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MAYOR REPLIES TO NEWS STORY

NO REQUEST FROM WAR DEPARTMENT RECEIVED

CITY TO OBEY 10-MILE LAW

All Troops Removed Will be Replaced, Says City's Chief Executive

Mayor Behrman's ire was aroused yesterday morning when he read a story in the Times-Picayune supposed to have been an interview with a man whose name was not given, in regard to vice conditions in the city and the prospects of losing the soldiers because of this. In reply to this article Mayor Behrman said that he had never as yet received any request from the War Department in regard to the elimination of the district within the ten-mile zone of the camp. When this request is forthcoming from the War Department, it will be complied with, according to the mayor. He asserted that New Orleans always had shown a willingness to comply with any of the federal laws and that it would do so in this instance should the request be made. He issued the following statement to the press of the city:

"I regret to see the Times-Picayune in its issue of this morning give space to a report with reference to the removal of troops from this city without having first ascertained definitely and reliably that it was stating facts," the Mayor's statement reads.

"I can say, and say with absolute positiveness, that there is no danger whatever of New Orleans being left without troops in sufficient numbers to be both a benefit and a protection to its citizens. Of course, the Federal government cannot, nor is it expected to make known in a general way, the various plans it has under consideration in connection with the handling of its troops; but it is acting in complete harmony and co-operating in every way with the constituted authorities in New Orleans, represented by its mayor, and I can say from my own knowledge of what is being done and what it is proposed to do in this matter, that there is not a particle of justification for the publication in the Times-Picayune this morning.

"Much that is done must necessarily be of a confidential nature, and cannot be given out just now.

WISNER MEMORIAL TO BE DEDICATED

West End park will be the scene tonight of the unveiling of a memorial dedicated to the memory of Edward Wisner, known as the father of reclamation in the South.

The memorial is in the shape of a handsome drinking fountain, the design of which brings to mind the reclaiming of the marsh lands. A significant fact in this regard is that the ground on which the memorial stands is one of the best examples of reclamation that could be found. Mr. Wisner died March 8, 1915, and the memorial was built through the efforts of his friends and admirers of the South.

The program will include addresses by Mayor Behrman, Edward O. Wild, secretary-treasurer of the commission, Robert E. Milling and Dr. W. E. McF. Alexander. Eldon Lazaga will accept the memorial on behalf of the West End park board. Miss Jane Elizabeth Penney, granddaughter of Mr. Wisner, will unveil the memorial. The public is invited.

SEC'Y BAKER WILL DRAW NUMBERS

TO MAKE UP FIRST NATIONAL ARMY OF 687,000

MEN NEED NOT ASK EXEMPTION

Friends or Employers May Make Such Application—Date Not Yet Announced

By International News Service
Washington, July 11.—Secretary Baker probably will draw the numbers which will tell who is to draft for service in the national army. If he does not, one of the highest officials will. It is denied that President Wilson will draw the first number. The plan to have a blindfolded boy, the son of a member of the cabinet, make the drawings was abandoned because criticism might have followed. The date for the drawing has not yet been selected.

Provost Marshal General Crowder made an important announcement tonight respecting exemptions. The drafted man himself need not apply for exemption, but his employer or a friend may do so for him. The man himself is to be questioned orally by the local board, but will not be put in a position to have an exemption claim of his own against his record.

The entire draft will be completed at one time. An army of 687,000 will be selected at the first drawing. Others subject to draft will be held in reserve for later calls if needed. Estimated that a million or more will be subject to a later call, after the first men drafted are sent to the training camps.

COMMERCE BODY TO HOLD INQUEST

Demanding better service on the part of the Railways and Light company, a special committee from the Association of Commerce was appointed yesterday and it is probable that the Public Utilities commission will co-operate with this committee in investigating the cause of the interruption of light service from 8:40 to 9:30 o'clock Tuesday night. During this time the entire city was in darkness, street car traffic practically was suspended and as this was the third or fourth occurrence within the last ten days, it was decided to make an investigation.

Phil Ortle, a member of the board, said that immediately after the lights went out he rushed to the light plant in an auto to investigate. There M. S. Sloan, the general manager, told him that the accident was due to the breaking of blades in one of the 15,000 turbine units and promised that the occurrence would not be repeated.

The board of Public Utilities is unable to take any official action unless some one who suffered damages by the lights being out file a formal complaint with it. The greatest damage was done to moving picture shows in the city.

Frank Dameron, chairman; B. C. Casanas and Albert Wachenheim, were appointed a special committee by President Jahneke of the Association of Commerce to represent that organization in investigating the occurrence.

ELKS WAR RELIEF FUND
Boston, July 11.—A fund of \$1,000,000 for war relief work was appropriated by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks late today.

Cigarettes Shock Memphis Ringmen

By International News Service

Memphis, July 11.—A joint ouster bill against Mayor T. C. Ashcroft and Pige and Police Commissioner Ennis M. Douglas, was filed today in circuit court. The bill alleges that these officials do not enforce the prohibition, gambling and other laws and that they are building a political machine.

It is charged also that the mayor is an "inveterate cigarette smoker." Ashcroft succeeded E. H. Crump, who was ousted in March of last year. They now are political enemies.

YOUNG GIRL HIT BY AUTOMOBILE

DRIVER OF CAR NOT BLAMED BY POLICE

WOMAN MAKES STATEMENT

Aged Negro Woman and White Boy Are Injured in Traffic Accidents

Accident occurred about 6 o'clock in the evening. Vita Bonnutta was crossing the street in the middle of the block to catch a Kenner interurban car when the automobile knocked her to the ground. Miss Clower immediately stopped the car and picking up the little girl, hurried her to the Charity hospital. Afterwards Miss Clower went to the first precinct station and made a statement.

Henrietta Brown, a 63-year-old negro housekeeper living at 731 Jane alley, was struck by an automobile in White street yesterday afternoon and received bruises about the face.

Another traffic accident was reported by the police yesterday afternoon, Harry Reilly, 15 years-old, of 719 South Dupre street, being the victim. The lad was riding on the tail gate of a truck owned by the American Box factory, and at Gravier and Gayoso streets the tail gate became loosened. Reilly dropped to the ground and a trailer passed over him, inflicting serious injuries.

RUSSIANS PRESS ON AFTER FLEEING ENEMY

Petrograd, July 11.—Two thousand prisoners and thirty guns were captured when Halicz, the key to Lemberg, the capital of Galicia, was taken by General Tcheramistoff's troops. The Russians continued to press on, giving the retreating Teutons no rest. The valley of the River Lemtoia was reached. The advanced detachments crossed and the villages of Bludnicki and Babin were occupied.

GREAT BRITAIN COMMANDEERED ALL NORWEGIAN SHIPS

Seattle, Wash., July 11.—Great Britain is commandeering every merchant vessel under the norwegian flag, according to private advices received in Seattle's shipping circles. The authority is not disclosed, but every charter of norwegian ships executed here in the recent months had been approved by the British consul.

WIDOW'S DOWER CAUSES TANGLE

EXAMPLE OF ITS EVASIONS IN DISTRICT COURT

PSEUDO-TRANSFERS MADE

Now James Ellis Wade Appeals to Court to Unravel the Entanglements Caused Thereby

Claiming that certain property in Sixth street, near Freret, held in his wife's name, was transferred to her merely to dodge the provisions of Article 3252 of the Civil Code, better known as the "widow's dower" act, James Ellis Wade yesterday filed injunction proceedings in the civil district court to prevent the sale of the real estate. The property was to have been sold at public auction today by Edward A. Carriere.

Ellis asserts in his petition that he acquired the property many years ago while married to his first wife, and that when the latter died his title was confirmed by a court judgment which made him her heir. The property had been mortgaged for many years, and the holder of the mortgage finally threatened to foreclose unless Wade should take steps to protect him against the

NEW STREET CARS PUT IN SERVICE

Citizens of New Orleans were pleasantly surprised when they started to work yesterday morning upon finding that many new cars on several of the lines of the city were put into commission overnight. These cars recently were received in New Orleans by the Railways and Light Company and are modern in every detail.

They will replace some of the ancient relics of bygone days, and as they were placed on practically all of the larger lines of the city, will assist much in solving the transportation problem of the city, a subject in which the railways company has been much interested of late.

ALLEGED BURGLARS CAPTURED

Two of the alleged burglars who have been causing so much trouble in the city lately were captured by the police last night, in the act of robbing the home of E. Johnson at 3317 Coliseum street. The men are James April, of Alme street, and Philip Schultz, 718 Louisiana avenue.

Miss Moore to Have Girl Scout Funeral

By International News Service

Memphis, July 11.—A girl scout funeral will be held Friday morning when Miss Marguerite Moore, captain of the girl scouts and a local school teacher, who was drowned yesterday near Hardy, Ark., will be buried. She was wading in the South Fork river, when her foot slipped on a rock and she fell into deep water.

FESTIVAL PLANS ARE COMPLETED

GENERAL COMMITTEE HOLDS LAST MEETING

SOLDIERS TO RECEIVE FLAGS

Parade Will be One of Day's Features—Officials in Charge of Races Named

The general committee of the Society of the Fourteenth of July at a final meeting last night, put the finishing touches to the program for the Franco-American celebration grounds next Saturday. All of the details have been fully worked out and everything promises one of the best attended and elaborate celebrations of Freedom's great anniversary ever held here.

Interest in the occasion will be augmented by the presentation of three fine American flags to the three arms of the service represented at Camp Nicholls. These will be suitably inscribed and will serve as an introduction for Louisiana troops to the people of France when they land on her shores.

The parade promises to be one of the big events of the day, and its route has been tentatively determined upon. The committee expressed regret that the Bee office could not be included as one of the passing points, as the torn-up condition of Conti street, preliminary to paving, made this impossible.

Officials to conduct the races in the afternoon were named, and are as follows:

Judges—W. D. Chomberlain, Thomas P. Goff, Charles D. Labrettonne.

Timers—Jack Loycano and M. Marsol.

Starter—Ben Cassou.

POOLROOM RAIDED

Police yesterday afternoon made a raid on the third floor of the building at 1113 North Peters street, and found a poolroom operating in full blast. The room was equipped with two telephones, one of them not listed in the phone book, and it is stated that when the police entered, Joseph Denapolis was seated at a desk receiving bets over one of the phones. Denapolis was placed under arrest, and the house roll of \$149 pinched by the police.

\$833 GIVEN RED CROSS

Mayor Behrman yesterday morning received an offering of \$833.50 for the American Red Cross. The donor was Rev. J. Raquet, pastor of the Catholic church at Youngstown, Louisiana.

GERMANS LAUNCH DRIVE

London, July 11.—Military experts tonight see in the attempt of the Germans to break the English lines in Belgium, another drive against the French support of Calais. The consensus of opinion is it will fail as the other two attempts. Critics point out that the British forces are in a better position today to check a concerted move by the Germans.

BLAMES COPPER STRIKE ON I.W.W.

ORDER IS BACKED BY GERMAN MONEY, CLARK DECLARES

TO CRIPPLE MUNITIONS TRADE

Northern Idaho Calls for 2,000 Soldiers to Protect the Lumber Industry From I. W. W.

By International News Service
Los Angeles, Calif., July 11.—"The world is short of copper. The Allies realize their danger, and look to the United States for aid, but from Montana to the Pacific coast in the north, not a copper mine is producing the metal, because the I. W. W., backed by German money, is conducting a vigorous campaign to crush the industry, as well as others vitally needed in the nation's fight for Democracy."

This statement was made by former United States Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana and president of the Salt Lake railroad, upon his arrival today from Butte. He charges that there is a concerted German plot to cripple the industries, which are furnishing the war materials.

Submarine Toll Is Lighter This Week

London, July 11.—The sinking of fourteen merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons is reported in the weekly summary of shipping losses issued here today.

Three merchantmen of less than 1,000 tons and seven fishing vessels also were sunk.

The American steamship Kansas, carrying a crew of fifty men, has been sunk, presumably off the French coast, according to a cablegram received here today by the France and Canada Steamship company, which chartered the vessel. The fate of those on board is not known.

The vessel was valued at \$3,000,000. She carried a cargo of flour and other foodstuffs, together with 1,000 tons of steel, which was valued in all at \$2,000,000, was consigned to the French government. A majority of her crew were Americans.

The cablegram received here came from the company's agents in Paris. It did not say whether the steamer was torpedoed or where the sinking on July 9, took place. The vessel was due at a French port on July 8. She left New York on June 29, commanded by Captain E. A. Forsythe.

All those on board were reported landed except the following members of the crew, who are considered lost: First Assistant Engineer J. M. Murphy, American; F. Auquier, English; A. P. Kua of Honolulu, and C. Hanan of Singapore.

SENATE TRYING TO HURRY BILL

HOOPER'S STATEMENT SPURS ADMINISTRATION LEADERS

SACRIFICE OF MEAT RATION

Requested by Food Administrator Today—Warning Issued to the Canning Factories

Washington, July 11.—The President tonight summoned the American business men to the colors. In an address to the mine operators and manufacturers of the United States, he stated plainly what the government's program for determining prices is.

The president says he looks to every business man, big and little, to meet the situation in a big way. "Prices," he says, "mean victory or defeat."

Washington, July 11.—Administration leaders in the senate, spurred on by Herbert C. Hoover's letter to President Wilson declaring that further delay in enacting food legislation threatens serious losses to both farmers and consumers, today sought to hasten action by the agricultural committee in perfecting the Gore

TRAINING CAMPS GIVEN TO SOUTH

Washington, July 11.—The training camps for the Michigan and Wisconsin guardsmen will be at Waco; Illinois at Houston; Minnesota, North Dakota; South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska at Deming, New Mexico; Texas and Oklahoma at Fort Worth; California, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico at Linda Vista, Cal. The designation for the guardsmen of the East is before Secretary Baker for approval.