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## LA. HEALTH BOARD SPENDS DAY IN HEATED EXCHANGES

### Failure to Fill Two Important Places Indicates Friction Between City Hall and Capital--Salaries Discussed

Members of the State Board of Health came to the quarterly meeting yesterday loaded for bear, and the fact that only squirrels were in sight did not prevent the discharge of considerable ammunition. The two causes of conflict lay in the appointment of a supervisor of the oil department, and of an auditor, and in the alleged usurpation of authority by the finance committee.

As a result of a deadlock in the board over the question of the two major appointments that issue was carefully avoided. Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the board, who might have cast the deciding vote on the appointments, carefully refrained from exercising the privilege, and as a result the matter was left for the following day.

The question of supplanting E. S. D. Logan as auditor for the board was also passed, but not before Dr. J. T. Abshire had moved for his retention in the office. Phil Arns, representative in the legislature from the ninth ward, was nominated for the position, but Logan's friends rallied to his support, and the issue was postponed.

The real fireworks of the day started over the question of reducing salaries of new appointees. Dr. Dowling took the position that a new man would not be as valuable to the board as one of the old employees, and should accordingly be started at a lower salary until he has proved his worth.

The first suggestion of a cut in salary was made when Dr. William T. Reilly, of Canal and Board streets, was elected fire agent, to succeed Dr. Mayer Newhauser, resigned. Dr. Dowling declared that Reilly's work was untried, and that he should be started at a lower salary than Dr. Newhauser. The cause of O'Reilly was vigorously defended by Dr. L. C. Chamberlain, who opposed the slightest reduction in the salary and finally won his point.

"This morning," declared Dr. Chamberlain, "some of you did not think that \$65 a month was enough expense allowance for an automobile. Now you think \$125 a month is too much for a trained man. Is there any consistency there?"

pealed his statement to the effect that he thought the salary should be lowered at the start. Dr. Chamberlain finally stated that he would consent to the salary being placed at \$100 instead of \$125, and was promptly called to account by Dr. J. T. Abshire.

"A few minutes ago you opposed any reductions at all," declared Dr. Abshire. "Now you are ready to compromise on this salary. Is there any consistency there?"

Dr. Chamberlain promptly denied that he was ready to consent to any cut in the salary.

Dr. B. A. Ledbetter took the floor. "The thing I cannot understand," remarked Dr. Ledbetter, "is that the board has made places for new employees, not that they were needed, but merely to make a place for political appointees. Now the board is ready to reduce the salaries of those who are already in the office."

## FAMILY MEETING OF N.O. SALESMEN

### TO BE HELD PRIOR TO FALL BUYERS CONVENTION ALL CALLED IN FOR TWO DAYS

Plans for the entertainment and business session of a gathering of two or three hundred traveling salesmen who make New Orleans their headquarters were made yesterday at a meeting held in the Association of Commerce.

Addresses of salesmanship, general business and other matters of interest will be explained to the traveling men by experts in those lines. The convention will be held for two days prior to the Annual Fall Buyers Convention, which will be held in August, the exact date not having been decided.

Dr. Dowling goes to Baton Rouge today to attend a meeting of the commercial travelers. He has a well-defined plan in view of securing from the travelers present the names of all hotels in the state. He will then send a list of questions to all hotels to be answered, and the results of the investigation will be listed for the benefit of the public.

Dr. Dowling has not disclosed whether the inspection will be a general one of all public and semi-public institutions throughout the State. The finances of the board of health at present are in a depleted stage, and probably no funds would be available for a thorough campaign.

ACCUSED OF SHOPLIFTING  
Emma Allen, negroess, 1935 Du Maine street, was arrested in a Canal street department store by the house detective who claims he caught her stealing five yards of silk goods valued at \$6.25. She was turned over to Patrolman Harry Wilson, of the First precinct station, and charged with petty larceny.

## TEST LOCKE LAW IN JEFFERSON

### SUBURBAN TRACK IN JEFFERSON PARISH ANNOUNCES OPENING NEW BETTING TO BE TRIED

The Locke law will undergo further tests in the courts according to plans of race track promoters which were rumored about the city yesterday. An advertisement appeared Friday stating that the Suburban track at McDonoghville, in Jefferson Parish, would open. It is stated on good authority that another form of betting different from that employed by the Business Men's Racing Association would be tried and after the arrests had been made the matter would be taken to the supreme court for final decision.

In speaking of the possibility of an appeal on the part of the B. M. R. A., Jefferson authorities believe if the matter was taken to the supreme court that his tribunal would make no effort to go behind the evidence taken by the lower court. It also is held that if the supreme court should uphold the lower court that the only chance the men connected with the B. M. R. A. would have of escaping a jail sentence would be through the board of pardons. A delay until May 24 has been granted by the court to the B. M. R. A. officials. At that time it is probable sentence will be pronounced. There is a new statute in Louisiana providing for a suspended sentence.

"FRED" LANDRY A VISITOR  
J. A. Landry, president of the Lake Charles Railway, Light and Waterworks company, and a prominent citizen of the southwest Louisiana city, was in New Orleans for a few hours last night on his way home to Lake Charles.

REDCORN WENT TO MEMPHIS, LIKELY  
Raymond Redcorn, wealthy Osage Indian from Oklahoma and delegate to the Southern Baptists' convention here, who disappeared Friday morning, is thought to have gone to Memphis. Up to late last night no word had come from him.

BOUGHT A LIBERTY BOND  
Members of the Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association were not to be outdone by other organizations, so they got busy and purchased one of the Liberty Loan bonds. Plans for Memorial Day, June 3, also were discussed at the last meeting of the association.

## FOUR WHARVES ARE NOW RATPROOFED

### SPECIAL CONCESSIONS TO SHIPS DOCKING THERE WILL HELP WORK ON OTHERS

The ratproofing of the public wharf system of New Orleans is expected to be greatly expedited by the announcement of special concessions to ships docking at the wharves that are now practically free from rodents. Dr. Simpson Greel, of the United States health service, declared yesterday that in a few days the restrictions now imposed on shipping in New Orleans as a result of the bubonic plague outbreak three years ago would be lifted insofar as concerns those ships docking at ratproof wharves.

There are now four ratproof wharves in the city, Dumaine, Toulouse, Girod and Julia; four relatively ratproof landings, Governor Nichols, St. Joseph, St. Andrew and the Stuyvesant docks; while the remainder of the wharf system is non-ratproof.

A committee consisting of Dr. Simpson Greel, of the Public Health Service, Dr. Oscar Dowling, of the state board of health, and Dr. L. C. Chamberlain, one of the New Orleans members of the board, has been appointed to confer with President Thompson, of the dock board, and urge that the remainder of the dock system be ratproofed at once.

Since the first of the year the government's rat catchers have found three plague-infected rats along the New Orleans river front, as compared with twenty plague rats during the same period last year. The comparison of catches between ratproof, non-ratproof and interestingly ratproof landings also is interesting. At the Poydras wharf, which is non-ratproof, 188 rodents were caught as compared with 32 from the Julia street wharf.

Another effort is to be made by the public health service to take up the rat question in Gretna, McDonoghville, Amessville and Westwego, but inasmuch as Jefferson parish refused to take action in the face of the plague outbreak, the officials are not very sanguine that any results can be obtained at present. Dr. Ruppert, of the public health service, will be here in a couple of weeks, when a conference will be held with officials from across the river. The fact that Dr. Charles F. Gielke, former member of the state board of health, is now mayor of Gretna, may assist the health authorities in their work.

## CONSCRIPTION FOR ARMY WILL START ON JUNE 5

### Wilson Flatly Refuses to Allow Colonel to Raise Division--Pershing to Command First 25,000 to Enter Europe

Washington, May 18.—The President tonight issued a proclamation requiring all males between the ages of 21 and 30 to register. June 5 is the date set. A year's imprisonment may be imposed upon those who fail to register.

President Wilson tonight, immediately after signing the bill, directed that an expeditionary force of approximately one division (25,000 men) under command of Gen. Pershing, proceed to France at as early a rate as practicable.

Every bit of machinery at the disposal of the government is working tonight with the object of starting troops to France at the earliest moment. Other troops will be sent to reinforce them as rapidly as the general staff believes advisable.

Gen. Pershing and his staff will proceed to France at once and his command will follow as fast as organization can be effected and equipment and transportation provided.

140 SINK ON TRANSPORT  
London, May 18.—That the transport Cameronia has been sunk was officially announced. One hundred and forty men are missing.

## TO YOUR TRENCHES, MEN OF PARISHES

"Louisiana needs another shaking up," declared Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the State board of health, yesterday afternoon. Those who are familiar with Dr. Dowling's methods of shaking up a dark future in store for the violators of the sanitary code.

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## WHY NOT SEND THEM AIRPLANES?

Good Roads day has been declared for May 21, during which day every effort will be made to put the Kenner road along the route of the Jefferson Highway in first class condition. This action was decided upon yesterday preparatory to the visiting of the delegation from Canada, which is due in New Orleans May 31. All hands will pitch in and try and remove this one eyecore along the route of the highway.

W. A. Campbell, of Winnipeg, called upon Walter Parker, general manager of the Association of Commerce, and the two had a long talk about the Jefferson Highway. Mr. Campbell was loud in his praise of the work accomplished along the road, and declared that it would be only a short time until the road was paved from end to end.

RECRUIT FOR GIRLS' GUARD  
A recruiting station will open today in Association of Commerce for the Girls' Honor Guard. Members of the guard have decided to make an appeal for more recruits and the recruiting station will be maintained in the association for several days.

GETS LIFE TERM  
Columbus, O., May 18.—Weldon Wells, of Kentucky, was declared guilty of second degree murder by the killing of Noma Simons in Hotel Desher here. He was given a life sentence.

REGISTRAR GRACE HERE  
Fred J. Grace, registrar of the state land office, was a visitor last night from Baton Rouge. He came here to confer with the Attorney-General regarding land matters.