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THE NEED OF COMMERCE SHIPS

The level headed business men, who would like to see the commerce of the United States extended over the entire world, are of the opinion that now is the time for this country to develop the greatest merchant marine in the world, by seizing every opportunity now afforded on account of the European war.

There is no denying the fact that this country needs ships to convey its products to the warring nations, as well as neutral countries, which were before the war, dependent upon the ships flying under the British and German flags. Every nation is suffering on account of lack of transportation on the part of the United States.

While we are placed in the position to do good deeds for weaker nations, we might as well seize the opportunity of building up a merchant marine, which will surpass that of Germany or England, and after the war the United States would be the king of commerce.

It is now evident that the European war will not be terminated before the next meeting of Congress and pressure is being brought to bear on the congressman, who fought the president's ship purchase bill. With the advent of new blood in the Capitol it might be that President Wilson and loyal Democrats—not of the Broussard type—might be in the majority and by this means pass a bill, which may revive merchant marine in the United States.

It would be foolish to argue the many advantages and benefits to be derived from a merchant marine in this country; needless to say it would bring millions of dollars to the United States, which the English and Germans have been monopolizing for many years past. We now have the opportunity of making ourselves powerful in the commerce world and we should seize it immediately.

"As we noted the other day," says the New Orleans Times-Picayune, "commercial exchanges and industrial bodies of France are already discussing what they will do, looking to the extension of French trade and influence, when the present European war is over—not that they see any immediate prospect of this but because they believe that it is advisable to discuss the subject now and thus prepare the way for the conditions that will then prevail. A decided optimism was displayed, a belief that France could accomplish a great advance commercially if it went about the matter in the right spirit and with the present enthusiasm that prevails throughout that republic; and many outside of France are sharing that opinion—that the war has aroused a spirit of patriotism, energy and activity in that country certain to achieve important results.

"If France does not think it premature to discuss what it shall do to extend French trade after the war is over, what shall we say of the advisability of action by the United States which does not have to wait until peace is proclaimed to extend its business, which enjoys at this very moment an opportunity never before afforded any nation, in consequence of the fact that it is the only great commercial country not engaged in this world struggle."

MEXICAN SITUATION

President Wilson's patience in Mexican affairs has at last been exhausted and the peaceful head of the United States Government has warned the various political and military factions of the everlasting erupting greaser country that Washington would not recognize any Mexican president until revolutions in the Mexican republic would cease.

For the past four years the American officials have been very patiently awaiting peace in Mexico but it now seems clear to President Wilson that peace is a nonentity in that revolutionary ridden republic.

Just what steps will be pursued by the American government is not known, but it appears that we will have to intervene sooner or later, in order that American lives and property can be protected in that country.

FIRE RATE REDUCTION

For an expenditure of about four or five thousand dollars towards fire prevention the insurance public of Opelousas would save an annual sum of over six thousand dollars, according to reliable information received by the Clarion. This would mean a splendid investment on the part of Opelousas.

The city council, as well as the local fire company, has been anxious in late years to make Opelousas as fire proof as possible, in order that the several thousand dollars donated to the fire insurance companies, on account of the lack of modern fire-fighting apparatus, could remain in this city, where this money could bring revenues to home people.

Opelousas boasts of one of the finest fire alarm systems in the state and a splendid fire company, it seems to us that the investment of four thousand dollars in fire prevention would be a safe and sound one which would not only protect those who patronize the insurance companies, but the population of Opelousas in general.

The insurance companies are willing to co-operate with the citizens of this city in reducing fires, because it would be a saving to them as well as to the people of Opelousas. The city council, we understand, has been anxious to improve the fire company; would it not be a wise plan for those who insure their property, as well as those who take the risk, by not carrying any insurance, to co-operate with the council in making the necessary improvements.

ANTI-TRUST LAWS

The anti-trust laws which will soon become effective in this state will no doubt meet with the general approval of the public, as trusts have been playing havoc in Louisiana financial circles for a great number of years.

It has been an established fact that the sugar planters have suffered great losses at the hands of the sugar trusts and it is agreeable to learn that the Hall administration, criticized by some political fanatics as a "deplorable failure" will have enacted laws which will put a stop to trusts robbing the depressed farmers of Louisiana. It is the only thing of any consequence adopted during the Hall administration we would be inclined to proclaim it a pronounced success.

Why several politicians have been strenuously objecting to the enactment of anti-trust legislation can easily be discerned by the right thinking people of Louisiana. It is a great thing indeed that Louisiana has representatives like our own, Hon. Austin L. Fontenot, author of the anti-trust bills, who with the assistance of Gov. Hall and his friends, as well as other prominent legislators, had the bravery of waging a war against the monopolies, which have in a large measure been keeping the farmers of this state, in one continual rut.

STATE OF PREPAREDNESS

It really gives one a pain to listen to the spoken and written prophecies of the severe beating which the Germans and the Japs on the whatnots could and would give to the United States under certain conditions. Undoubtedly in our present state of unpreparedness either of those countries or any other country with well equipped and trained naval and military forces could in the beginning inflict on us humiliating punishment. And the state of unpreparedness which lays us open to the possibility of such initial reverses is neither more nor less than a National crime.

But while we realize the present condition and prepare to remedy it, let us keep a correct perspective and continue to feel and know that the ultimate result of any attack on the United States by any power or combination of powers could only be the defeat of that power or combination. Intrinsic power plus staying qualities and gameness would win for us as it did for Jess Willard, and all red-blooded Americans know it. But by all means let us so much the sooner get in position where we will not at first have to waste a lot of that power.

To an observer, no matter how strongly his sympathy may run to the Allies, and no matter how much of Italian history he may have read with an accompanying understanding of the vital causes of the Italian hatred for the Austrians, the entry of Italy into the World War at this time, must have much the appearance of an unclean scavenger. If patriotism of the pure sort were the actuating motive, her entrance would have worn a more pleasing aspect some months ago, prior to the spectacle of bartering and dickering she has offered.

The strongest and about the only recommendation which can be found for the candidacy of Col. Pleasant for Governor, is the active and venomous opposition of the Item and its Editors. Thus the Colonel is given the unearned distinction of being classed with our great President in one very small respect. There really must be more to the Colonel than is discernible by slight acquaintance and not a less superficial observation.

The "Triple Alliance" severely criticized by many, seems to be getting just what it desires in the legislature. The passage of the convention and the anti-trust bills was assured in the early part of the session. No matter what critics have to say about the alliance, it appears that the "people" are being served all the same.

Kaiser Bill evidently hates the idea of bending his knee to American demands, but will sooner or later be made to see that Uncle Sam is not in a joking mood.

Teddy Roosevelt had to get on the front page of newspapers, so he devised the means of getting hurt, while mounting his horse. Teddy is a genius alright, alright!

Newspapers in Louisiana promise to be short of "dope" next week as all the "dope" will be carried to Monroe, where the annual Louisiana Press Convention will take place.

So many people dubbed the rains of last week "The million dollar rain" that we are afraid we are getting about four or five millions.

STAEET PRESS OPINIONS

Cutting Out Moving

But in time they got settled. The "God Bless Our Home" is in place over the parlor door and the lost minute hand of the clock has finally been found. Peace finally abides. Then they learn two things—never to pack the stove legs with the crockery and to buy a home of their own, a real home with flower beds, garden, vines and trees, a home to come back to instead of moving away from—Shreveport Times.

It Fights for Its Town

West Carroll Gazette: Communities frequently lose sight of their real benefactor when they fail to recognize the weekly journal as such. The editor and his paper stand as bulwarks of defense against attacks of evil or designing schemes affecting the good of the individual or the town. For these and other reasons the newspapers of the town and country should receive the support of the public at large in a very liberal degree, for it is really the most important business enterprise of the community.

Why Not Keep It at Home?

Bogalusa Enterprise: There are no reasons why Bogalusa people should send their savings from this city. This \$23,000 if invested in Bogalusa stock or place in the savings department of the local banks would mean added prosperity to the Magic City. These people, who are depositing with the postal savings, will not only assist themselves to the extent of a larger per cent of interest, but will do much toward improving local conditions and general prosperity by depositing or making investments in Bogalusa. With the \$23,000 which is doing Bogalusa no good whatever, if invested in local banks or the Building and Loan, there would be a noticeable difference in the building as well as in all other lines.

Free State of St Landry, La.

May 25th, 1915.

To the Clarion:
Some two months ago your paper stated that our able District Attorney, realizing that conditions were very bad, that children under legal age were being raised in immoral surroundings, and that something should be done had induced Mr. Agnew, of the La. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to come here and make suggestions, and that conditions were going to be changed.

Time passed, nothing was done, the children still remained in the same places, and the visit of Mr. Agnew became a joke.

A petition was presented to the Police Jury, asking them to put the Juvenile Court Act in operation, but after being tabled one month in order to secure legal advice, it was next tabled indefinitely.

Evidently our Parish Solans did not consider the issue of morality and decency or the the salvation of these little children vote getters, or the purity and chastity of childhood was an asset worthy of conservation.

Or was it that some of them feared they might lose a few dollars from the road fund of their wards, or that the enforcement of the laws on this subject might embarrass some of their friends in authority?

At any rate, the question is coming up again and in such shape that each member of the Police Jury will be placed on record as to where he stands.

Progressive reform is often repulsed, but never defeated.

A VOTER.

Announcements.

We are authorized to announce ARTHUR SIMON as a candidate for the office of City Judge of the City of Opelousas and of the First Ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce the candidacy of E. S. KERR for re-election to the office of City Judge at the primary election to be held in January, 1916.

We are authorized to announce J. M. SANDERS as a candidate for member of the Lower House of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, from St. Landry parish, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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