

WORK OR FIGHT, SAYS PARISH COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

LONG LIST OF OCCUPATIONS CLASSED AS NON-ESSENTIAL

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ALLIED DRIVES BRING GREAT SUCCESS ON ALL FIGHTING FRONTS

Bulgaria, "Prussia of the Balkans," Hollers Quits and is Now Out of the Game

UNSPEAKABLE TURK WILL BE NEXT ONE TO DROP OUT

On the West Front Foch's Invincible Troops are Steadily Sweeping Forward and Indications are of a Complete Victory

The battle fronts in Europe are the centers of interest to the entire world, for events of unusual interest are happening on every fighting sector. Field Marshal Foch, supreme commander of the allied forces, has the situation well in hand and is giving the enemy no chance to rest and reform his shattered columns. Down in the Balkans, on the Macedonian front, in short, sharp and quick thrusts the allies have put Bulgaria, the "Prussia of the Balkans," out of the running in short order and that small nation, holding the front for four years, quickly hollered it had enough and signed the terms of the allies for an armistice to last until peace treaties are finally settled. In the mean time, the allied hosts, which include French, British, Greeks, Italians and Serbians, will use the Bulgarian railways in future operations against both the Austrians and the Turks.

Turkey, the "Sick Man of Europe," has received some awful jolts in Palestine and is practically out of the running. It is momentarily expected that now, having been separated from the central empire by the Bulgarian debacle, the sultan will follow suit and ask for peace. This will end for all time the dream of the Germans for world mastery and an empire in Europe which would dictate to the entire world. "Mittel Europa," long planned by the kaiser and his junkers, now goes glimmering down among the things that might have been.

Viewing recent developments in the other side, it would appear that Austria-Hungary will be the next of the quadruple alliance to go by the boards. The two weak links, Bulgaria and Turkey, being out of the game, the next weak one, Austria, soon to be assailed from two sides, will undoubtedly crumble to pieces under the mighty blows of the allied hosts and follow Bulgaria's example and ask for peace.

On the French front, the British, French, American and Belgians are moving steadily forward. Villages, towns and cities, for four years in the hands of the Germans, are daily falling into allied hands and the hosts of democracy are ever sweeping forward to the ultimate goal of complete military victory. The occupied territory of France may soon be evacuated and the enemy may be driven from Belgium before many months. His desperate resistance avails him nothing and the famous Hindenburg line has been knocked to flinders in a dozen places or more and the balance of the line is outflanked and threatens to tumble in ruins about the Germans' heads. On the north end of the line, close to the sea, the British and Belgians have been delivering some tremendous blows with a view of cleaning the Germans out of the coast towns and break up the submarine bases which they established long ago. This move on the part of the allies promises to be successful and with its success will come an end of the German submarines preying on allied shipping.

The Americans are doing some wonderful fighting in the long battle line and down on the Lorraine sector, where they are only about four miles from the fortified city of Metz, they may elect at any time to launch a drive at this German stronghold, the capture of which would endanger the entire German line to the north. One can not say what is going to happen but from happenings from day to day since July 15 it appears that Germany is "blowed up" and the collapse may come at any time. It is a mistake, however, to think that the Hun army is thoroughly licked. It is still quite strong in numbers and it is well recognized that they will fight to the very end. Any let-up by the allies now would be a grievous error and would result in the badly disorganized enemy getting a chance to reorganize his shattered columns and launch a blow at the allies. The ene-

COMMITTEE ASKS MORE TIME IN SCHOOL LOCATION

Not Yet Decided Where Proposed Colored Institution Will be Located

As appears in the proceedings of the city council, the committee, of which Mayor Halphen is chairman, has not yet decided on a suitable location for the proposed colored school, and requested that further time be granted it. In this connection, several sites have been offered and some time back it was generally understood that the school would be located in the southeast corner of the city, or just without the corporate limits in that particular locality. Now, however, it appears that some opposition to that locality has developed and the committee wishes to look over the situation again before drawing up and submitting a report, carrying with it its recommendation, to the city council.

BUILDING PERMITS MUST BE SECURED

NEW REGULATIONS NOW IN EFFECT, SAYS COUNCIL

Can Not Erect Structures Without First Receiving the Sanction of the Defense Body

Elsewhere in this issue of The Clarion appears the proceedings of the non-essential building construction committee of the state council of defense, wherein a large number of applications to erect all manner of buildings were turned down. This new regulation of the war industries board at the national capital was put in force in order to conserve building material for war purposes.

Under this regulation one must first secure a permit to build before he can proceed with the work. Failure so to do will bring on a severe penalty. Before you can secure a permit you must apply to the parish council of defense. If the proposed building is non-essential, your request will be refused.

Following the order of the war industries board, Secretary Stubbs of the St. Landry council of defense issued this week the following notice:

WARNING BY ST. LANDRY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE
All persons contemplating the construction of any building, sidewalk, road or anything that requires labor and material, shall first make application to the undersigned for a permit to carry on said work. Any work started without a permit is liable to be stopped at any period of its completion.

GEO. W. STUBBS,
Secretary St. Landry Council of Defense.

OPELOUSAS BOY IS NOT A PRISONER

PERHAPS HARRY GARLAND HAS BEEN LOCATED

Opeλουςas Boy, Reported Missing in France, May be in Hospital and Wounded

It was stated in Opelousas last Saturday that Harry Garland, reported some time ago as "missing in action" since July 18-22, had been discovered in a small and isolated hospital "somewhere in France."

It is understood that a letter from him, under date of August 22, and addressed to his sister, had been received in which he stated that he was in a hospital, having been wounded. This is cheering news indeed to his relatives and friends here who wish for him a speedy recovery and return to his military duties. The slowness of the military authorities in locating him is easily understood when one considers that there are possibly two million Americans in France, not to say anything about the millions of French and British, and hunting for one particular man is like looking for the needle in the haystack.

—Mrs. Frank J. Dietlein returned last Monday from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Harold Lastrapes, in New Orleans.

my is on the run, and it seems as if Marshal Foch's strategy is to keep him on the run—never to let up, but give him a heavy blow in one place, then hit him somewhere else and then for good measure hit him a staggering blow all along the line from Switzerland to the sea.

THE NEW ORDER OF WORK OR FIGHT GOES INTO EFFECT

Parish Council of Defense Issues Order Following the Proclamation of Governor Pleasant

NON-ESSENTIAL JOBS SET OUT IN FULL ARRAY TO PUBLIC

Enforced, Many Men Engaged in List Named Will Have to Seek Other Lines of Employment or Join Uncle Sam's Army

It now begins to appear as if the "work or fight" talk of the past few weeks is going to be something more than mere moonshine after all. We have been hearing of it for some time and there has been quite a bit of news of it printed in the newspapers, but up to now if any drastic action has so far been taken it has not been given out to the public.

Governor Pleasant, following out the instructions of a legislative act passed at the late regular session of the general assembly, recently issued a proclamation regarding this order, and along with his proclamation set forth a long list of non-essential occupations. Men employed in these jobs have to quit and seek work in other and more useful lines, or suffer the consequence of their violation of the executive order.

This week the St. Landry council of defense, following the governor's proclamation, issued the subpoenaed notice, signed by Chairman Boagni, and giving notice that the council would meet in special session next Monday to take steps to put in effect the provisions of the "work or fight" law. This notice follows, as also the list of jobs classed as non-essential:

WORK OR FIGHT

The parish councils of defense have been invested with the power and authority and it is made their special duty to require all municipal and parish authorities to enforce Act No. 139 of the regular session of the general assembly of the year 1918, relative to all able-bodied persons therein referred to regularly or continuously engage in some lawful, useful and recognized business, profession, occupation or employment, and also to carry out the other provisions of said act. And further, to enforce the vagrancy ordinance of the municipal councils in the parish and the police jury; and, further, to enforce all wartime laws, both criminal and civil.

A special session of the parish council of defense has been called by the chairman to meet in the United States court room at 11 a. m., Monday, October 7, for the purpose of putting into effect the above.

It has always been the policy of the St. Landry parish council of defense to seek by every means in its power the avoidance of all drastic action, and it desires to continue to do so. The magnificent response of the people of this parish on the many occasions that the council has appealed to them now leads them to hope that in the present emergency no drastic action will be required. But, unfortunately, there are a few habitual violators of the law and others who shirk their duty and notice is now given to all such persons that the St. Landry council of defense will now proceed strictly without fear or favor to carry out their instructions.

E. M. BOAGNI,
Chairman St. Landry Council of Defense.

The following occupations have been declared non-essential by the state council of defense and by a proclamation to be issued by Governor Pleasant enforcing Act 139 of 1918:

- Drivers of pleasure cars.
- Barber shop attendants.
- Bowling alleys.
- Billiard and pool rooms.
- Bottlers and bottling supplies.
- Sellers of cigars and tobacco.
- Cleaners and dyers.
- Confectioners.
- Delicatessen establishments.
- Dancing academies.
- Fruit stands.
- Pawnbrokers.
- Shoe shine shops.
- Window cleaners.
- Soft drink establishments.
- Soda fountain supplies.
- Saloon employees.
- Club attendants.
- Theatre ushers and ticket sellers.
- Gambling places of all kinds.
- Porters around depots.
- Candy manufacturers.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE HOW ADVERTISING PAYS

Lost Mules Quickly Found by Inserting Small Ad. in The Clarion's Columns

Last week THE CLARION published a letter from the Baton Rouge Business College, telling the fine results they had had by using advertising space in this newspaper.

This week we have another story to tell. Alcest Handy lost a pair of mules. After searching in vain for them through a period of several weeks he almost despaired of finding them. As a final resort he came to this office and inserted a small advertisement, offering a reward for the recovery of the animals. The ad was to be published four times. The mules were reported as having been located after the first publication. This is proof positive of the advertising value of this newspaper. If you are doubtful, give it a trial and watch for quick results.

MIGRATORY BIRDS PROTECTED BY LAW

CAN'T SELL OR PURCHASE CERTAIN KINDS OF FOWL

Others Can Not Legally Be Killed, and the Act Fixes Penalties for Its Violation

Hunters and sportsmen should sit up and take notice of the following principal provisions of the migratory bird treaty act of congress, approved July 3, 1918. Under this act it is illegal:

To sell, offer to sell, purchase, offer to purchase any wild ducks, geese or other migratory game birds taken by a gunner.

To transport, ship or carry in one calendar week a greater number of migratory game birds than may be taken under this Act in two days by one person.

To kill migratory game birds between sunset and a half an hour before sunrise or from a motorboat, sail boat or any other boat under sail.

To kill at any time any of the following migratory birds: Woodcock, swans, gulls, cranes, herons, sandpipers, curlews, plovers (except golden and black-bellied) or any migratory insectivorous birds, including night hawk, kingbird, woodpecker, meadowlark, oriole, swallow, thrushes, robin, etc.

This Act fixes the numbers of migratory game birds that can be taken in one day by one person as follows: Geese, 8; ducks, (except woodcock), 25; coots, gallinules, rails, 25, combined; jacksnipe, 25; doves, 25; plover and yellow legs, 15 combined; woodcock, 6.

This Act fixes the open season in Louisiana as follows:

Geese, ducks (except woodcock), coots, gallinules, rails, jacksnipe, plover, and yellow legs, November 1 to January 31; woodcock, November 1 to December 31; doves, September 16 to December 31. Maximum penalty under this Act is a fine of \$500, or imprisonment for six months, or both fine and imprisonment.

EARLY MORNING FIRE DOES DAMAGE IN RESTAURANT

Durio's Waldorf Suffers from Explosion of Can of Gasoline in Lighting Burner

An early morning fire occurred at the Durio restaurant in this city last Monday. An attendant was endeavoring to light the gasoline burner under the big coffee urn and by some means set fire to the can containing the gasoline with the result that the flames shot up to the ceiling of the room. Outside of a general scorching of the walls and ceiling the material damage was slight as the blaze was quickly extinguished before any serious damage was done.

LAYSON WALKER GETS FIRST NUMBER IN DRAFT LOTTERY

Robert Layson Walker, Jr., living Route 4, just out of the city limits, drew the first number in the big army draft lottery at Washington City the other day. That number was 322 and young Walker, as a recent registrant, held it, and unless placed in a deferred class on account of dependents (which he has) will be in the first call for soldiers.

THE COUNCIL BOOSTS SALARIES OF SEVERAL OF CITY'S OFFICIALS

The Mayor, City Attorney and Police Force Get Substantial Increase of Pay

ACTION FOLLOWED MOTION BY MR. DANIEL OF SECOND WARD

No Opposition Developed and Motion Was Passed Without Dissenting Vote at Regular Monthly Meeting Tuesday

The city council met in regular session Tuesday night and along with the regular run of business, receiving reports, etc., about the principal thing that occurred was a motion made by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, that the salaries of the mayor, city attorney and policemen be increased. The motion evidently did not create a single ripple, judging from the official proceedings, and it was adopted without a single dissenting vote.

Under this motion, Mayor Halphen will henceforth receive twelve hundred dollars a year, which is an increase of two hundred dollars per annum over the former salary. City Attorney Sandox, heretofore paid twenty-five dollars per month, or three hundred per year, was granted a hundred per year increase. The police force, consisting of Messrs. Anselm, Dejean and Holler, are to get one hundred dollars per month, the increase being necessary as each officer has to provide a horse and maintain him at his own expense, and this has added to the burden they have to carry.

The motion states that the increase in salaries for these several officers "shall be payable out of the fines or any available funds not otherwise pledged." No reference is made in the minutes of the meeting regarding an increase in pay for Special Officer Prud'homme who is acting in place of Chief Hayes during the latter's illness.

The increase of pay for all officials, with perhaps one or two exceptions, has now been made, as the superintendent and workmen at the power plant were granted increases some months ago. This was a step in the right direction in view of the increase in pay among all classes and the ever advancing cost of living. One hundred dollars a month now is hardly equivalent to half that sum a few years ago. Common and unskilled labor is earning that much and more in almost every line of industry and the city thought it wise to raise the amount it was paying the city officials.

CLARION'S NEW LINOTYPE WILL SOON BE INSTALLED

Machine Expected to Arrive in Opelousas Next Week and Will be Erected at Once

The Model 14 Linotype, with the extra equipment, ordered by The Clarion about July 10 last, will be here some time next week, or very soon thereafter. There has been some delay in shipment, but part of the machine's equipment has already been received by this office and as soon as the machine arrives it will be erected and put in immediate commission and the old Model 5 will be shipped out, after several years of service.

We will have with this machine complete fonts of 6, 8, 12 and 18 point type, and in addition there will be the auxiliary magazine carrying 24 point head letter. Twenty-four point advertising figures are also a part of the equipment and with the 12 and 14 point advertising figures already on hand this office will be able to handle all big store advertising, posters, etc., where such figures are always used.

The mold disk on the Model 14 carries regularly three molds. The Clarion's new machine will have four molds, an extra one having been ordered. With the universal ejector, which is part of the regular equipment, the operator will be able to set four measures in four bodies and faces without having to get up from his seat to make any changes. This was impossible with the Model 5 with its single magazine, one mold and old-style ejector. In fact, the Model 14 is a marvel and a regular typofoundry in itself, and with it there will be little necessity of any hand type in this office smaller than 24 point.

The Clarion is recognized as being

UNFORTUNATE HOMICIDE AT MELVILLE FIRST OF WEEK

Oscar Williamson Shoots Bud Hudson Six Times and Later Surrenders to the Sheriff

An unfortunate homicide occurred at Melville last Monday evening, just before the Opelousas train left the terminal for this city and Crowley. Bud Hudson was the victim of Oscar Williamson's revolver, six shots being fired and the former dropping dead from the effects of the bullet wounds. It is stated that the shooting was the result of family affairs and that the trouble had been brewing some time between the men. Williamson came to Opelousas immediately and surrendered to the sheriff and is now in the parish jail on the charge of murder and is awaiting the action of the grand jury.

SPANISH INFLUENZA SWEEPING COUNTRY

FOUR THOUSAND CASES ARE REPORTED AT BEAUREGARD

Scattering Cases also Reported in a Number of Louisiana Parishes During the Week

Spanish influenza, the disease said to be similar to the well known malady, gripe, is raging in many places throughout the nation and the number of cases at the various army camps is reported in the thousands. At Camp Beauregard it is said that there are about four thousand cases but the fatalities so far have been surprisingly small. In some of the eastern states and cities the infection amounts almost to an epidemic, but the physicians and authorities have taken a firm hold of the situation and expect to have the disease under control in a very short time.

The weekly morbidity report issued from the United States public health service, New Orleans, under date of September 28, reports that there are cases of the malady in the following parishes, to-wit: Jefferson, 11; Lafayette, 2; Orleans, 1; Rapides, 6; St. John, 1; St. Tammany, 4; Camp Beauregard, 2500. Since that report was issued it is said that cases in other parishes and localities have developed, and Thursday the number at Beauregard had reached the sum total of about four thousand.

—Miss Goldie Kerr left last Sunday for Morrow, La., where she will be engaged in teaching school this session.

OPELOUSAS GINS RUN OVER TIME

OPERATE NIGHTS IN ORDER TO KEEP PACE WITH WORK

Many Wagons Arrive About Midnight in Order to Get Through Early in Day

The two big gins in this city have been running over time since the recent week close down on orders from the federal food administration. These gins not only keep their machinery humming all day but run at nights as well and the exhaust of the big crude oil engines can be heard until a late hour almost every night of the week.

Farmers from the surrounding territory come in with their cotton early in order to get through with the ginning and return home early in the afternoon. Many get here about midnight and almost every morning at about 2 o'clock wagons are rolling through the streets bound towards the two gins. Last Thursday we were talking with a farmer who stated to us that he had arrived here that morning at 2 o'clock and when he drove up to the gin yard there were thirty-seven wagons on the outside awaiting the opening of the gates and others might have been in the enclosure from the night before.

This would indicate that the harvesting of the crop has gone ahead quite rapidly and the farmers are getting the cotton in marketable shape as rapidly as possible, even though they do not sell now but hold for an advance in the price which may come later on.

The best paper in St. Landry—best in appearance and best in everything. If this was possible with the old Model 5 linotype, just watch it when the Model 14 is installed.

ANOTHER ADVANCE SCORED IN PRICE OF WHITE PAPER

Wisdom in The Clarion's Move in Raising Subscription is Now Apparent

TAKES ANOTHER JUMP OF CENT PER POUND THIS WEEK

More Than Hundred Per Cent Advance Recorded in Last Couple of Years and the End May Not Yet be in Sight

Paper used by The Clarion took another sharp advance this week and this fact alone justifying the recent advance in the price of subscription, which went into effect last Tuesday. The jump in price of paper came as a distinct shock, but we ought to be accustomed to these advances for they have been occurring all along the line, not only in everything the printer uses, but in everything used by the general run of mankind.

The advanced recorded in the price of paper the first of the week is one cent per pound. Not such an awful jump on the surface, but when one considers that these jumps have been taking place off and on for a long time this further burden of cost adds just that much more to the load the newspaper publisher has to carry. White paper has been steadily advancing for several years—ever since the war—and the end may not yet be in sight, though all publishers are already groaning under the expense and praying that "the worst is not yet to come," but already over and the reaction soon to follow.

First grade news print—the kind The Clarion uses—has gone up more than one hundred per cent and when it is considered that there is always more or less of a shipment damaged in transit, the average man of intelligence can figure that a newspaper's circulation is not profit by a long sight. In fact, the average newspaper loses money on its circulation and the publisher is always satisfied if he breaks even on that end of the business. This was true when paper sold for more than half less than the present price. You can imagine what it is under prevailing cost. This is a fact the general public has never allowed to filter through its brain, many readers thinking, erroneously of course, that the more copies of the paper sold the more money the publisher makes. There is nothing in that argument. When a circulation reaches a certain point in numbers, unless there is a corresponding increase in advertising patronage and advertising rates, financial loss is bound to follow.

The Clarion has already noted, in previous issues, other increased expenses the newspaper publisher has to face now. Mail rates have increased; light and power have also taken a jump; gasoline, oil, ink and the dozen and one incidentals, have kept pace with the upward march of prices. They are one and all factors in the making of a newspaper and no matter what they cost the publisher has to face the music and come across with more money from his gross receipts. In the long run, as everyone knows, the public must "pay the freight," and if they don't do it, the newspaper must go out of business. The publisher sells nothing but subscriptions and advertising space—he has nothing else to offer the public. That is his stock in trade, and if he fails to secure an adequate revenue from these sources he must perforce quit the publishing business. The idea that a publisher is in business "just for glory" was exploded long ago. He is a business man, just like the banker, the baker, the merchant and others, and while he does do a lot of things for "nothing and for glory," still he has to live just the same as others who labor.

E. V. DUPECHAIN STARTS PORT BARRE MOTOR TRANSFER

E. V. Dupelchain announces that he has started the Port Barre motor car transfer, with headquarters at the Fricco depot in that village. Mr. Dupelchain is a sterling young man, and thoroughly reliable, and intends at all times to give his patrons the best service possible. If you need his services, ring him up at the railroad depot above named.