RENCH OFFICER SPEAKS PATRIOTISM IN EVANGELINE

adies and Gentlemen:

I salute not only as an Ally but om the botom of my heart, as a rother, L'Ille and Vilaine being my ative country, and as such, permit e to address myself directly to the ure patriotism which characterizes ur race.

You know the sad hours through hich we are now going; I say we, r although standing beneath baners of different colors, our thoughts mbrace the same honest and pure rinciples and form but one, battling gether under the same emblem, for e sacred ideal, characterized by e word, "Slavery or Liberty."

Ladies and gentlemen, perhaps ou do not exactly understand the tuation; but know this, that at this our that I am speaking to you canons roar and the battle rages terbly upon our heads and you men, esponsible before God for the homes e has given you, are under the ablute obligation of listening to me ery attentively.

Do you wish, or not, to keep your berties, or to become the servile laves of an abject race? Do you ish to enter into an existence simar to that destroyed by your illusrious Lincoln? No, your hearts reolt at the idea of chains and whips nd in community with mine your ouls cry out Death rather. Yes, if ecessary, Death, made glorious on e battlefield, even hidden by the hadow of the combatants!

Fathers of family, 'tis well! But hat Death no one asks you. Milions of young and brave hearts ave risen in one leap at the call of eir country so that you may be ble to remain near your children as efore, direct your homes, your work, our cultivation, and these brave young men knowing that should this abject race conquer a Peace based on hatred would result. They departed happy and enthusiastic, strong in their conviction and their hearts filled with hopes, legitimate hope, for they seek it in the sacred folds of the Stars and Stripes.

But, fathers of family, if for you there is no question of giving your life, there is an imperious duty from which you can't back out without making yourselves responsible to God and your co-citizens for the lot of the Allied nations and you must help these young ones who have gone, and sacrifice a few cents to give a few sweets to those who, perhaps, will never return! I say sacrifice a few cents, that is not exact. Your government doesn't even ask you to make the sacrifice, which would be very light, but tells you through me, a remunerative interest on your "lend me a few cents. I beg you, but lend them in a hurry; I will give you money; I, big and rich Nation; I guarantee it."

Then, ladies and gentlemen, how can you refuse? Oh, I see, you say to yourself I would like to do it but I can't do it right away. Ladies and gentlemen, the government seeing to this tells you to subscribe and you will pay in reasonable delay and in a manner possible to the most humble.

This terrible war is not a joke. It is not the one we used to play at when children. Oh, no, far from us that thought; it is war with all its horrors; it is the battle against the Huns, more than barbarous warring against us and, I add, who began this war without rhyme or reason, but as a tiger, to see blood flowing, wallow in it, and with but one object, dominate the weak?

Oh, these bandits cry, "Woe to the Conquered!" But far from saying it with the magnanimity of Caesar, they yell it with hatred and rage, which overflow from all the pores of that nation, born to rob the small, pillage those who possess, assassinate the women and childres, lie again and always, veen on ruins.

Here, valiant people, rise up, be conscious of your duty, open liberal your purse; what will your dollars serve you if in time your house is ransacked, your field pillaged, your wife maltreated and then assassinated, your children destroyed and you or dead or a slave?

You smile perhaps and you find my words exaggerated because America is far from the theatre of hostilities. People, take care, your judgment would be in grave error and very audacious. No one knows what to-morrow will be and, if through me, you are told to lend your money-economize, be careful of useless liberalities, it is not for the pleasure of worrying your homes, people, believe me.

We want your life to be quiet as soon as possible; we want to see things return to their noraml state and especially do we want to see that our boys return conquerors as soon as possible to their homes.

To that end, ladies and gentlemen, your little subscription silicited from you will contribute. Iknow it and I come here to compliment you. A sacred union has made you rush up to the first appeal; you have made a magnificent effort of your own free will, guided by the same impulse of mind; the amount actually subscribed is an accomplished fact to your honor and the country is rgateful to you and by my voice thanks you. But permit me to ask you to make just one more little effort, perhaps the last, and I know it, I see it, you who listen to me are in a few moments going to complete the work so well begun.

Know it well, your contribution, as small as it may be, will be most welcome; your dear children will reap directly the benefits. It is for them alone that it is requested and, who knows, if the little medicinal drop or the warm quilt, or the steel helmet which they wear will not have contributed to save some day the life of your child?

Therefore, my dear friends, the time for action has come, so that in the very near future the banner of liberty and our conquered rights to live may float again majestically, as a living defiance to those criminal people who have created such disorder and desolation.

My honored collaborator, Mr. Wm. J. Formento, of New Orleans, although cripple, has come way here by his presence that no consideration in all this heat and dust, to show you of exemption can be admitted to prevent you from doing your duty and by that fact alone to prove to each one of you that with a strong will and energy, big or little, strong or weak, can help the country.—The Ville Platte Gazette.

(OFFICIAL)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MELVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Melville, La., July 2, 1918.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session. Present—L. H. Lyons, Mayor, presiding; Aldermen Gus Rosenberg, J. W. Schoonmaker, W. T. Smith, Thomas Capps, R. H. Jones, Jr.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved as read. The following reports were read and approved and ordered filed:

REPORT OF MARSHAL O. E. HAMILTON FOR JUNE, 1918

Dan Williams ..... fined $2.50; cost	$1.00

REPORT OF W. J. COFFREE FOR JUNE, 1918

For services collected	$128.68
For materials collected	8.89
Total	$137.57

REPORT OF R. H. JONES, JR., FOR JUNE, 1918

Not any.

REPORT OF J. W. HEAP, TREASURER, FOR JUNE, 1918

June 4, 1918, balance in bank		$1571.48	
Rec'd from W. J. Coffree		137.57	
Vouchers paid, 1598, 1616 to 1635, inc.		$530.87	
Bal. in gen. fund	$125.94		
Bal. in imp. fund	447.45		
Bal. in M. E. L. S. fund	116.98		
Bal. in S. E. L. tax fund	461.10		
Bal. in sundry acct.	4.68		
Bal. in street and bdge. fund	21.05		
Bal. in petty cash account	.98		
Bal. in bank		1178.18	
		$1709.05	1709.05

The following bills were read and ordered paid:

O. E. Hamilton, marshal, for June	$ 63.85
R. H. Jones, Jr., for June	2.50
W. T. Smith, street commissioner, for June	5.00
Carl Rosenberg, night engineer, for June	60.00
W. J. Coffree, superintendent, for June	111.80
W. A. White, Jr., repairing ramp	50.00
Gus Rosenberg, material for bridges	3.25
H. S. Joseph, for June	2.50
Interstate Electric Co., for June	64.57

Moved by Smith and seconded by Rosenberg and carried, that bill of M. E. L. S. be paid as soon as funds are available.

Moved by Smith and seconded by Rosenberg and carried, that the bill of H. Bodemuller be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Board, and a committee be appointed to take up this matter. Committee—W. T. Smith.

Moved by Smith and seconded by R. H. Jones,Jr., and carried, that the mayor be authorized to purchase a carload of oil.

Moved by Smith and seconded by Schoonmaker and carried, that the clerk be instructed to post proceedings of the Board of Aldermen in three (3) conspicuous places.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Jones and carried, that the Mayor be authorized to have pump house moved up to the light plant lot for the purpose of storing chemical fire engine.

Moved by Smith, seconded bp Schoonmaker and carried, that the Mayor be authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the sidewalks and be empowered with authority to take whatever steps necessary. Committee—Smith, Schoonmaker, Rosenberg.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Schoonmaker, that the following ordinance be passed:

AN ORDINANCE NO. 71

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to contract a loan of One Thousand Dollars $(1,000.00) from the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Melville, La., for the purpose of paying salaries and other general expenses; and providing for the payment of same by anticipating the excess of the town's revenues, over and above the necessary, usual and statutory charges.

Section 1.—Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Melville, That in view of the pressing necessity for sufficient funds to pay salaries and other necessary expenses until the 1918 taxes become due and are sufficiently paid to the said municipality, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow from the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Melville the sum of One Thousand ($1,000.00) Dollars, and to represent which he is further authorized to execute by and on behalf of the Town of Melville a promissory note in favor of said bank, payable January 15, 1919, bearing eight per cent per annum interest from maturity until paid, and to contain other usual clauses.

Section 2—Be it further ordained, etc., That in order to secure the payment of said note, in principal and interest and attorney's fees, there is hereby dedicated, attributed and set apart all of the excess revenues of the municipality of Melville over and above the usual, customary and statutory charges of said municipality, such excess being as per budget of the year 1917, and which is hereby fixed as the basis of the anticipation and dedication, the sum of ($1,335.94) One Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Five Dollars and Ninety-four Cents.

Section 3.—Be it further ordained, etc., That for good and sufficient cause this ordnance shall take effect immediately after its passage.

Adopted July 2, A. D., 1918.

Yeas—Smith, Schoonmaker, Rosenberg, Capps and Jones. Nays—none.

LYMAN. H. LYONS, Mayor.

Attest—R. H. JONES, JR., Clerk.

A RESOLUTION

Opening up the Streets and Alleys in the Town of Melville.

Section 1—Be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Melville, in regular session convened, That all streets and alleys which were temporarily permitted closed for the purpose of truck farming on lots abutting thereto, or which were otherwise closed without permit, are hereby ordered opened as soon as the present crops are harvested therefrom.

Section 2—Be it further resolved, etc., That this resolution shall go into effect from and after its promulgation, according to law.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Rosenberg and carried, that the resolution just read be adopted.

Yeas—Smith, Rosenberg, Capps, Schoonmaker, Jones. Nays—None.

L. H. LYONS, Mayor.

Attest—R. H. JONES, JR., Clerk.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Rosenberg and carried, thatthe Board do now adjourn.

L. H. LYONS, Mayor.

Attest—R. H. JONES, JR., Clerk.

MR. OVERTON HAD A FAIR AUDIENCE

ALEXANDRIA CANDIDATE SHOWS HE IS AN ORATOR

Presents His Claims for Senatorship to People of Opelousas and Vicinity

Hon. John H. Ovrrton of Alexandria, candidate for United States senator, Broussard succession, arrived in Opelousas Friday of last week to fill his pre-advertised speaking engagement here.

The Overton meeting was held on court square, the band pavilion being the speaker's rostrum. Mr. Overton was in fine form and plainly showed that his reputation as an orator was well earned. He speaks clearly, distinctly and an audience catches every word he utters. The audience which greeted him here was not very large, as Opelousas audiences usually are judged, but he was given respectful attention while he presented his candidacy and, incidentally, paid his respects to his opponents and particularly to the New Orleans organization.

The speaker was introduced to the assemblage by Mayor Halphen and without further preliminaries the Rapides man launched into his oration, telling the audience the many reasons why he should be the party nominee for the seat left vacant by Bob Broussard's death. Following his address here, Mr. Overton left for other parts to continue his speaking tour.

JONSE-MORNHINVEG

Married, last Tuesday afternoon, in the parlors of the St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, Mr. M. C. Jones to Miss Ethel Mornhinveg, Judge Landry officiating. Following the ceremony the couple left for San Antonio, Texas, where the honeymoon will be spent and later they will go to Denver, Col. The bride is the daughter of Mr. John Mornhinveg of this city and numbers her friends by the score. The Clarion extends its congratulations to the happy pair.

TODAY BEGINS REGISTRATION

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gin the registration of all citizens of St. Landry. Under this registration all heads of families, male or female, white or colored, must register. The head of a family registers the whole family. The ladies who are the heads of families register the same as the men, but ladies residing with their parents are registered by the parents. Polls will be opened all over the parish at the usual voting precincts and every one should go and register, it is their duty and their interest to do so. It is a measure asked for by our leaders. It is deemed necessary for the national safety.

"On Tuesday morning of the present week, eighty-four of St. Landry's young men left on the Southern Pacific for training camps. Up to now it is reckoned that all together St. Landry has over fifteen hundred young men who have responded to the call of the flag. As each week passes by more and more are called. Many are already at the front. These boys must be taken care of, they must be supplied with all necessary food, clothing, arms and ammunition. Thi the government is trying its utmost to do but it needs the cooperation of everyone to carry out the huge task. Not only is money needed but material of ever ykind. Our transportation lines and factories are crowded beyond their utmost capality. A scarcity of many stable products exist. The only way to get the situation effectively in hand is by cooperation, by systematising, by placing in the hands of the government data necessary for them to be able to make available our different resources and one of the measures most necessary to get at this is the present registration.

"Whether or not there is a statutory penalty for failure to register, whether or not the registration will be used as a basis on which to distribute food does not appear to us as a proper view point from which to respond to the call of the government to register. From our point of view it is all sufficient that the registration is deemed necessary by the government. With us any measure that our leaders deem necessary to protect our boys over there or in the camps, to supply them with the things needed is reason enough and we can not picture any man or woman worthy of the name of American citizens who can selfishly refuse to assist in carrying out this necessary measure. Here at home in peace and comfort to refuse to assist in carrying out a measure which will contribute to the safety and comfort of the heroes who are battling and dying for us is in our opinion an unspeakable crime. A thing that whether punishable or not by statutory penalty should be punishable by ostracization of the slacker who puts his selfishness above the general good.

"We are glad to hear from every section of the parish a general report that the people will turn out almost to a man to register. Good old St. Landry has gone over the top in everything and we have not the slightest doubt that in the registration the old parish will follow her usual enviable record."

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IMPORTANT ROADS ARE ESSENTIAL TO WAR

NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL ISSUES LATE BULLETIN

Encourages Construction Such Highways as Will Aid Nation in Winning the War

The national defense council has issued an important bulletin on road construction and copies of this bulletin are being sent out broadcast by the defense councils of the various states. The bulletin in question is numbered 48 and is entitled "Road Constructon Policies Urged by Defense Council," and reads in full as follows:

"The council of national defense has transmitted to the state councils of defense a letter from the secretary of agriculture defining the attitude and policies toward road construction and maintenance of the federal agencies dealing with this problem. Fully recognizing the vital military and economic importance of the highways of the country, the council has emphasized certain important policies set forth therein and urged the state councils to co-operate with the state highway departments to the end that consideration be given to the following in connection with all road construction and maintenance:

"1—All plans for road construction and maintenance should be viewed in the light of war conditions, and expenditure of labor and material should be directed only by those roads which are of prime importance for economic and military purposes.

"2—It is desirable to avoid offering to the market issues of bonds which are not urgent from the point of view of aiding the nation in winning the war.

3"—As far as practicable, importat highways already constructed should be maintained, and only those should be constructed and completed which are of vital importance because of their bearing on the war situation. These may be summarized as follows:

"A—Those which are utilized or will be utilized by the military establishment.

"B—Those which carry considerable volume of material and supplies essential to war industries.

"C—Those which have a bearing on the production and distribution of food supplies, connecting population and shipping centers with surrounding agricultural areas.

"D—It is especially desirable to use wherever possible local road materials in order to simplify the rail transportation problem."

SUPPORTING HALL

New Iberia Enterprise:

"In our declaration of support of Hon. L. E. Hall for the United States Senate, we wish to assure our readers that we have only done so after mature thought; particularly as it concerns the welfare of Looisiana and the Third District. Never before in the history of Louisiana were better laws enacted for the benefit of labor than during his administration. His splendid fight against the sugar trust is a most worthy achievement of his. In order to relieve the sugar interest of Louisiana of the many injustices imposed upon it by the sugar trust he called the Legislature in extra session and had enacted such laws as woud insure them immediate relief. The sugar interest of the Third District should be grateful to Governor Hall and should, for the reason of his friendship for them, use every means within their power to elect him to the United States Senate."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the kind friends and neighbors who stood so nobly by us during the illness and death of our wife and mother. We can never forget theis kind ministrations to her and each and every one will always hold a warm place in cur hearts.

F. C. DEVILLIERS AND FAMILY.

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PROGRAM

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FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 29

MONDAY—William Fox presents Gladys Brockwell, with an all-star cast, in "HER ONE MISTAKE," a highly dramatic story of the unwritten law. Also, Charlie Chaplin, in "THE CURE," a whirlwind comedy in two parts. Also, Pathe News, news from France and everywhere. Admission, 5, 10 and 20 cents.

TUESDAY—Metro presents Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, in "WITH NEATNESS AND DISPATCH," a drama of high life. The Moving Picture World says this picture ranks one hundred per cent for entertainment value. Also, Pictograph. Admission, 5, 10 and 15 cents.

WEDNESDAY—Select Pictures present Alice Brady, in her great sensation, "AT THE MERCY OF MEN," six parts. As Vera Soureff, the Russian bride, Miss Brady attains the zenith of her career. This is a vivid photoplay drama of the chaotic days in Russia before the revolution. Also, Universal News. Admission, 5, 10 and 20 cents.

THURSDAY—Adolph Zukor presents Sessue Hayakawa, in "HASHIMURA TOGO," the story of the famous Japanese schoolboy in America. Adapted from Wallace Irwin's most famous story. Don't let anything cause you to miss this one. Also, Mutual Screen Telegram—the news reel with news from everywhere. Admission, 5, 10 and 15 cents.

FRIDAY—Vitagraph presents Harry Morey and beautiful Betty Blythe, in "TANGLED LIVES," a powerful drama of love and the stern hand of retribution, adapted from the famous novel by James Oliver Curwood. Also, Sennett's latest comedy. Admission, 5, 10 and 20 cents.

SATURDAY—Maurice Tourneur presents Marguerite Clark, in "PRUNELLA," a quaint and charming "love in a dutch garden" story of Pierrot who falls in love with Prunella, elopes with her from her strict home where she lives, deserts her, finds he can't live without her and returns to her old home whither after a few years she also comes. This is one of the rare kind of pictures that you can't afford to miss. On the stage it held New York enthralled. On the screen, it will startle and delight you. Also, Fox comedy. Added attraction, Mutt and Jeff. Admission, 5, 10 and 20 cents.

SUNDAY—Paramount Pictures present Mme. Lina Cavalieri, in "LOVE'S CONQUEST," adapted from Victorien Sardou's famous novel, "Gismonda." If you can't go to the Metropolitan Opera House in New York to hear Lena Cavalieri, the next best thing is to see the world famous prima donna in this gripping story of the duchess who weds a pauper. "Positively one of the biggest film sensations of the year," says the Moving Picture World. Also, Lloyd Comedy. Admission, 5, 10 and 20 cents.

COMING NEXT WEEK—Monday, George Walsh, in "Brave and Bold;" William S. Hart, in "Selfish Yates;" Friday, "One Thousand Dollars," O. Henry's story, with Edward Earle.

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