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PROCEEDINGS OF POLICE JURY OCTOBER 8TH

Covington, With But Few Cases, Submits to Plans of Prevention.

SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, SHOWS CLOSED

No Fear Is Entertained of An Epidemic in Covington.

Covington, La., Oct. 8, 1918. The police jury met in regular session on the above date with the following members present: Geo. H. Koopp, H. N. Fenderson, E. J. Domergue, J. M. Smith, W. H. Davis, J. B. Howze, Robt. Abney. Absent: E. P. Robert, Fletcher Crawford.

It was moved by Geo. Koopp, seconded by J. M. Smith, that the La-combe-Sliddell bridges be scraped and painted and that bids be sent to the office of the police jury for the painting and scraping of same, also bids for the painting and scraping of the iron cage owned by the parish.

Carried. It was moved and seconded that J. B. Porter be appointed to take charge of the road outfit at \$4.50 per day, the first work to be done with the outfit is on the road from Covington to Folsom.

Carried. The following ordinance was introduced:

AN ORDINANCE defining and punishing vagrancy during the period of the existing war between the United States and the Empire of Germany; providing what shall constitute prima facie evidence of the same; authorizing the municipal authorities to require proof of all able-bodied persons residing within the corporate limits of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., of their employment, for a stated period, in same lawful occupation.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that during the period of the existing war between the United States of America and the Empire of Germany, all able-bodied persons residing within the corporate limits of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., both male and female, between the ages of fourteen (14) and fifty-five (55) years, who are not employed in some lawful occupation for at least 40 hours per week, shall be deemed vagrants. Provided, however, that the above provisions shall not apply to students in regular attendance at any school or schools.

Provided, further, that in all cases where persons of either sex are living idle and profligate lives; or habitually loiter around saloons, barrooms, pool rooms, or on the public corners or streets; or being able to work, live on the wages or personal earnings of their wives, children, or of other women; or where women live on the wages or personal earnings of whom they are not legally married; or are habitual drunkards, such fact or facts shall be considered prima facie evidence of vagrancy.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., that all persons coming within the purview of the section one hereof, shall furnish, as often as may be required, to the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, or any other officer of said parish, proper and sufficient evidence of their employment in some lawful occupation, as required by the provisions of section one of this ordinance.

Provided, that in the case of employees, such proof shall be given by a certificate, card or other written evidence to be signed by the employer of such person or persons. Provided, further, that the President of the Police Jury and the Secretary shall have the power, and they are hereby authorized to prepare a form of card or certificate for such purpose, and require the use of the same. Failure or refusal to furnish such evidence, or to show any card or certificate required to be used as aforesaid, when called upon by any legal officer of the Parish, shall constitute a violation of this ordinance, and subject the violator thereof to the penalties hereinafter set forth.

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., that any person or persons found guilty of being a vagrant, or failing or refusing to comply with the provisions of section two of this ordinance, shall be fined not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50) dollars, or be imprisoned in the Parish Jail for not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

Provided, that in imposing a jail sentence, the Court may, if it sees fit, condemn the convicted person to

INFLUENZA OVER UNITED STATES DISTURBS ALL BUSINESS

Ordinance Passed Putting Into Effect Work Or Fight Law.

REPORTS OF SHERIFF AND TREASURER

List of Bills Approved and Other Proceedings of the Meeting.

Spanish influenza has become epidemic throughout the United States, and we are experiencing the same inconvenience that followed its advent in Europe. In some sections it has proven quite fatal, while in others it has been of a comparatively mild form.

It has hindered the mobilization of troops and has slowed up the Fourth Liberty Loan drive. Schools, theatres, churches, barrooms and public places have been closed and the gathering of crowds prohibited. But this conditions is not expected to continue long.

St. Tammany parish has also come in for its share of affliction. Sliddell has suffered quite serious inconvenience and the mortality thus far is said to be very small. The principal suffering is from inconvenience in business. Five of the six telephone girls have been stricken and the service has been very difficult. The remaining operator has continued steadily at work.

Covington, Sliddell, Mandeville, Madisonville, and other towns have taken the precaution of obeying the order of the State Board of Health, closing schools, churches, shows, etc., while care has been taken to instruct those of the rural districts in the methods of preventing spread of the disease.

In Covington, the mayor, members of the board of health, superintendent and principals of schools, and the Community Council of Defense, talked to the pupils of the public schools before dismissing them, giving instructions as to what would be required of them. It was especially impressed upon them that they were not to go into the streets unless on necessary business, but were to remain at home as much as possible.

Every precaution has been taken to create a feeling of public safety. Officers have been stationed at the post office and only a few are allowed to enter the building at a time. Formerly the office was crowded to suffocation during distribution of mail. The move-on ordinance is also being enforced so that crowds may not gather on the streets.

No one should expectorate on the sidewalk. Any one doing so is apt to be arrested.

It is reported that Sliddell has 300 cases and Bogalusa 1500. If this is true, Covington is very lucky with its 22 cases.

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, Spanish influenza has become epidemic throughout the country, and under crowded conditions is rapidly spreading and in some sections attended by large mortality; and

Whereas, it is advised by the State Board of Health that measures be taken in all localities to keep the disease in control and prevent its spreading, it being directed that churches, schools, theatres, picture shows, and all public places where there are large congregations of people should be closed and that people should be prevented from gathering in crowds.

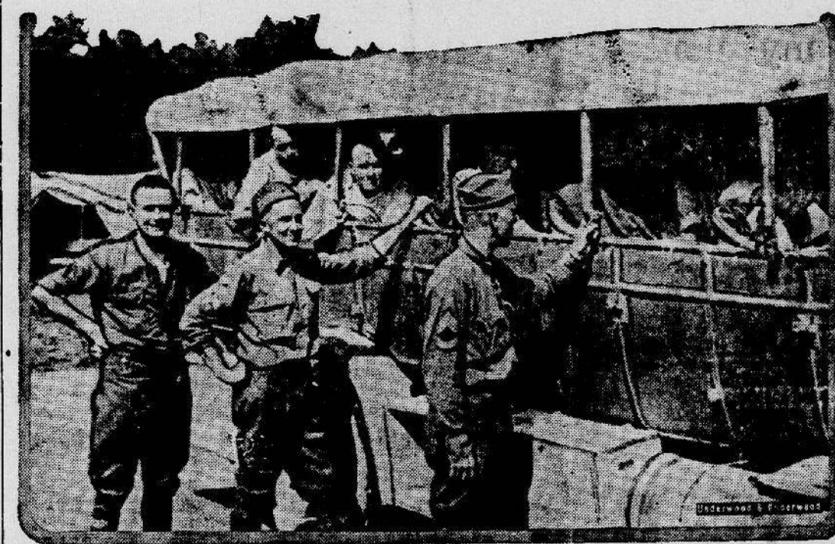
Therefore, while Covington has but a few cases of the disease at present, in view of the fact that the prevention of the disease becomes absolutely a war measure and of great necessity, considering the shipping interests of the Government in St. Tammany parish, it is deemed advisable, in conformity with the opinion of the Board of Health of Covington and resident physicians of the Medical Society, to issue this my proclamation, that all schools, Protestant and Catholic Churches, and picture shows be closed until further notice, and that crowds be prohibited from gathering in the streets or in public buildings, and more especially during the arrival and distribution of mail at the post office.

And it is further advised that children be kept at home and off the streets as much as possible, and that in case of colds or other symptoms that might occur in grip or influenza a physician be immediately summoned.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this 9th day of October, 1918.

PAUL J. LACROIX,
Mayor of Covington.
L. A. PERREAND,
Secretary.

GASSED YANKEES ARRIVE AT THE HOSPITAL



A motorbus with American soldiers who have been injured in a gas attack on the western front arriving at an American Red Cross hospital at Jouy, France. Had these same soldiers arrived a day sooner they might have been listed among the victims of the "Huns' latest victory" over another Red Cross hospital. The hospital was deliberately bombed by Boche aviators the day previous to their arrival, the result being that two persons were killed and fourteen injured.

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS COVINGTON

Covington, La., Oct. 10, 1918. The town council met in special session on the above date. Present: P. J. Lacroix, Mayor; A. D. Schwartz, Emile Frederick, M. P. Planche, A. R. Smith, C. E. Schouberg. Absent: H. A. Mackie.

On motion of A. D. Schwartz, seconded by C. E. Schouberg, the following ordinance, prepared by City Attorney Simmons, was read and offered for adoption:

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Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., that all persons coming within the purview of section one hereof, shall furnish, as often as may be required, to the Mayor, Marshals, or any other officer of said Town, proper and sufficient evidence of their employment in some lawful occupation, as required by the provisions of section one of this ordinance.

Provided, that in the case of employees, such proof shall be given by a certificate, card or other written evidence to be signed by the employer of such person or persons. Provided further, that the Mayor and Town Secretary shall have the power, and they are hereby authorized to prepare a form of card or certificate for such purpose, and require the use of the same. Failure or refusal to furnish such evidence, or to show to any legal officer of the Town of Covington, La., shall constitute a violation of this ordinance, and subject the violator thereof to the penalties hereinafter set forth.

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., that any person or persons found guilty of being a vagrant, or failing or refusing to comply with the provisions of Section Two of this ordinance, shall be fined not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50) dollars, or be imprisoned in the town jail for not less than five days nor more than thirty days, or

SHERIFF BREWSTER SERIOUSLY ILL AT HOME

Sheriff T. E. Brewster has been quite ill at his residence on Nineteenth Avenue, in Covington. His condition was so serious at one time that fear was expressed as to his recovery. Later he was said to have improved considerably and there was hope where so many of his friends kept in constant communication with the family.

Drs. Gautreaux, Bulloch and Bouquol have been in attendance. Securing the services of a skilled nurse has been difficult, by reason of so many being called to duty during the influenza, but this need is now supplied.

Mr. Brewster was anxious to see his son, John Brewster, who is stationed at the military camp in New Orleans, but orders had to be obtained from Washington before a furlough could be obtained. He is now at home. Mr. Brewster's brother, Dr. L. A. Brewster, of New Orleans, is also with him.

Lines of automobiles in front of the residence testified to the solicitation of his friends, and when the doctors would allow no one in the room, the large front gallery was occupied by groups who silently waited for better news. It is believed to-day (Friday) that Mr. Brewster's rugged constitution and determination will carry him through safely.

Acute Bright's disease, with complicated heart trouble, is the cause of his illness.

CURB MARKET PRICES SHOULD CONFORM TO THE PRICES SCHEDULED ON BOARD.

There has been some complaint that the prices at the curb market are not uniform and in accordance with instructions of the management. This is a matter of importance to patrons of the market, which of course means that it is of importance to the farmers also. If a regular board of the market know before they start from home just what the things they want will cost and can arrange their expenditures for the day in accordance with their economic plans. In this way patrons of the market are held together and farmers know just what they may expect to receive for produce.

If prices are not right, then a council should be held and the prices fixed so that a reasonable profit may be made. Patrons certainly should not object to this. It is a protection to them as well as to the farmer.

both, at the discretion of the Court. Provided, that in imposing a jail sentence, the Court may, if it sees fit, condemn the convicted person to work upon the public streets of the town.

Section 4. Be it further ordained, etc., that this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage. Adopted Oct. 10, 1918.

PAUL J. LACROIX,
Mayor.

L. A. PERREAND,
Secretary.

On a vote being taken the following voted yea: Emile Frederick, A. R. Smith, M. P. Planche, C. E. Schouberg, A. D. Schwartz.

Nays None. The Mayor appointed the following committee to draft the cards required by the ordinance: M. P. Planche, A. R. Smith, H. A. Mackie. The council then adjourned.

PAUL J. LACROIX,
Mayor.

L. A. PERREAND,
Secretary.

CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION STARTED

State Forester R. D. Forbes, of the Conservation Commission, held a meeting in Covington to organize a Florida Parishes Association to prevent woods fires, preserve standing timber, protect farms and ranges, and do other things in the interest of conservation.

Interested citizens from various parts of the parish were present and quite a number spoke on the subject, the general sentiment being that the matter was important and should be taken up in a way to bring results.

The meeting was opened by Harvey E. Ellis, who explained the object of the meeting and introduced Mr. Forbes.

The following letter from Mr. Johnson, of Bogalusa, who took an active part in the meeting, will explain what was done:

Bogalusa, La., Oct. 7, 1918. At Covington on the above date, a very important meeting of representatives from nearly all the Florida Parishes was held in the courthouse to consider ways and means looking toward the perfection of an organization of the citizens of the piney woods section, especially of the Florida Parishes, to co-operate with the Department of Conservation in the protection of the woods with the object in view of controlling as much as practicable the usual annual forest fires.

This meeting was called by the Department of Conservation through R. D. Forbes, State Forester.

The meeting was informal and enthusiastic. Every one present seemed very much impressed with the untold damage caused by permitting the destructive fires to run at will and indiscriminately and converting into ashes, not only a great deal of useful timber, fences, barns and bridges, but destroying each year everything which nature has grown and nature intended to decay and go back to Mother Earth in order to keep our soils renovated and fertile as well.

It seemed to be recognized at this meeting that a great good came to our country through forward-looking, co-ordinating, effective, systematic and businesslike effort in order to do as much as possible and practicable give nature a chance to do for us that which we are unable to do for ourselves, to-wit: Restore our run down soils, by supplying the much needed humus, there by giving us more nutritious grasses and herbs and growing more wood and trees.

At this meeting temporary organization was perfected and H. B. Pruden, of Covington, was elected temporary chairman and J. K. Johnson, of Bogalusa, temporary secretary. A committee of two was appointed from each of the following named parishes, St. Tammany, Washington, Tangipahoa, Livingston and St. Helena come to our committee will meet in Covington on Saturday, October 12th, in order to provide ways and means and make suggestions for permanent organization.

It was thought that this is a work that all good citizens will like to co-operate in and the local press throughout the district is especially invited and requested to give it as much publicity as possible.

H. B. PRUDEN,
Temporary President.

J. K. JOHNSON,
Temporary Sect.

R. N. LEONARD DEAD.

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. R. N. Leonard, from influenza. The news reaches us just as we put the form on the press.

A ST. TAMMANY BOY WHO IS IN UNCLE SAM'S NAVY



Max Lamers.

The above is the picture of Max Lamers, one of Uncle Sam's navy boys, and of whom all his friends in St. Tammany are as proud as can be. Max left Tuesday, October 1, for New London, Conn., after a 30-day furlough, to rejoin his class with the sub chasers.

While at home Max got up and shipped 111 sacks, or 12,000 pounds, of sweet potatoes, just half his crop. On leaving he said: "So long, folks, am going on some private business for Uncle Sam. When I return I'll show you folks some stuff."

Max's whole heart was with his farm, and while at Columbia University, N. Y., made first machinist's mate. His friends all expect to see him come back. Some boys!

A FRIEND.

GERMANY BEING DRIVEN TO OWN TERRITORY

Throughout the week the allied forces have been advancing steadily and Germany is being driven back into her own territory. As she retreats the torch is being applied and she is destroying everything she can.

The evening papers have the following telegram:

Amsterdam, Oct. 11th.—Emperor William has summoned the sovereigns of all the German federal states to Berlin for a conference before answering President Wilson's note, according to a Cologne dispatch. Such a conference is unique in the history of Germany.

German's answer to President Wilson's questions are awaited with great anxiety in Germany, according to a Copenhagen dispatch. Mr. Wilson's reply to the German peace proposal was published in the newspapers of Berlin Wednesday evening. The official North German Gazette says:

Says Step Will Be Continued. "We have reason to believe that the peace step which has been commenced will be continued."

Deep feeling was aroused in Berlin Oct. 7 when a rumor spread that President Wilson had rejected the German offer.

In other cities reports were circulated that an armistice had been agreed upon. The "good news" was posted immediately in public places, and the crowds could not conceal their joy.

Paints Picture of Germany Misled. German newspapers received here reveal a number of long articles apparently intended to prepare the public for a further development of the peace movement and containing favorable reference to President Wilson's formula.

Theodore Wolff's article in the Tageblatt takes the form of an imaginary appeal to President Wilson from some friend familiar with Europe, for example, Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, painting a picture of Germany misled by the false Pan-German proposals, but loving peace with its soul, and having learned its lesson, now ready for a Wilsonian peace.

COTTON SEED PRICES LOWERED.

Following is a telegram from Mr. John M. Parker:

New Orleans, Oct. 9, 1918. Parish Food Administrator, Covington, La. On account of inferior quality cotton seed and in accordance with adjustments in neighboring states it is necessary to reduce immediately prices. Effective midnight 9th car lot and wagon lot prices cotton seed reduced three dollars per ton all Louisiana zones. Analysis being made to determine basis of possible later adjustment. Give prompt and wide publicity. PARKER.

A LETTER FROM THE FRONT BY MANDEVILLE SOLDIER

We are in receipt of the following letter from a Mandeville boy, now in active service with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, dated September 6, 1918:

Editor St. Tammany Farmer: To my many friends who read The Farmer, I'm glad of this opportunity to greet you.

Good old Mandeville-by-the-Lake, carry on, my heart is with you! In the summer and autumn of 1914, when we had nothing to worry over, spending our mornings sleeping and fishing on the lake—and it it; afternoons in swimming in the best bathing surf in the world, and arguing over the war, which was to last six months, whom of us even dreamed in four years our country would have been in war 18 months, and would be gathering all its tremendous manpower and money-power to end this same little six months war?

Naturally, when my thoughts "go roaming" I remember those boys, fellow members of the Cosmopolitan Base Ball Team (how true the name would now be!), and the knowledge that each is in Uncle Sam's big team, all volunteers, some commissioned, causes me to be prouder than ever to have had a team of such clean-cut, manly fellows, as Brown, Magruder, Payne, Smith, L. Shiel, Mickel, W. Shiel, Fassman, Cusachs, and yours truly (leaving off the bouquet), and I know that each will have a high batting average against "Old Kaiser Bill!"

Some day—when we've won this war—we'll again congregate in old "Mandy-by-the-Lake" and may be we'll toss a few more Spalding's round—it's a promise. In the meanwhile we are going to carry on for "peace on earth, good will to all mankind!"

Over here we realize the importance of what the "folks back home" are doing, and want you to realize that every Liberty Bond or W. S. S. you buy draw the lines tighter toward Berlin, the center of hell; Give, give, give, till it hurts, and it will be over here earlier.

Sincerely yours,
SERGT. C. C. COMBÉ,
4th Co. 4th M. Ft. Air Service,
American Expeditionary Forces, France.

RED CROSS

Mandeville, La., Oct. 8, 1918. Editor St. Tammany Farmer:

Mrs. Fassman, chairman of publicity, sends the following Red Cross news:

During the past month we have completed:

507 bed pads, 16 pajamas, 20 comfort kits, 50 children's dresses. We also collected 205 pounds of clothing for the Belgians.

Our towel shower was a great success, our quota was 75 and we collected 139. The school children did this work, and I will ask you to give special mention of Helen Levy and Beattie Corken, as they collected the major portion.

The Liberty Bond ladies' committee is doing very good work. Sincerely,
MRS. W. S. FASSMAN.

Mandeville, La., Oct. 8, 1918. Editor St. Tammany Farmer: I am sending the list of officers selected to have charge of an auxiliary to the St. Tammany Chapter A. R. C., which was formed at Progress School Friday, Oct. 4th:

Chairman, Mrs. George J. Gosselin; secretary, Miss Kate Stafford; treasurer, Mr. Geo. J. Gosselin; captain of garments, Mrs. Joe Schack; chairman of work-room, Mrs. Willie Faustner; captain of knitting, Mrs. Faustner; captain of surgical dressings, Miss Willie Carter; chairman home service, Mr. T. A. Sharp.

There was a very good crowd present and each one pledged to do all possible to make the new auxiliary a success and with such a loyal spirit shown the work will certainly bring good results.

MRS. EADS POITEVENT,
Chairman Chapter Development.

John L. Haller, chairman, has appointed the following chairman of committees for Red Cross, St. Tammany parish chapter, for influenza:

F. F. Wigginton, Sliddell.
Jos. Bordes, Abita Springs.
Mrs. Eads Poitevent, Mandeville.
Mrs. P. A. Blanchard, Madisonville.
John L. Haller, Covington, chairman.
Committee, Mrs. J. B. Wortham, Mrs. N. H. FitzSimons, Mrs. J. C. Burns, Mrs. E. S. Wharton, Mrs. H. A. Mackie, J. H. Warner, H. A. Mackie.

LIBERTY LOAN.

Chairman E. G. Davis of the Liberty Loan drive announces \$310,000 for the parish, thus far, and predicts that \$400,000 may be raised.

The influenza has temporarily halted things, but work will be resumed.