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"RAT GUARD" BAN PARTLY REMOVED

COMMISSION COUNCIL TAKES STEPS TO AMEND ORDINANCE

FOUR LANDINGS ARE AFFECTED

New City Law Will Allow Ships to Do Away With 'Rat Guard' at Certain Places

Acting upon the recommendation of the United States public health service, transmitted through the state and city boards of health, the commission council yesterday took steps to amend ordinance No. 2513, known as the "rat guard" ordinance. The amended ordinance will permit the docking of ships at rat-proof landings without the necessity of having off eight feet, as now required.

In a week's time this bothersome and expensive restriction will be lifted at four city landings—those at the foot of Dumaine, Toulouse, Grand and Julia streets. These landings are used mainly by the United Fruit company and the Southern Pacific lines. The ordinance lifting the ban on them was introduced for first reading yesterday, and will be up for final passage in another week.

At the last meeting of the state board of health Dr. Friend Simpson, who is in charge here for the United States health service, announced that the matter of removing the anti-rat restrictions at three wharves had been taken up with the authorities at Washington, and they had consented to allow ships to dock at the rat-proof wharves without landing off. The matter was taken up with the city board of health, in whose hands has been left the local enforcement of the "rat-guard" ordinance, and the amendment to the ordinance was prepared up to its date.

Next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock there will be a conference between Dr. Friend Simpson, Dr. Oscar Dowling, Dr. L. C. Chamberlain, and members of the board of health, at which the health authorities will argue that immediate steps be taken to rat-proof the remainder of the dock system, so as to eliminate entirely the possibility of bubonic plague again becoming prevalent in the city. The dock board, it is said, would like to rat-proof all the landings, but hasn't the money to undertake the work.

The health authorities are counting on "friendly" pressure that may be brought by the steamship lines using the port facilities. These lines are anxious to have the landing off requirements lifted, and will add their influence to that of the health authorities in an effort to have the particular landings they use made rat-proof. It is expected that at least steps can be taken to rat-proof the four "relatively rat-proof" landings in the city; those at Governor Nichols, St. Joseph and St. Andrew streets, and the Stuyvesant docks.

WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Despondent because of trouble with her husband, Mrs. Malaine Mabel, 22 Canal and White streets, attempted suicide last night by drinking iodine, the police report. A relative discovered her writhing in pain at home. She did not take enough to produce serious results.

ESPIONAGE BILL PASSES

Washington, June 12.—The Espionage bill passed the Senate and was sent to the President for his signature. It contained no censorship. The punishment for spies is death or imprisonment.

FOUR KILLED BY SUB

Christiana, June 12.—Four men lost their lives when a submarine sank the Norwegian bark Deveron, of 1,262 tons. The Arctic cutter Sverrey also was submerged.

Kidnapper Hunt Goes to Oklahoma

By International News Service. Springfield, Mo., June 12.—Prosecuting Attorney O'Day left tonight for Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he declares men who know much about the Keet kidnapping are located. O'Day also hopes to take into custody the woman believed to be near Chicago. Keet's servants were not questioned by the authorities today as the Keet family objected.

Formal charges of complicity in the kidnapping and murder of Lloyd Keets were filed against Claude Piersol tonight. Other charges were filed against Sam McGinnis and the Adams family. All the prisoners are being held at Kansas City.

O. B. ELMER HEADS TRADE COMMITTEE

O. B. Elmer last night was elected chairman of the Foreign Trade committee of the Young Men's Department of the Association of Commerce. Henri C. Hussos was chosen vice chairman of the committee. With the resignation of E. E. Judd, former chairman of the committee, who has gone to New York, it became necessary to elect other officers for the committee. Mr. Elmer formerly had been vice chairman and he was elevated to the head of the committee.

Further discussion of the Liberty bond question was brought up and the members who had not subscribed to the bonds entered their subscriptions and raised the amount of subscriptions among the young men department to \$2,950 for the day.

JAMESTOWN SITE IS CUT \$200,000

By International News Service. Washington, June 12.—Cutting off \$200,000 from the price of the Jamestown exposition site, in the house today probably cut the gordian knot binding the \$3,300,000,000 deficiency bill. It is indicated the bill, which includes \$750,000,000 for a merchant marine, will be sent to the President soon.

The President in an amendment was authorized to take immediate possession of the exposition site upon just compensation. Owners, if dissatisfied, may accept three-quarters of this price and sue for the balance.

WIFE HAS THE BANKROLL

Robert C. Forster cannot sue Mrs. Ammona Forster for money because the latter is his wife; so yesterday he instituted suit against two local banks instead. The amount involved is \$462.50, and was realized from the sale of Gulfport, Miss., property last March. Forster alleges in his petition that he was ill in Tours infirmary at the time, and that accordingly he gave the money to his wife to deposit. When he recovered he found that she had deposited it in the Commercial National, and the City Bank and Trust Company in her own name, and it was beyond his reach.

RUSSIAN MISSION ARRIVES

Seattle, June 12.—The Russian mission to the United States arrived at a Pacific coast port today.

9,500,000 HAVE REGISTERED

Washington, June 12.—The conscription act will provide an army of 2,750,000 men who offer themselves without claiming exemptions, according to Provost Marshal Crowder. The official figures of twelve states are missing. The total registration is 9,500,000.

FIRE DAMAGES FIVE BUILDINGS

BLAZE ORIGINATES IN BRANCH ICE HOUSE.

LOSS PLACED AT \$12,500

Horses Become Frightened at Locomotive and Run Away—No One Injured

Fire of unascertained origin in the branch ice house of the Central Ice company, at 2001 Poydras street, damaged the building and machinery about \$10,000 and spreading to four adjoining dwellings resulted in a total damage estimated at \$12,500. None of the buildings was destroyed. The loss is to a great extent covered by insurance.

The ice company's building had not been in use for some time, but workmen during the past few days had been testing the machinery. The blaze started in the rear and was discovered by William McQuibbin, 1317 Howard street, who turned in an alarm. Upon arrival of the first engine, a general alarm was sent out.

Houses damaged were: 2019 Poydras street, owned and occupied by Mrs. William Tisler; No. 2053 Poydras, owned by Mrs. J. Boehman, and occupied jointly by Adam Fulmer and Mathilda Seroda; No. 629 South Breun street, owned and occupied by George M. Bass, and No. 631 South Priber street, owned by Bass and tenanted by Edward Thomas.

While the wagon No. 34 was responding to the alarm, its horses became frightened at an approaching locomotive and dashed off at a furious rate of speed. They ran several blocks before Driver Edward Harney got them under control. No one was hurt nor was there any damage.

AGED DETECTIVE ON PENSION LIST

After 40 years of service on the New Orleans police force, Detective John Henry Littleton, the department's oldest sleuth, yesterday tendered his resignation. He went on pension, receiving half pay until death. Special Officer Theodore Obitz succeeded Littleton. Obitz has been a special officer assigned to the detective office for the last two years.

Littleton joined the old Metropolitan police force in the early 70's and took part in the clash between the Metropolitan police and the White League in 1871. He remained with the city police when it was reorganized under the present system in 1899. During Chief Dave Hennessy's administration, he was appointed detective. Littleton made many important arrests.

ALLEGED THIEF ARRESTED

Omar Fourtier, alias Kid Doe, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detectives Porretto and Obitz and identified by Miss Eugenia Hogan, saleslady at D. H. Holmes' store as the man she saw open a show case there Monday and steal three neckties valued at \$12. According to the police, Fourtier is an ex-convict and shoplifter.

CLAIM 262 AIRPLANES LOST

Berlin, June 12.—Germany claims the Allies have lost 262 airplanes during May compared with 79 lost by Germany, according to the official statement.

BRITISH CAPTURE VILLAGE

London, June 12.—In a big advance over a front of two miles east and northeast of Messines the British captured the village of Gaspard, the war office announced tonight.

Robber Chokes Woman in Bed

While police and detectives last night were scouring the city for the man who bound and gagged pretty Miss Alice Collins, 19, at the Mazamis Cotton Mill Monday night, Miss Rosie Doris, also 19 years old, 629 Marigny street, was attacked by an unidentified white man as she lay in bed in her room. Her screams caused him to flee. She was unhurt.

Miss Doris was alone in the house at the time. She boards at the Marigny street address. The girl told police that she had just laid out the bed when she heard a noise and as she was about to get up, a man entered the room. Miss Doris said he caught her by the throat and ran off when she cried for help. The house was ransacked, but nothing is thought to have been stolen.

YOUNG MEN BUY \$1100 IN BONDS

Members of the Young Men's Department of the Association of Commerce at their luncheon yesterday at the Monteleone hotel subscribed \$1,100 toward the Liberty loan fund. Charles E. Dunbar, Jr., chairman of the department, and George Merkle, manager of the department, made a dress to the other membership.

Today the members will go out and solicit subscriptions among the membership. It is expected that \$20,000 will be raised in this way among the young men of the association.

DOWLING INVADES N. Y. RESTAURANT

Louisiana restaurants had better be on the lookout for Dr. Oscar Dowling. The energetic doctor has been pretty rough on the restaurants at times, and since he made a trip to New York last week he has a fresh grievance against the restaurant business.

Dr. Dowling is fond of these little gatherings of medical men of just the right size to discuss horse racing, and the latest dancing, and such other subjects as the public magazines would never be discussed by doctors, and the genial head of the state board of health believes that there is nothing like a dinner table to bring a little group in close personal contact.

So while Dr. Dowling was in New York city attending the meeting of the American Medical association, he gathered together a little group of distinguished medical men, and they had a little dinner at one of the gilded food palaces. There was no liquor, because the doctors are opposed to the use of liquor during war time. Aside from the water, and the bread furnished in limited quantities, the party had potatoes, a little meat, salad and some fruit. Doctors are always telling people to eat sparsely and that was one time that sixteen of them had an opportunity to practice what they had been preaching.

When the bill came Dr. Dowling gave it a careless glance and then stiffened in his seat.

"Here there is some mistake here," he protested. "I don't want to buy the place. What's this \$51 for?"

The waiter, the head waiter, and the manager finally convinced the urbane host that on account of the war prices were high in New York, and that a little matter of \$350 a plate for the meal just served was not dear at all; no indeed! But if Dr. Dowling ever gets that restaurant keeper in Louisiana Oh, Boy!

FRICITION CAUSES THREE TO RESIGN

THREE EMPLOYES OF FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU QUIT

BLOODWORTH REMAINS SILENT

Disagreement Over Bogalusa Rate Cause of Retirement, Is Belief. Strong Temporary Secretary

After ten years service as secretary of the Louisiana Fire Prevention bureau, Sol Bloodworth, yesterday tendered the board of directors his resignation. S. F. Lawton, chief engineer of the board, and Miss Mary Bloodworth, assistant to the secretary, left the board's service at the same time.

"There has been friction in the bureau for some time," stated Mr. Bloodworth last night, "and I felt it would be better for the service to bring the matter to a head. As the matter came up rather suddenly I am not prepared to make any statement, but may do so later."

Secretary Bloodworth's retirement was caused, it is stated, by disagreements in the policies of the board extending over a period of several weeks, and particularly affecting a rate put in effect in Bogalusa. The fire board is composed of twelve insurance men, with Secretary of State J. J. Bailey, and Fire Marshal William Campbell as ex-officio members.

Sol Bloodworth is widely known throughout the state. For the last ten years he has been the "raw head and bloody bones" of the country towns desiring a low insurance rate without affording ample fire protection. Further developments in the situation will be watched with interest.

Pending the election of a successor to Secretary Bloodworth, the board yesterday named R. F. Strong, chief of the electrical department, as temporary secretary.

GERMAN COUNTER ATTACK PLANNED

By International News Service. London, June 12.—On all of the chief battle fronts, where signs yesterday of a large scale of actions started up, there was only comparative quiet today. The German bombardment of the French lines north of Arras was the most important development of the day.

It indicates a big German counter drive to relieve Lens and possible attempt to break through to Paris over the Verdun railway. Little anxiety is felt here or in Paris over this possibility.

DEFAUD TRIAL STARTS

Jonathan K. Lewis, indicted last year by the Federal grand jury for devising a scheme to defraud, was placed on trial in the United States district court yesterday before Judge Foster. It is alleged by the government that Lewis obtained goods from out-of-town farmers and business men by representing himself as a produce merchant and failed to remit when sales were made. He is alleged to have used the mails in doing this.

\$800 BROOCH RECOVERED

Mrs. Joseph Moses, 1618 Joseph street, yesterday notified the police that her \$800 diamond brooch, which she thought had been stolen, had been found. The pin was found in an armour by Mrs. Moses.

DISABLED U-52 IN PORT

Cádiz, June 12.—The German submarine U-52, disabled from a gunshot off the coast of Spain, has been towed into port. The wireless was dismantled. It probably will be interned.

KING OF GREECE ABDICATES IN FAVOR OF SECOND SON

Washington Believes Prince George, Logical Successor, Also Will Quit Job--Details Are Unknown

By International News Service. Athens, June 12.—King Constantine of Greece, a brother-in-law to the Kaiser, abdicated his throne in favor of his second son, Prince Alexander, 23 years old.

It is understood that Constantine would leave the country on a British warship and proceed to Switzerland by way of Italy. Ellassona is occupied by Allied troops. There will be no resistance. No disorders in Athens were reported.

Washington, June 12.—The abdication of Constantine in favor of Prince Alexander implies that Prince George, of Greece, also is abdicated, since he would be the logical successor to the king.

Of Prince Alexander little is known except that he received part of his education in England. He has the reputation of being pro-English. Details and circumstances leading up to the abdication still are lacking.

London, June 12.—Delayed dispatches from Athens report the visit of Senator Jonnart, of France, to Saloniki, and said later he expected to visit Athens. Jonnart represents France, England and Russia and officially stated his mission is another effort to reach an understanding with Greek royalty.

WAR COMMISSION TO BE BANQUETED

Final arrangements for the entertainment of the Italian mission upon the occasion of its visit to the city Thursday, were completed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of an executive committee appointed for the purpose. The mission will arrive Thursday morning, and the grandly staged and almost unparaded event of its stay in New Orleans will be a banquet at the grand hotel Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Several hundred Orleansians expected to attend the banquet. Invitations to be present have been extended to all the consuls in the city, to military officials, and to representatives of the Federal officials.

Those attending the affair will be expected to wear white, as the weather may be unuly warm. Addresses will be delivered by Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of the wireless, Mayor Martin Behrman, Governor R. B. Pleasant, and Chevalier G. Gentile, the Italian consul-general.

While the banquet is in progress at the Grunewald a member of the mission will be delivering an address in Lafayette square. The visit of the mission to New Orleans will be an event of more than ordinary importance, in view of the number of Italians residing here, and the high standing of the men forming the commission.

Though Prince Udine is ill, and will be unable to make the trip, all the other members of the mission will be here Thursday. The mission will be headed by Enrico Arlotto, cabinet minister for transportation. Other members are Marquis Luigi Borsanelli, under secretary of state for foreign affairs; Guglielmo Marconi, famous inventor; Augusto Cinghelli, member of the chamber of deputies; and Francesco Saverio Nitti, former cabinet minister for agriculture and commerce.

URSULINE GRADUATES FOUR

The graduating class of the Ursuline college of New Orleans this year will consist of four young women. The commencement exercises will be held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at the Ursuline college. This year's graduates are: Mary Gertrude Long, Mildred Vera Hoisler, Lenex Marie-Louise Estopinal, and Lorena Marie Gasky.

THREE ATTEMPT SUICIDE IN DAY

Two women and a man attempted suicide in New Orleans yesterday. The man and one of the women are in the Charity hospital in a serious condition. The third is at home and out of danger. All took poison.

Mrs. Ollie Bandazzo, 31, 137-Bogalusa, Thursday morning, was found almost unconscious on the front steps of her home yesterday afternoon by a neighbor. Beside her was a bottle containing poisonous tablets.

She was taken to the Charity hospital in an ambulance. Mrs. Bandazzo has no children. Her husband was at work at the time. Her condition is considered serious. Cause of her act is not known.

Louis M. Nee, 33, 3119 Magnolia street, swallowed poison from an unlabeled bottle and was found lying on the floor of his room by his nine-year-old step-son, John Weinstein. Neighbors were called in and a call placed with the Charity hospital for an ambulance. Nee has been out of work and for some time suffered from nervousness.

The other woman is Mrs. Oliver Maubrew, 25, 232 South Robertson street, which is a rooming house conducted by Lilly Giddins. Monday night Mrs. Maubrew is said to have quarreled with her husband and was despondent as a result. Yesterday morning when he was absent, she is said by the police to have swallowed iodine. Charity hospital ambulance doctors applied the stomach pump and a draft her at home and out of danger.

ALLEGED SLACKER CLEARED

Alan E. Kelmel, 1328 Camp street, arrested Monday night by a Federal officer and ordered held pending investigation of violating the draft registration act, was discharged last night when the case was given a rehearing. Government agents investigated further and are now satisfied that Kelmel is beyond the registration age. He is employed by the Public Belt railroad.

70,000 VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Washington, June 12.—In order to bring the regular army up to full war strength a call was issued by the War Department for 70,000 volunteers. They must be had by June 30.