

DOPE BILL HAS CLEAR TRACK

Vare-Whitaker Measure Reported to House With Favorable Recommendation TO BE RUSHED THROUGH

Proposed Drastic Statute Has General Support in Legislature

HARRISBURG, May 16.—The Public Health and Sanitation Committee of the House today reported with a favorable recommendation, the Vare-Whitaker anti-dope bill, and the measure will now be rushed through the Legislature, with the support of a large majority of members.

Only three members of the Public Health and Sanitation Committee voted against reporting the measure out. They were Representative Campbell, of Philadelphia, a druggist; Ulrich, of Lebanon, a physician, and Smith, of Northampton, a druggist.

The meeting was called especially to report out the bill. The subcommittee, which was appointed yesterday to whip the measure into its final shape, reported the bill to the general committee with a favorable recommendation, and the general committee, after listening only to the protests of the three who voted against it, sent the bill to the House for action. It will be on first reading calendar tomorrow and should pass finally next week. It already has passed the Senate and only has to be sent back to that body for concurrence in the amendments.

The Vare-Whitaker bill stringently regulates the narcotic drug traffic. It includes opium or coca leaves or any compound or derivative of any substance or preparation containing opium or coca except medicines that market them.

The amount of "dope" in these medicines, which the bill prohibits to be sold without the prescription of a physician, dentist or veterinarian, is limited to two grains of opium or one-fourth of a grain of morphine or one-eighth of a grain of heroin or one grain of cocaine, or any salt or derivative of them, in any one fluid ounce or one avoirdupois ounce.

The bill exempts the persons dealing in narcotics from the provisions of the proposed act so far as possession or selling is concerned. It prohibits any one using, taking or administering "dope" except under the advice and supervision of a physician or dentist. It further requires that any one purchasing "dope" can do so only upon the prescription or written order from a physician, dentist or veterinarian. The purchaser must sign the order, and the druggist or pharmacist selling the drug must preserve the order for two years. If the order is from a veterinarian, the purchaser must give his address and write over his signature what animal it is for.

The measure provides that physicians and dentists cannot prescribe for any person known to be a habitual user, except when a physician undertakes to cure an addict. Then he must send his diagnosis of the case to the State Department of Health and make regular reports to the department of the progress of his patient.

Any one obtaining a prescription for "dope" must undergo a physical examination. The physicians making these examinations are prohibited from divulging any information except to the health authorities under penalty of a fine of \$100 or imprisonment for one year or both.

The measure amends the treatment of habitual users in public hospitals, sanitariums, poorhouses, prisons or public institutions. The burden of proof for exemption is placed upon the user.

A bureau to enforce the act is created in the Department of Health.

GUARD TO BE PUT AT WAR STRENGTH Militia Apportionment Among States Aggregates 424,800 Men

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The Militia Bureau of the War Department today completed the apportionment by States of national guard units necessary to bring the State troops up to the maximum war strength of 424,800 men, authorized in the national defense act. Pennsylvania's allotment is 29,400 and 1000 for naval militia.

ANIMATED BARREL OF LINSEED OIL STRS SOUTH STREET INTO CONFUSION

Rolling Off Wagon, It Passes Over Driver and, Emptying Contents, It Brings Ten Worshipers of Bacchus to Scene—Result: Fire and Explosion

This is the story of an animated barrel of linseed oil that suddenly developed a fondness for traveling—and did travel, much to the grief of its owners and to others, including the fire department.

The owner of the barrel in Thomas McKenna's store, 1200 South Street, Linseed oil is expensive these days, having climbed skyward with other necessities of life, and McKenna placed the barrel in his wagon with more than usual care today.

Residents in that vicinity didn't appear to have a very good opinion of the morals of the barrel, for the word was passed around that a hoghead full of perfectly good whiskey had been spilled into the gutter. Ten nondescript of the slums hurried to the scene. Like devout Mohammedans paying tribute to Allah, they kneeled with heads and flats of hands on the pavement.

The barrel rolled merrily along its stomach. In about ten minutes in the vicinity. An ambulance, with clanging bell, arrived to take McKenna to the Pennsylvania Hospital, and engines, fire trucks and hose carts came clanging from every direction to put out the fire that swept over the asphalt like a blaze on a Kansas prairie.

BILLS WOULD STOP INSURANCE STEALS Measure in Committee Aims at Dealers in Worthless Stocks

FRATERNITIES AFFECTED O'Neil Discusses Proposed Law Making All Benefit Orders Subject to Inspection

If the "blue sky bill" now in Committee on Banks and Banking becomes a law, Pennsylvania will become an unprofitable field for the promoters of stock jobbing schemes.

In a statement issued at Harrisburg today, J. Denny O'Neil, State insurance commissioner, asserts that the proposed law will safeguard the public from worthless stock promoters and contribute much to the protection of life insurance concerns.

This law provides that no domestic or foreign corporation may issue or sell stock within this State until the stock has been approved by the State bank commissioner.

Insurance companies and insurance holding companies, said O'Neil, "have been fruitful fields for irresponsible promoters, but the proposed law will put an end to the scheme which led persons to purchase their worthless stocks."

To prevent another insurance crash similar to the recent wrecking of the Pittsburgh Life and Trust Company, O'Neil has introduced a bill which provides that the control of an insurance company cannot be transferred without first obtaining the consent of the insurance department.

It was through the transfer of the Pittsburgh concern that its wrecking was accomplished, and O'Neil is determined that there shall be no repetition of that wreck.

WHEAT GAMBLERS FACE FURTHER BAN

Restrictions May Continue Until July Yield Has Been Marketed

"BLOW DEALT HYSTERIA" Trade Board Head Declares There Is Plenty of Grain for U. S.

CHICAGO, May 16.—The restriction of wheat gambling may continue until the entire July wheat crop is marketed, it was indicated today by Joseph P. Griffin, president of the Chicago Board of Trade.

The action of representatives of six of the largest grain exchanges of the country in setting a maximum price for July and September wheat "until further notice" was accepted by big dealers and millers as having "killed the speculators and dealt a heavy blow to a deathblow." Restrictions on May corn and oats also were extended indefinitely.

In a formal statement Griffin referred to the board's action as "declaring martial law" in grain trading.

"The problem has been solved; the cure found," he said. "There isn't any famine in anything; we have enough wheat and can spare some to the Allies."

"Our so-called 'experts' have intimidated governments all over the world. Most of the figures and figures are liars. Farmers are loosening up; they've got the grain—if we could only get better service from the railroads."

FOR CONFERENCE It was officially announced, however, that the committee was to confer and cooperate with Government officials and the committee of grain exchanges in aiding the "Council of National Defense."

High flour prices resulting from the unprecedented wheat situation are having their effect on bread. The Sloan Baking Company, one of the largest concerns in the city, closed its plant today, announcing that it was losing money on the present ten and fifteen cent loaves.

Delegates from all States are arriving for the special convention of the National Association of Master Bakers. It is believed they will declare for Federal control of wheat and flour supplies.

HOUSING NEEDS GREATER AS EFFECT OF WAR New Dangers of Congestion Pointed Out at Annual Meeting of City Club

New dangers war has brought to Philadelphia were itemized this afternoon by John Hilder, secretary of the Housing Association, at the organization's annual meeting in the City Club.

More than \$6,000,000, he declared, will be saved by the United States because of lessons learned from Europe's experience. Of this amount, according to the estimate, more than one-half represents saving through Europe's example in internal policy.

Some of the war-made conditions found in the city by Mr. Hilder are these: More families are living in a single room than ever before.

More families are taking in lodgers, thus breaking up the unity of home life.

than ever before in sanitary and housing conditions. "Letting down of standards is particularly dangerous at this time," said Mr. Hilder, "because other conditions render us more susceptible to the effects of an unfavorable environment. We must now guard our health and strength as never before, for the demands upon our strength are increasing and will continue to increase."

Trolley Car Target for Bullets LANCASTER, Pa., May 16.—A trolley car from Rocky Springs Park was fired into near the city limits last night by a person using a rifle, the bullet smashing a window. Few passengers were on the car, and nobody was injured. Recently a stone was thrown into a Marietta avenue trolley car, injuring a motorman.

THAW WILL GO TO INSANE ASYLUM IN PHILADELPHIA

Judge Martin Signs Decree Demanded in Petition Filed by Counsel for Slayer's Mother

Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, will be confined in the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane (Kirkbride's), West Philadelphia, under a decree signed this afternoon by President Judge Martin, of Court of Common Pleas No. 5.

The decree authorizes Thaw's removal from St. Mary's Hospital, in which he has been a patient since he tried to kill himself in this city several months ago. The suicide attempt was made to escape arrest when he was accused of slaying Frederick Gump, a western boy, in the Hotel McAlpin, New York city.

The court's action was based on a petition filed by Former Judge James Gay Gordon, counsel for Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, Harry Thaw's mother. Mr. Gordon also was appointed one of a committee in charge of Thaw's person when he was adjudged a lunatic on April 13.

It is recited in the petition that Governor Brunbaugh, one week ago, returned legislation from Governor Whitman, for Thaw's surrender to New York.



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HOUSE MAY FAVOR SELF-CENSORSHIP

Congressmen Indorse Proposal to Let News Services Exercise Judgment

KANSAS APPROVES PLAN WASHINGTON, May 16.—A suggestion in Capitol circles of a voluntary news censorship, to be self-imposed by press associations, met with hearty approval among Congressmen today.

A member suggested that press associations run extensions of their leased wires into the State, War and Navy Building, and the representatives of the associations decide upon all doubtful stories. Individual newspapers with special leased wires, it was added, of course, would do the same.

This, it was pointed out, would avoid a political censorship, feared by newspapers and the public since the establishment of the Administration's news bureau and the closing of all news sources at the State Department by Secretary Lansing.

"The plan is practical and would be far superior to the sort of censorship proposed by the Administration," said Representative Anthony, of Kansas, a newspaper publisher. "The idea on which the Administration started—to establish an arbitrary censorship in violation of any confidence or breach of faith—is laudible, wrong. I think the suggestion ought to be adopted."

The more I think about the censorship provisions in the so-called espionage bill," said Representative Knapp (Iowa), who voted against the censorship, "the less I think of it. The establishment of an arbitrary censorship that evidently will not let the public in on the news of its armies is not pleasant to consider."

"I believe such a censorship as is proposed, handled by capable men, who not only know news that might be valuable to an enemy, but also know news that might be valuable to the public, would be much better for the country."

COMMITTEE CONSIDERS STREETS IN NORTHEAST

Widening of Delaware Avenue to Improve Transportation Facilities Most Important Question

Plans for widening several important streets in the northeastern section of the city were discussed this afternoon by Council's Committee on Streets.

One bill, introduced in Council at the request of Director of Public Works Fatsman, provides for revising the lines and grades of Delaware avenue between Westmoreland and Broad streets, and for extending the avenue, on the city plan, from Westmoreland to Richmond street. This measure is on a line with the project of widening Delaware avenue its entire length to 120 feet.

Another bill considered provides for widening Richmond street between Cumberland street and Allegheny avenue. The new width varies with a maximum of 195 feet. All the changes have been proposed with a view to affording improved transportation facilities near the riverfront.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

DEATHS DE BAULES—May 15, SARAH J. (nee Carr), wife of Michael De Baules, aged 59. Relatives and friends are invited to funeral services, Friday, at 2 P. M., at St. Ignace Church, 12th and Locust streets. Interment, St. Ignace cemetery.

SPIELBERGER—May 15, JACQY J., wife of J. M. Spielberger, Relatives and friends are invited to funeral services, Friday, at 12 P. M., at 1708 Market St. Interment, at Sellersville, Omit flowers.

COPPER—May 15, WILLIAM E., husband of Blanche E. Copper, Relatives and friends are invited to funeral services, Friday, at 2 P. M., at 307 Chestnut St. Interment, at St. Ignace cemetery. Omit flowers.

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STENOGRAPHER—Manufacturing house, capable and reliable. P 112, Ledger Office.

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Interpreter in City Hall Dies Anthony Amodei, an interpreter in City Hall for many years, died suddenly yesterday at his home, 724 Fulton street, of pneumonia. Mr. Amodei, who never officially connected with the local courts, was called upon continually to interpret in the Marriage License Bureau and the Orphans' Court. He was forty years old and is survived by a widow and eight children. No notice has yet been given for the funeral.

Mexico and Japan in "Medical" Pact WASHINGTON, May 16.—A "medical" pact was made between Mexico and Japan.