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GATHER FOR TRIP

RICE MEN SEEK RELIEF FROM SALT WATER MENACE

THREE PLANS ARE FEASIBLE

Dam in Mermentau, at Unobjectionable Point, the Immediate Need, to Protect 1918 Crop

Men prominent in the rice in-histry of Louisiana gathered here last might preparatory to a trip to Washington to ask government aid in removing the greatest menace to rice, the distinctive southern cereal, salt SOLONS LAUNCH water in the streams and lack of moving the greatest menace to rice, water in the streams and lack of water when flooding of the fields is indispensable to the production of

The delegation to Washington is the outgrowth of a conference held by prominent rice producers in Alrowley ten days ago at which possible remedies were discussed. Throof survive and of greatly increasing its (is now under full soft.) in ortance promise good results. They are:

Ev 1. The rebuilding of the dam in malar out of the rice fields of Jef-

was destroyed by near-by farmers. invasive they believed it had flooded , their fields and drowned out their joint session of the Senate and House Supplied A histor location that will caronse no antagonism is in view.

the Atchafalaya to payon Teche and chairmen. The Vermidian river by means of a as great irrigation canal. This will ingure a never-failing supply of fresh "water to the rice growers of St. Mar-Am, Theria, Lafayette and Vermilion parishes.

will Build Canal

3. The construction of a great canal from the Red river above Alexrasieu and its tributaries, and to The prairies of Jefferson Davis, Aca-Edia and Evangeline parishes. This having already been made with hundivids of farmers to supply water within two years. It was planned similar institutions. and surveyed by Welman Bradford, one of the best known engineers of the state, and has been endorsed as feasible by the highest expert authority. It contemplates not merely airrigation, but transportation and the development of hydro-electric power for the entire region.

"Our immediate object," said George Hathaway, one of the active rice men of Jefferson Davis parish, who constituted the vanguard of the committee, "is to secure the dam in the Mermentan at an unobjection-

the Continued on Page Two.

DRAFT DAY MAY

By Interpational News Service Washington, July 9.- Draft Day next week probably will be Tuesday or Wednesday, it developed today, probably 1,500,000 will be drawn, of which 687,000 will be called to the colors immediately. Others will

be subject to call when needed. The President today issued a proclamation drafted into Federal serve the cause of the powder magazine become a davorite indoor sport of ice as of August 5, the National explosion at Mare Island at 7:45 this Newt Orleans prisoners. Irene Guard, which now is the same as morning which killed six persons Brown, a negro woman residing at regulars, and gives the nation ap- and injured 38. proximately 600,000 fighting men.

in three increments, July 15, 25 and closed to the press, but develop- for largeny, this being the third or- The French official report has no the Colonel will hold similar rank of Justice sent by U. S. District At- theft of wearing appared valued at driven from ground they won Satur- hold a conference at Paris on mat- cabinet, two weeks old, has resigned commissioned at the present ratings. Operate with the navy officers.

Sandbagged and Robbed in Office

By International News Service Memphis, July 9.-Chas S. Sims, a wealthy contractor, was assaulted in his office on the thirteenth floor of the Union and Planters' bank building this afternoon, and was robbed of \$350.

Sims was preparing to make a bank deposit when a masked man entered his office and saying, "I'll make the deposit for you," hit him with a sandbag, grabbed the money and escaped.

Baton-Rouge, La., July 9, ... The Atra session of the Louisiana Legisature to enact war emergency/jegismethods of helping the rice industry lation and amend the widow's dowry

the Mermentan river to keep salt the two/branches of the legislature pewferware. convened at noon Monday, All

Actual committee, work started for my might at 8 o'clock with Scholor Mark M. Boatner and Rey- Kelley. The latter's companion 2. The diversion of water from resentative Charles A. Schexnayder, whipped out a revolver, and cover-

Governor Pleasant's address to the legislature, convened at noon today, covered only four short paragraphs, first precinct to be booked for rob-It follows:

There has been a general demand, particularly in those sections for his arrest. of the state where the small farmers and truck growers live, for an extraandria to the headwaters of the Cal- ordinary session of the general assembly at this time for the purpose ordinating the widows dower, proproject is well advanced, contracts vided for in Article 3252 of the Kelley, although his companion at band by the federal land bank and for Stringer's murder.

> "The war between the United States and the imperial German gov, ernment has also made necessary the immediate enactment of legislation for the protection of our commonwealth and in order that we may be in the best possible position to assist the federal government in its determination to uphold the honor and dignity of the nation and make democracy safe and secure in the world forever.

"It is for the foregoing reasons able point in time to protect the next [principally, that I have called you

> wisely and well all of the subjects guard at its divisional training terminals, etc. presented to you, and the result of camps in three increments will be your deliberations will be beneficial carried out, Secretary Baker said, to the people of the State."

By International News Service

Vallejo, Cal., July 9 .- Official investigation was started tonight into

They will be mustered into service and all lines of communication were vesterday when she was arrested oners along the Aisne front today. August 5. Illinois 25th, Florida and ments indicate human agency is sus- currence of the kind recently. The mention of this, however, instead, it Texas, August 5. Officers not above pected. Agents of the Department Brown woman is charged with the is declared the Germans had been in the regulars. None have been torney J. W. Preston to Frisco to co- 110 from the home of Nathan To- day in the direction of Friedmont ters of political and military sub- A new ministry already is being

AND GETS AWAY

ALLEGED ROBBER TURNS TA-BLES ON CAPTORS

One Man Arrested and Others Reported to Be Well Known Police Characters

The vigilance of three men at the plant of the Armour Packing company in Magazine stree, foiled two robbers last night in their attempt to steal a harrel of pewter from the junk shop in Notre Dame street, between Magazine and Tchoopitoulas, One of the thieves was captured, but the other man flourished a gun, and under its cover made his escape,

Entrance to the junk shop was effeeted through the yard, the wooden bars on the gate being removed. About 9:30 o'clock, Daniel Kelley, 620 Eighth street, and a man said nearly to the river. to be Earl Scully, well known po-Eight bills were introduced in the lice characters, appeared out of the

Men See Thieves

South Roman, and John Reddius, 2064 Toledano, who were at the Armour blant nearby men slipped up on the robbers, and committees on military attairs, with Pratt, who was in the lead, seized ing his would-becaptors, made his

The police soon arrived on the bery, A description of Scully was

Has Record

Daniel Kelley is well-known to the police through his connection with the killing of Edward Stringof considering the question of sub- er, saloonist, on the night of March 21 last. No charge was made against civil code, to money loaned the hus- the time, John Sebro is being held

On the night of the killing, Kelley and Sebro walked into Stringer's saloon, at 2001 Tchoupitoulas street, and asked Marshall Barnes, the bartender, to drink with them. When the latter refused, according to the police report of the affair, the two men became boisterous and zation of river transportation. the bartender called Stringer, As the latter appeared and asked what the trouble was, Sebro pulled a revolver and shot him through the stomach. The saloonist died several' hours later.

although the entire force will be cers. The mobilization dates are July 15 for the Eastern section of the country, July 25 for the Central section and August 5 for the West.

POLICEMEN MAY YET NEED ARMORED GLOVES

Biting policemen seems to have 745 Pryades street, sunk Ler teeth bias, 1907 Saratoga street.

2 Years for Anti-**Draft Conspiracy**

By International News Service New York, July 9 .- Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman were found guilty today on a charge of conspiracy against the selective draft. The iury was out twenty minutes.

Federal Judge Mayor sentenced them to two years each imprisonment each and a fine each of \$10,000. After serving their sentence they are liable to deportation.

vice squad to investigate alleged disorderly houses outside the district, as reported by the Citizens' league. Most of these houses are Mr. Thomson has entered suit in the said to be in operation in that sec-civil court here for \$50,000. The altion of the city just below Canal legations are the same in each petistreet, and extending from Rampart tion.

A list of persons said to be violat-

vice squad, which commenced is of the Rem, and they are the parties work last night, and may be ready suffering from the alleged libel. to report in a week's time.

The squad will be composed of police and detectives, under the leader-hip of the precinct commandcene and Kelley was sent to the precinct; Sergeant Kingman, of the fourth precinct, and Dan Mouney. assistant chief of detectives, will be sent out to all stations with orders in charge of the squad. The leaders held a half hour's conference yesterday morning behind closed doors at police headquarters.

Mr. Parker will leave tomorrow or next day for St. Louis in company with L. Nicholson, traffic expert and general manager of the joint traffic bureau of the Association of Com-1 to the traffic men in that city the plans of the government for the es-TO CALL GUARD AS SCHEDULED tablishment of larger traffic on in-"I know that you will consider plan for assembling the national the building of more warehouses,

An invitation was received yesterday by Mr. Parker from the president of the Arkansas River Nadrafted formally into the army of vigation Company, H. H. Ogden, by the Unifed States on the same day the Rotary Club of Muskogee, and J. to prevent confusion and injustice E. Wyand, mayor, to come to the

BERLIN GLAIMS

No official statement was made in Corporal John Scheurman's hand trenches and the capture of 800 pris- libel.

SOUGHT FROM DAILY STATES BY ITEM EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

ASK TOTAL AWARD OF \$150,000

Suit Is Based on Editorial July 4 Claimed to Impeach Their Loyalty to the Nation

The Daily States Publishing company, and J. Walker Ross, managing ditor of the States, were made deendants yesterday in libel suits for 150,000 filed by James M. Thomson, mblisher, and Marshall, J. Ballord, managing editor of the New Orleans Hem. Mr. Ballard, who is at present a resident of Mississippi, is suing in it appears time can be saved. the Federal court for \$100,000, while

It is alleged that the States and its managing editor have grossly ing the law was furnished Sam Chelled the plaintiffs through an House and five in the Senate, when shop rolling before them a barrel of Stone, Jr., the new commissioner of editorial published on July 4th, and public safety, by the Citizens' league, leveled against the Item. The petiand was turned over to superintend-tion aserts that the plaintiffs are

Editorial Is Basis

Exception is taken to the entire; einet; Captain T. Capo, of the third and of the New Orleans States, both thereupon issued an edict announcowned and published by Robert ing his abdication. Ewing. The eparticular paragraph in as follows:

charge of inland waterways trans- cause of the Kaiser, the Rem of dynasty. portation, yesterday was busy giv- course being referred to there: General Li Yuan Hung succeeded ing out information to cities in the while "this newspaper" refers to the to the presidency of China June 6.

Allegations Made

in connection with the publication The present difficulties of Presiof the offending editorial, allege that dent Li arose over his refusal to upmerce. These two men will outline the above charges and insinuations hold the decision of the cabinet to Tulane, it will mean that the New are false. The petition further goes break with Germany, and it had on to say: "The said publishing been reported that he was opposed toward the training of aviators for company and the said Walker Ross Washington, July 9. The original land waterways and also plans for have often heretofore, and even after Hsuan Tung, son of the Prince the publication of the libel herein- Chun, ascended the throne of China and malice toward your petitioner, and the master hereinahove complained of is simply the worst, most Prince Chun abdicated as regent, malicious, and vicious of a long se- and February 12, 1912, the youthful ries of abusive attacks."

in the relative rank of guard offi- Oklahoma city and make an ad- proceedings pending in local courts, lished. Since that time the emin which New Orleans newspapers peror had virtually been a prisoner and publishers are concerned. The of Presidents Yuan and Li. damage suit of Dr. Clarence F. Pier-1. In February of this year it was son against the Times-Picayune for reported that Hsuan Tung would be alleged libel is about to come up for brought to the United States to a third trial; charges of criminal complete his education, and it was libel were filed recently against said that President Li had approved James M. Thomson and Marshall the plan for the Manchu emperor to Ballard, of the Item, by James M. come to the United States. Humphries in connection with the Hsuan Tung was born in 1903. He Gassie affair; and now Messrs, Bal- first bore the title of Prince Pu-Yi London, July 9 .- Berlin claims o land and Thomson are suing the and took the name of Hsuan Tung gain of two miles along the French States and J. Walker Ross for alleged when he was enthroned as emperor

NEUTRAL CONFERENCE HELD

jects pertaining to the Balkans.

Goethals-Denman Bury War Hatchet

Washington, July 9 .- All differences between William Denman, Col. Goethais, president of the emergency fleet corporation were ironed out by President Wilson, it was announced tonight.

The two bodies now are putting their united energies to the task of getting as much tonnage for the United States as possible from both wood and steel. Goethals and Denman have agreed that steel ships are best if they can be procured fast enough.

The program of shipbuilding will march forward on the plan of getting as many steel ships as possible, filling out with wooden ships It was declared the closing of 50 contracts of roughdesign ships was let recently. More will be let when

Chang lisun, is corresponded by coblegram received today from Readifferial, which was headed "Incon- ter's correspondent there. It ap- has been requested by the governsistency," and which was a reply to pears that General Chang Hsun, de- ment to open an aviation school and

General Chang Hsun, who is the

the States'editorial reply in which military governor of Annwei provthe alleged libel is contained reads ince, has taken a prominent part in the recent internal troubles in "Its consistency has been such China, and a dispatch from Peking, even since the United States entered June 18, said that he had assumed the war as to bring this newspaper the power of dictator. At that time frequent inquiries as to whether or it was reported that President Li not its services to Prussion overlord. Yuan Hung was virtually a prisjism are not in some way requited oner, and that friends of the presiand whether or not its quality of dent were not permitted to enter patriotism is properly a subject for the palace. Chang Hsun is reputed eference to the Department of Jus- to be the strongest of the military governors of China and there have 8100; ;A. T. Dusenbury, also one of The consistency referred to in the been various reports in the last the bureau chairmen of the asso-Walter Parker, recently appointed paragraph in a preceding paragraph year or two that he would make ssistant to Secretary Redfield in is ascribed as being in defense of the an attempt to reinstate the Manchu

The libel suits against the States, government in Ching to a monarchy,

December 2, 1908, under the regeney of, his father. December 6, 1911, emperor abdicated the throne and There are now three distinct fibel the Chinese republic was estab-

fin 190₩.

AUSTRIAN MINISTRY RESIGNS Amsterdam, July 9. - Dispatches London, July 9.—The Allies will from Berlin tonight say the Austrian formed.

chairman of the shipping board, and FOUR THOUSAND REEDED FOR BUILDING BARRACKS

WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN MADE

Association of Commerce Rallies to Support and Will Assist in Raising Funds for War School

Tulane University shortly will pen an aviation school and follow the folosteps of other first classuniversities in the United States by assisting in the training of the army of 25,000 aviators which the United States intends to throw in the battle fields of Europe.

About \$4,000 is needed for the construction of necessary barracks to put Tulane in shape for conducting the school and the New Orleans A .sociation of Commerce late yesterday afternoon launched a whirlwind campaign to raise this amount Within a few minutes after the camaign had been decided three of the nembers of the association an-London, July 9.—The dispatch nounced the subscription of \$250 tofrom Pekin Sunday morning an ward this fund. It is expected that

Within the last few days Tulane ers in whose precincts the alleged an editorial in the Item making an conditions are said to exist. Caps ironical comparison between the to restore the monarchy, tendered birdmen for the United States army. conditions are said to exist. Capfain James Clavin, of the first preconduct of the Shreveport Times, his resignation to the Emperor, who anxious to comply with this request. anxious to comply with this request. but realized that it would be necessary to build barracks and provide other necessary equipment.

Immediately upon learning this fact, the Association of Commences announced that it would undertake the campaign to raise the necessary funds and give to New Orleans throaviation school.

Commodore Ernest Lee Jahneke: president of the association, was the first to come forward with a donation of \$100 toward the cause. At M. Lockett, chairman of the Industria! bureau of the association, subscribed* ciation, gave \$50 to the cause.

Donations Invited

Announcement was made yesterfoy that all who desired to give any-States, in which the editorial was 1916, after the death of General thing toward this fund should make Yuan Shi-Kai, soon after Yuan had their checks payable to the Tulane attempted to change the form of Aviation School Fund and the checks would be received at the Associatien of Commerce.

When the aviation school opens at Orleans institution is doing its part the army as the larger universities in the north and south are doing. Special courses will be offered the aviators and the training will be conducted upon the highest plane.

FURIOUS STOR**M** HITS GLEVELAND

Cleveland, O., July 9 .- One of the most furious storms in years struck Cleveland tonight. Cellars were flooded, and the streets were made impassable by the downpour for more than an hour. Lightning and hail accompanied the storm. Several boats are in danger off the Lake Erie shore. No lives have been reported lost. The damage to property in the east end will be enor-

The body of a six-month-old child was found in a pond on the eastte of John D. Rockefeller, today, and it evidently had been in the water for several days.