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## SIMPLIFY WORK OF LEGISLATURE

### COMMISSION MEETS TO PAVE WAY FOR IMPORTANT REFORMS

#### WILL MEET AGAIN ON JUNE 11

Either at New Orleans or Baton Rouge as Circumstances Direct. Measures of Economy Discussed

Lieutenant-Governor Fernand Mouton was elected chairman of the Louisiana commission on legislative procedure, at a meeting held Friday afternoon in the office of Senator E. M. Stafford, and E. E. Moise was elected secretary. Under ordinary circumstances State Senator A. O. Boyer, of Moreauville, would have been chairman, having introduced in the senate the bill creating the commission, but owing to the fact that the lieutenant-governor was on the committee Senator Boyer suggested that the latter be made chairman.

This was the first meeting of the commission, and the time was spent in an informal discussion of the problems of legislative procedure that should meet with consideration by the next legislature. Senator Stafford introduced at the meeting a copy of a detailed plan of procedure, which was discussed by those present, and tentatively received in order to open its suggestions to consideration.

After the board adjourned to meet again on Monday, June 11, at 8 p. m., either in New Orleans, or at a special session of the legislature, called in Baton Rouge. Copies will be made of the plan of procedure introduced at yesterday's meeting, and forwarded to the members of the commission in order that they may familiarize themselves with the subject matter.

The commission is empowered to draw up for consideration by the legislature a plan of procedure whereby the present evils of delay, duplication, and defectively written bills in the legislature may be avoided. In the opinion of those interested in the subject, the commission can pave the way for important reforms in Louisiana legislative procedure, and the high character of the men forming the commission will lend its suggestions great weight with the legislature.

Among the subjects discussed in an informal way at Friday's meeting were:

Adoption of a statute providing that no new bills could be introduced at a legislative session after the first 30 days.

The creation of a legislative bureau, to pass on the constitutionality of all bills, and reject those that could not possibly stand the test of the courts.

Establishment of a legislative reference library at Baton Rouge for the convenience of the lawmakers.

Eliminating waste in the public printing by the adoption of uniform standards and modern methods.

Adoption of the California and West Virginia plans of legislative procedure, whereby many of the present delays are eliminated.

Joseph Ramirez, of Baton Rouge, the state printer, was present at the meeting, and declared that he approved of a reform in the printing laws, although this would necessarily result in a reduction of the amount spent for public printing. While the members of the commission discussed this and other proposed reforms, no definite recommendations have been decided on as yet.

All members of the commission were present at the initial meeting. They are: Lieutenant-Governor Fernand Mouton, Lafayette; Senator E. M. Stafford, New Orleans; Senator A. O. Boyer, of Avoyelles; Hewitt Bouanchaud, speaker of the House;

## TO CARRY PLANS TO WASHINGTON

### DELEGATION FOR RIVER TRAFFIC WILL LEAVE TUESDAY

#### NAVIGATION WAR NECESSITY

Will Urge Importance on Secretary of War, Shipping Board and National Defense Council

A special committee of New Orleans business men will go to Washington Tuesday and appear before the Secretary of War, the shipping board and the National Defense committee and offer to co-operate with these committees in regard to the traffic on the Mississippi for war preparations. This is a result of the conference of the Mississippi Valley men at the conference for the resumption of traffic on the Mississippi recently held at St. Louis.

Walter Parker, general manager of the Association of Commerce, M. J. Sanders, and the New Orleans delegation arrived in New Orleans yesterday morning after attending the conference at St. Louis. All were well pleased with the work accomplished and were delighted with the forming of an association to promote the traffic along the Mississippi. The purpose of the organization which was formed is to provide the traffic along the Mississippi and other streams in the valley, and thus relieve the railroad of a great deal of their burden.

Speaking of the future of the Mississippi, Mr. Parker said, "It is well known that navigation is war necessity, the shortage of freight cars forcing them back. They will continue to do business on the river to the everlasting benefit of the port and the city and New Orleans is the proper terminal facilities are created at the various cities and the proper system of through rates of loading and joint rates be developed."

## WANTS BOUNDARY LINE RECTIFIED

### TULANE ADMINISTRATORS SUE SIXTY PROPERTY OWNERS

#### NEED SPACE FOR NEWCOMB

Strip of Land Several Thousand Feet Long and 22 to 45 Feet Wide Is Involved

Suit was instituted in the civil district court Friday afternoon by the administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund against sixty property-owners in University place in the rear of Tulane university, for a rectification of the boundary between their property, and the land owned by Tulane. A strip of land several thousand feet long, and varying in width from 22 to 45 feet is involved, and according to the petition is necessary for the building plans for Sophie Newcomb college.

Originally the land in this section belonged to the Foucher estate. It was divided into three lots, one of which came into the hands of Tulane university, while the rear part of the adjoining lot was eventually secured by the Southern Land company, and divided into building lots.

Tulane university had the boundary between the two tracts surveyed by Frank H. Waddill, of Duncay and Waddill, while the Southern Land company furnished a plat, prepared by H. C. Brown. Two different boundaries were shown on the latter plat; the boundary established by the university was indicated by a heavy black line, and the boundary claimed by the land company was represented by a dotted line. When the latter concern sold lots in its subdivision it gave a warranty deed on part of the lot, and only a quit claim deed on that part of the lot which lay between the two lines, and therefore in the disputed territory. The present suit by the university is to prevent the latter from doing this.

Persons named as defendants in the proceedings are the following: C. A. Stein, W. R. Gilbert, Sol Bloosworth, W. H. Termyer, Mrs. Leon R. Maxwell, Mrs. A. D. Christ, J. A. Lanzetta, E. F. Pettis, C. W. Allen, Leonard J. Krowner, Excelsior Homestead Association, W. C. Douglas, W. E. Levey, Maurice E. Briggs, R. F. Leiden, A. L. Metz, Mrs. G. B. Christ, H. B. Gessner, W. H. Reid, W. J. Kleck, H. B. Bruffetto, Sergeant P. J. M. Clavin, Mrs. Clavin, Mrs. Peter J. Muz, Edward Nathan, B. V. Dixon, Interstate Land Company, Mrs. F. J. Boyer, John E. Krowner, J. B. Ward, Charles G. G. D. R. Charbonnet, J. E. Edwards, J. P. Brown, Mrs. Mansberg, J. R. Hollingsworth, German-American Homestead, George Holmes, J. A. Vossy, Paul Boghan, Charles Calhoun, Europa Homestead Society, George B. McGreder, Mrs. A. C. White, T. O. Tugel, Ed Hiller, E. G. Gassaway, H. Bodenheimer, E. L. Ramos, W. W. Nacari, Herbert L. Rogers, Joseph Ward, Mrs. M. A. C. Jacobs, Paul Amundsen, A. J. Smith, W. G. Campbell, M. E. Hart, Paul L. Dupas, Mrs. James McEl Hoop.

## U. S. OFFICIAL IS UNDER ARREST

### CAPTAIN McDONOGH CHARGED WITH BAD CHECK DEAL

#### ALGIERS GROCER IS PLAINTIFF

While Captain Is Being Arraigned Police Say They Received Word of Another Transaction

Captain John McDonogh, of the United States lighthouse ship moored near the naval station, was arrested yesterday in Algiers on complaint of A. Trupiano, Italian grocer, 1629 Patterson street, Algiers, who charges that McDonogh victimized him of \$80. Police are also investigating alleged forged notes in which McDonogh is said to have obtained \$80 from the Carondelet Investment Company, 116 Carondelet street.

Trupiano told the police that on one occasion he cashed a \$70 check for McDonogh and on another accepted a check from him in payment of \$19 worth of provisions for his ship. Both checks were cashed at the Whitney Central bank. Trupiano declared, and when presented were returned marked "no funds."

According to the police, Captain McDonogh admitted he had no funds in the bank when the checks were given, but said he intended to deposit enough money to cover them.

The police report says Captain McDonogh also obtained \$80 from the investment company on two alleged forged notes. McDonogh, however, denies knowledge of the transaction.

While McDonogh was being booked at the Algiers police station, Sergeant Peterson received word of another alleged worthless check transaction by McDonogh. In this case it is alleged McDonogh gave to B. R. Gaffney, 127 Sojourin street, Algiers, a \$7 check last month, representing that it not be cashed until May 7.

Gaffney did as he was asked, having the check cashed after that date by a Mr. Klempeter, proprietor of a grocery and saloon in Algiers. This check, too, was returned as worthless, the police say.

# RUSSIA MAY BE SPLIT INTO SEVERAL SMALL REPUBLICS

## Internal Strife Has Reached a Very Alarming Stage--Lack of a Centralized Government is a Cause of Serious Disorders in the New Muscovite Republic

By International News Service.

Petrograd, May 11.—The torch of revolt is aflame again in Russia. This time it is not a revolt against centralized government, but is due to the fact that no centralized government exists, in full control of the situation, and behind which all Russia can rally, united in its new freedom. The movement underway threatens to be more ghastly than anything recorded in the annals of civil war and anarchy.

To cries of "Give bread," "Give peace," has been added "Give us a government," from Moscow come disquieting reports. It is indicated that a movement for several separate republics has been started.

By International News Service.

Chicago, May 11.—Drastic action to halt the sensational advances in the price of wheat was taken by the directors of the Chicago Board of Trade at a special meeting tonight, after May wheat had jumped to \$3.25, and \$3.30 had been quoted on cash wheat. A resolution was adopted stopping further trading in May futures. It was rumored that May wheat had been cornered and that prices would have been boosted to unheard-of levels unless the directors had acted.

By International News Service.

Washington, May 11.—Senator Gore late today introduced in the Senate the administration's food control bill, designed to bring increased production, conserve the present supply, and punish corporations for hoarding. Authority for the government to regulate prices and distribution of food is not included, but will be introduced in a separate measure.

## CANADIAN ROAD BOOSTERS COMING

### With the arrival of a special delegation of distinguished citizens from Winnipeg, Canada, in New Orleans

May 11, the Jefferson Highway, the 700-mile highway connecting New Orleans with Winnipeg will be opened officially.

Walter Parker, general manager of the Association of Commerce, yesterday received a telegram from D. Clarkson, general manager of the Jefferson Highway Association, announcing that the party would come to New Orleans shortly.

The Canadian delegation will consist of Premier T. C. Norris, of Manitoba, Mayor Frederick Davidson, Thomas T. Johnson, Minister of Public Works Commission, W. E. Tallman.

The visitors will remain in New Orleans until June 5 and then accompanied by a delegation of New Orleans citizens, a return trip will be made to Winnipeg.

The Jefferson Highway has been under construction for the last two years. The Canadian visitors expected to make the trip to New Orleans several months ago, but because part of the highway was in bad condition the trip was postponed. At present more than half of the highway consists of paved roads, and it is expected by the end of the year that the entire road will present a single stretch of 2100 miles of paved road.

Representative Charles Byrne, floor leader in the House; Clerk Thomas W. Campbell, of the House; Clerk O. H. Simpson, of the Senate.

## LOTTERY CHARGE MADE AGAINST 4

### Two white men were arrested yesterday for violating the lottery law

Two white men were arrested yesterday for violating the lottery law by having in their possession base-ball game score cards. They were Mack Schulman, 677 Baronne street, and Peter Rando, 2100 Magnolia street.

Failure of Schulman to exercise caution is said to be responsible for his arrest. Corporal Smith and Patrolman Kaufman, in citizens' attire, arrested him, say they saw Schulman standing at St. Charles and Canal streets with four cards in his hand.

Patrolman Shannon, of the twelfth precinct, observed Rando acting suspiciously at Josephine and Magnolia streets, it is charged, and found him to have in his possession a score card.

Patrolmen Maureau and Donovan, of the fourth precinct station, yesterday afternoon paid an unexpected visit to the residence at 1031 North Dondigny street, where a lottery hop is alleged to have been operated, and arrested Arthur Baisdore, 1717 LaLarpe street, and Clovis Waddill, both negroes. Glardin lives at that address. Tickets and plays were confiscated.

## MAIL THIS ONE TO PINEVILLE

### If a man asks for beer he is sensible

This is the manner in which Tony Davis, negro, of Baguandy and Toumuse streets, judges an individual's mentality, according to his statement to Night Recorder Chamberlain last night.

Davis, an organ grinder, was pushing his organ out St. Louis street, assisted by Tony Marks, another Ethiopian of inconsistent name, and came in contact with the show window of the Lang's Plating and Polishing Company, 637 St. Louis street. The glass was shattered and the Tonys were landed off to the night-court by Patrolman James Gripps.

"This boy, Tony Marks," Judge Chamberlain asked Tony Davis, "is he a fool or a sensible man?" "He is a fool, he is a fool, he is a fool," Tony answered, "he got enough sense to ax for beer."

After listening to both their stories, Judge Chamberlain came to the conclusion that Tony Davis was responsible for the accident and fined him \$5 or thirty days. So, during the next month, unless he pays his fine, Davis will be a guest of the city while Tony No. 2, who was discharged, continues to "show his sense."

## FALLS TO SIDEWALK AND FRACTURES HER SKULL

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## ANTHONY SENNICK AND WIFE ARE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

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Arthur Sennick, alias Tony Marzola, was arrested yesterday by Sergeant Joseph Johnson pending investigation of a serious charge against him. His wife, living at 1517 Therville street, was also taken into custody. She is being held as a fugitive from justice from Birmingham, Ala. Sennick had been stopping at 1000 St. Louis street since they came here two months ago.

## ILLINOIS CROP FAILURE SERIOUS

### Springfield, Ills., May 11.—1,752,982 acres of winter wheat in Illinois, forty per cent was winter killed, according to a crop bulletin of the State Board of Agriculture today.

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Under the limited debate rule the measure will be acted on within the legislative day of May 12.

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## PREMIER BALFOUR IN NEW YORK

### New York, May 11.—Britain's former premier, Arthur James Balfour, and the score of military and civil officials who form the mission which he heads, were welcomed late today by New York.

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