against the Texas and Pacific.

Henry L. Favrot discussed recent decisions of the supreme court relative to the contentions raised by the Texas and Pacific.

After several other men had made addresses, P. M. Miller appointed a committee consisting of J. V. Babington, Peyton Sandoz and W. D. Haaz, to confer with officials of the Texas and Pacific and if possible reach an amicable settlement in order that the railroad would drop its injunction and the sale of the bonds in the four parishes could go ahead.

A committee consisting of Duncan Buie, H. L. Favrot, William Hathorn, also was appointed to draw up resolutions and submit them to Governor Pleasant, asking that he include in his call for the special session remedial measures either in the way of new laws or amendments to present laws which would give the greatest liberality to the construction of roads in the state and at the same time prevent a recurrence of the present situation.

T. and P. Encourages Roads "The Texas and Pacific always wants to give the greatest encouragement to the building of roads," said Judge Freeman at the conclusion of the meeting. Both Mr. Southwell, of New Orleans, and Mr. Sandoz, of Opelousas, also issued statements.

John E. Sutherland, of Powell, Gardner and Co., of New Orleans, said: "With reference to the legal question involved in the suit by the Texas and Pacific in the matter of the issuance of bonds and collections of taxes in payment thereof, it is the opinion of ourselves and other bond houses interested that if this question is sustained in the higher courts it would automatically invalidate all Louisiana bonds not only road district bonds, but bonds of parishes, road district bonds, drainage district, school district, etc., and to us the question raised is a futile one.

"It is our opinion that the railroad cannot hope to have its contention sustained by the courts by reason of public policy if no other. If

## STATE SURVEY OF CITY MARKETS

ORDERED BY PRESIDENT OF STATE HEALTH BOARD

### DOE TO HOUSEWIVES LEAGUE

Who Complained of Conditions at Prytania Curb Market—Dowling Looks Them Over

As a result of complaints by the Housewives' league that they were obliged to move from the Prytania curb market on account of insanitary conditions, Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the state board of health, has ordered a general survey of all the markets, public and private, in the city. The survey will be inaugurated shortly by inspectors and will be thorough in every detail. Important developments are expected to follow the examination.

Dr. Dowling himself visited two city markets yesterday on a shopping tour. The doctor is married now, and states that he found them in a very unsatisfactory condition. They are the Magazine and the Poydras markets, and are among the five principal markets of the city. The French market is also reported to be in bad order, and Dr. Dowling has suspicions concerning a number of others.

Clean the Markets Just before the commission form of government was established in New Orleans, according to Dr. Dowling, Mayor Behrman agreed to the expenditure of \$100,000 to place the city's markets in good order. Later on an agreement was made with E. E. Lafaye whereby the city was to embark on an extensive campaign to clean the markets.

According to a memorandum in the files of the state board of health, Mr. Lafaye suggested the possibility of raising \$1,000,000 through a bond issue for the thorough renovation of the markets. The city's markets were divided into three classes, according to importance, the five most important being listed as the French, Magazine, Poydras, Tremé and Dryades markets. The meat department at the French department was rebuilt, and improvements were made at a number of other markets, but the state board of health is not satisfied with the work that has been done, or with the present conditions of the markets, and will take steps to have all of them put in sanitary order.

Supreme Court Decision A supreme court decision gives the state board of health necessary authority to close public and private markets alike if insanitary conditions are found. Dr. Dowling believes, however, that arrangements can be made with the city to have all markets put in sanitary condition and steps to this end will be taken as soon as the re-survey of the markets is completed.

SWALLOWED IODINE. THINKING IT MEDICINE Mrs. Gertrude Harris, aged 24, 511 Washington avenue, swallowed iodine at her home yesterday and was relieved of the poison by Charity hospital ambulance doctors. She was hospitalized to the hospital. Relatives told the police that Mrs. Harris had the iodine through mistake, thinking it was medicine prescribed by a doctor.

PRINCETON CAMP OPENS WITH 1,000 STUDENTS By International News Service. Princeton, N. J., June 25.—The Princeton University camp, for an intensive military training course, opened today with almost one thousand young men as students. The students pay for their own uniforms and subsistence, making a total of \$115. The university buildings have been placed at the disposal of camp students by President Hibben.

## British Soldiers Report Progress

London, June 25.—Substantial progress has been made by the British troops on both banks of the Souchez river today, says the department report. The gains were made along a front a mile and a half wide. An enemy raid southeast of Ypres was repulsed by machine gun fire.

## RED CROSS FUND RAISED \$649,135

New Orleans oversubscribed its apportionment of the Red Cross fund by \$149,135. The total subscriptions for the week amounted to \$649,135. This was flashed from the gigantic electric sign on Canal street last night and again bore testimony that New Orleans had done more than had been asked of her.

All those connected with the raising of the fund were more than delighted with the result. Last night at the Grunwald a banquet was served to the various teams which participated in the great drive. The various members told of their experiences and all expressed delight at the result accomplished.

It is believed that the state of Louisiana will have oversubscribed its apportionment when the receipts are finally counted. New Orleans reached its \$500,000 Saturday noon and immediately began a movement to oversubscribe the what was expected of the city.

## FANNING FINDS EASY WALKOVER

Arlo Fanning had a walkover in his fifteen-round go with Pal Moran last night at the Tulane club. Fanning got the first three rounds; the fourth was even; fifth, slight shade for Moran; sixth, even; seventh to thirteenth, Fanning; fourteenth, even, and fifteenth, Fanning.

Referee Hughie O'Brien declared Fanning the winner. Sailor Murphy and Kid Corley were to fight a four-round preliminary, but when Corley was floored twice in the first round, Referee Littleton stopped the match and declared the sailor the winner.

Kid Greutz and Young Chip tied up for the second preliminary and for a while Greutz got the best of the deal, but Chip rallied and the four-round go was a draw.

The last preliminary was between Benny Loup and Young Russo and at the end of the fourth round Russo got the best of the fight on account of his reach.

Announcement was made that Kid Douglas and Bobby Hughes meet at the Tulane June 29. Hughes is of French descent and lives in Lake Charles.

## NEGRESS IS KILLED

Lulu Philips, negress, 1309 Gasquet street, was cut and almost instantly killed by her husband at Liberty and Robertson streets, Sunday night. Philips was arrested. Police say Philips caught his wife going out with another negro and he quarreled with the man. During the altercation, the woman fled and Philips went behind her. Overtaking his wife, it is alleged, Philips stabbed her several times in the back and stomach with a carving knife.

## DOMINICAN POSTAL RATES

First class postal rates from the Dominican republic will hereafter cost two cents an ounce. This information was received yesterday at the New Orleans postoffice. Letters unpaid or insufficiently paid will be delivered to destination and there a fee of double the amount will be collected.

## PERSHING REPORTS TO WASHINGTON

AMERICAN BASE IN EUROPE IS READY FOR TROOPS

### SOLDIERS TO HAVE 2ND. LINE

Merchantmen Will Make Trips as Transports Every Two Months. Troops in Field Shortly

Washington, June 25.—The war department today received complete reports from General Pershing on what has been accomplished in preparation for the American regulars in France.

The American base is ready for troops. It will be south of St. Quentin, historic in stories on Western front. A second of the line will be turned over to Pershing as soon as has sufficient first line troops and reserves to hold it.

The department is doing its mightiest today to make the forces necessary available at the earliest possible moment.

The transport system is being organized whereby the entire fleet of merchantmen will be turned over to the war department for one voyage at a time. The movement is expected to be completed by September 1.

It will mean 375,000 troops all trained or a well balanced force of trained men and recruits before winter. The merchant fleet will make a voyage as transports every two months.

## WRECKAGE GREETED U. S. RESCUE SHIP

American Naval Base in British Waters, June 25.—Floating wreckage was all that greeted an American destroyer which answered a wireless from a British merchantman that was attacked by a submarine this morning.

The warship was ninety miles away when the first signal was caught. Another message said the crew was abandoning the ship. When the vessel arrived on the scene only the floating wreckage remained. The wireless said fifty of the crew on the ship were attacked.

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Laraple was convicted of manslaughter for killing a negro at Griffon, La., a few weeks ago, after serving several months.

Laraple was arrested with Frank Miller at Franklin avenue and Tont street by Superintendent Patrolman Rog. Neither had any money or a piece to sleep, so they were charged with loitering. Laraple gave his name as Arthur Blackburn.

## GAVE HIMSELF UP TO THE OFFICERS

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## TWO HOUSES DAMAGED

The residence of Frank Simmons, negro, industry, between Annette and Allena streets, was destroyed and an adjoining house, occupied by Alfred Prigoris, negro, was badly damaged by fire Sunday night. Cause of the blaze, which started in Simmons' house, is not known. The total loss is \$1,100.

## Red Cross Raises Hundred Million

By International News Service.

Washington, June 25.—The Red Cross announced tonight it had reached its goal of 100,000,000 humanity dollars. Officials said at midnight the tabulation was complete, but returns would not be available until tomorrow. New York's subscription almost reached forty million.

The New England states subscribed eight million. Atlantic, sixteen; Southern, four; Central, twenty-two; Western, ten. A total of sixty million.

Katherine Stinson flew to Buffalo through Albany, New York, Philadelphia after collecting for the Red Cross and delivered several hundred thousand to Secretary McAdoo.

## WILSON CREATES EXPORT COUNCIL

Washington, June 25.—President Wilson today gave an executive order which created the exports council, which will pass upon every ounce of foodstuffs leaving the United States for neutral nations.

The board is composed of Secretary Lansing, Secretary of Commerce Redfield, Secretary of Agriculture Houston and Food Administrator Hoover.

In a statement, President Wilson said there will be little check put upon the volume of exports. The principal object to be attained is to see that our allies and their armies are fed, that the war may be fought successfully.

## DANCING CRAZE AID TO JAPANESE

By Glenn Babb, International News Service Correspondent

Tokio, June 25.—There are some 200,000 persons in Japan whose livelihood—at least, whose present prosperity—is dependent on the dancing craze in the United States. These are the farmers who grow the mulberry trees on which the silk worms are raised, and weavers who prepare the silk for export to the United States.

Within the last few years the United States has become the market for most of the silk produced in Japan. To-day, in spite of the fact that Great Britain, France and Italy have prohibited the importation of more than a very small quantity of silk from Japan, the exports of this country are growing. The United States provides the ever-increasing outlet.

This is due to the popularity of the "new" semi-athletic dances in the United States, according to Mr. D. E. Dooty, general manager of the large New York silk company, who is now a visitor to Japan. If the war makes Americans give up dancing and luxuries, the silk business of Japan is due to take a severe slump, in his opinion.

"The modern dances in America demand light, flowing, bright-colored silk fabrics to make the gowns which women must wear," says Mr. Dooty. "These dances can be said to have created a demand for silks that has resulted in the almost complete displacement of cotton and light wool fabrics. The demand extends to sport clothes, stockings, underwear and coats.

"The popularity of dancing is on the wane in the rest of the world because of the war; the entry of the United States into the struggle may lessen the popularity of dancing and decrease the purchasing power of the people. Japan's silk industry will suffer if that is the case."

## FEDERAL JOB FOR WALTER PARKER

MAY BE GIVEN CHARGE OF INLAND WATERWAYS

### AS ADJUNCT TO RAILROADS

Mr. Parker Has Had No Notice but Has Heard Rumors—A Worker for Waterways

Walter Parker, general manager of the Association of Commerce, in all probability shortly will be holding down a federal berth with the department of commerce at Washington.

Press dispatches from Washington yesterday announced that Walter Parker, an inland waterway expert, would be offered the charge of a special department under the department of commerce to look after inland waterways transportation and relieve the railroads of the heavy transportation problems.

Mr. Parker, when informed of this fact yesterday, maintained a mysterious silence saying that he had had no official notice of such appointment and that it was all news to him. He said, however, that he had heard rumors that some of his friends were pushing such a move.

It is the general belief among business men that Mr. Parker will receive official notification of his appointment within the next forty-eight hours and that he will be on his way to Washington within that time.

Interested in Work Twenty-two years ago, Mr. Parker came to New Orleans, where he became interested in inland waterways work. He considered New Orleans one of the most important points in the United States from a trade standpoint and desired to make his home here. Since that time he has been interested in the progress of the port and has done much to foster movements as well as gigantic individual work to push the port ahead.

In 1915 Mr. Parker became general manager of the Association of Commerce and has held that position ever since.

## INSURANCE COMPANY MUST PAY A \$3,000 POLICY

A decision for the plaintiff was rendered by Judge Porter yesterday in the case of Mrs. Arthur H. Page vs. the Pittsburgh Life and Trust company, to collect on an insurance policy for \$3,000. The defendant company resisted payment of the claim on the ground that the deceased had violated the provisions of the policy by leaving the state of Louisiana without permission, and that he had died of an ailment for which the policy made no provision of payment.

## THIEF FILLED HIS POCKETS

Upon opening the place yesterday morning, Sidney Romero, manager of Nelson grocery No. 41, 701 Josephine street, discovered it had been broken into by thieves and groceries valued at \$37 stolen. Entrance was effected by breaking open a rear door with an iron bar.

## INJURED IN RUNAWAY

Thrown from his buggy when the horse became unmanageable and ran into a Tchoupitoulas car at Annunciation and Thalia streets, yesterday morning, John W. Carby, 131 Constance street, received slight injuries. He was taken to the Charity Hospital in an ambulance.

## SWIPED SUMMER WARDROBE

Six summer suits and a bicycle, aggregating a total value of \$13, were stolen by an unidentified thief at Prytania and St. Mary streets yesterday while Fred Brown, delivery boy for the Lee Circle Cleaning and Pressing works, was making a delivery.

## CANADIANS TAKE STEP TOWARD LENS

CAPTURE 400 YARDS OF TRENCH IN NIGHT ASSAULT

### BRITISH MAKE MANY RAIDS

Heavy Bombardment Under Way on French Front—Berlin Says Attacks Were Repulsed

By International News Service. London, June 25.—The Canadians are knocking at the gates of Lens again. Since April 14, they have been virtually in the outskirts of the Queen City of France's mining district and kept their grip against all Teuton counter attacks and in the face of heavy shelling.

In a brilliant nocturnal charge last night, the Dominion troops stormed 400 yards of German first line trench and held it fast. It was another local, but important step, toward the investment of Lens.

While this advance of the Canadians was the only major action of the last twenty-four hours on the Anglo-German front, there was a decided increase of activity along the 120 mile line, with the British on the initiative. Fully a score of raids were carried out during the night.

British report. Berlin asserts that they were repulsed.

On the Aisne and in the Champagne region, the big guns are still in the foreground of activity. The French beat off two German surprise attacks and some raids on small points. The German war office announced the repulse of a French attack with losses to the assailants.

## NEGRO KILL BY LIVE WIRE

Bennie Price, negro, 7208 Ferdinand street, came in contact with a live wire while at work in International Distillery. Price and Ferdinand streets, and was almost instantly killed Sunday. He was dead upon the arrival of a Charity Hospital ambulance. The body was taken to the city morgue.

## DISMANTLE FLAGSHIP'S CANNON

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## LED OFFICER MERRY CHASE

Barney Bush, negro, 2632 Euphrasie street, yesterday morning led Corporal Johnson, of the twelfth precinct station, a merry chase before he was captured under a bed in a residence at 2506 St. Andrew street. The chase started when Bush is alleged to have been detected trying to break into the residence of William Lewis, negro, 2510 Jackson avenue. He was frightened away and followed by a crowd which was joined by Corporal Johnson.

## FELL FROM GALLERY

Giuliano Giardina, four years old, 624 Dumaine street, is in the Charity Hospital in a critical condition as a result of falling from the third-story gallery of her home Sunday afternoon. The child was playing with her little brother, and, climbing upon the balustrade, fell over. Her left leg was broken and she received internal injury and general bruises.

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