

WASHING, NOV. 27.—H. E. Figg, special assistant United States district attorney, is endeavoring to reorganize the old food administration.

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LEGAL PROCESSES USELESS

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Washington, Nov. 27.—H. E. Figg, special assistant United States district attorney, is endeavoring to reorganize the old food administration.

A close study has been made of the presidential proclamation calling into existence the food administration, with Herbert Hoover at its head, which followed the passage of the Lever act on August 10, 1917.

In the meantime the appointment of a federal food administrator for Pennsylvania by Governor Spruell has been made.

It is not possible that under present circumstances a committee of this kind can be organized in any county in the state.

The committee performed its work in a thoroughly satisfactory manner and was discontinued by proclamation.

The necessity for a committee of this kind was the inspiration. Now that the war is ended and the crisis past, there is no longer any need for it.

Heavy Expense Involved
One exceedingly important fact has been overlooked by Washington in its matter of these fair-price committees.

The success of their work depends on the publicity given to their lists. Without publicity the committees are useless.

They were represented by committees which they are not. Attorney General Palmer's remedy would fail.

For example, by measured estimates, donated in the interest of food conservation more than \$500,000 of space to the administration.

Lists, decisions, rulings and food matters during the war. This was in addition to tens of thousands of dollars in expenses.

Legal Process Useless
Presupposing realities, such as enumerated above, had been overcome, what would be the status of the retailer who would decline to recognize the committee's fair-price list?

There is no power to compel him to accept it, or even if he did, nominally, he could increase his prices to any amount and plead justification because of unusual overhead expenses.

The entire situation is enveloped in perplexity. The law is inoperative and legal processes are virtually useless.

If Special Assistant District Attorney Figg can succeed in reorganizing the section of the old food administration, I predict that its members will prove indifferent and indisposed to act, as is already the case with large numbers of those who have been appointed to do so.

While remedial measures of some kind may ultimately be discovered, they could be successfully operated only in the large cities. The country districts and smaller towns would still continue to suffer from the rural profiteer.

LEIB AGAIN TALS TO HALT HIS TRIAL

Judge Johnson Overrules Motion by Attorney for Former State Official

FOUR CHARGES OF FRAUD

Counsel for William S. Leib, former state official and Schuylkill county judge, made a further motion to halt prosecution today when his trial started before Judge Johnson, of Union county, substituting in Quarter Sessions Court, Philadelphia, a motion for an adjournment to allow the trial to be held in the city.

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Motion for Delay Overruled
William A. Carr, who, with former Judge John E. Whelan, of Pottsville, representing Leib, made the move today to delay prosecution, demanding the scheduling of a jury.

James D. Evans, of Cuyahoga, view president of the Merchants and Evans Co., who was the first witness called by the commonwealth, was on the stand, Assistant District Attorney Maurer, trying the case, questioned him.

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AGED MAN HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

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JAMES IS ARRESTED! WHY? AH! THAT IS THE SECRET!

Mr. Michaels Smoked in Bed—The Bed Caught Fire—James Lost Forty Winks and \$12, but Got Punch in Jaw

James Michaels, twenty-one years old, is under bond to appear for a further hearing at the Eleventh and Winter streets and he is not to be released until he has paid \$12.00.

When James Michaels was smoking before sunrise today in his bed, he hurried away his lighted butt, and it fell beside his bed in the Prince Edward suite, of Henry's Hotel, 101 North Ninth street.

There was a scuffle among the spectators. When James reached his room he found the police and Cutler had broken in. Instead of saving him, it is asserted, Cutler called him a "dorn fool" for burning the bed and hit him on the jaw.

City Hall Changes Hinted by Moore
The Mayor-elect would apply to the Civil Service Commission they would save time. I notice that the Civil Service Commission is giving letters to those who apply; that there are vacancies in the Bureau of Surveys and elsewhere, and one place in the Water Bureau at \$2500 a year.

MRS. BRISTOL WORSE
Philadelphia, Victim of Peculiar Case in Baltimore, Gravely Ill
Mrs. Katherine Bristol, of this city, who became ill and was bled after drinking a liquid in the apartment of John Kelly, a Baltimore manufacturer, is reported in a serious condition in the Johns Hopkins Hospital in that city.

Denies Rift With Smyth
Mr. Moore was asked if the Smyth statement on Cortelyou had displeased him. "I do not know what Mr. Smyth said," he replied. "If he spoke about Mr. Cortelyou, he was probably expressing his personal view, but I am not in any way connected with Mr. Cortelyou."

Spoken of as Possible Successor to Mayor-elect Moore
James A. Bennett, member of the Legislature from the Nineteenth ward, is talked of as a candidate to fill the vacancy in Congress which will be caused by the resignation of Mayor-elect Moore.

Titusville Herald Price Rises
Titusville, Pa., Nov. 28.—The Titusville Herald, a morning newspaper, in defending an increase in subscription price to fifteen cents a week, issued December 1, said during the last four years the "oil producer has received an increase in the price of crude oil from \$1.50 to \$4.00 a barrel, and the farmer has seen butter go from sixty-five cents to sixty-five cents a pound, potatoes from forty cents to \$1 a bushel, eggs from thirty cents to seventy cents a dozen and hay from \$10 a ton."

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began to quarrel with her. Van Zant then turned to his wife, who was standing by, and she picked up an iron stove-lid lifter, and threatening to hit the old man, struck him on the head with it.

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EDUCATORS DISCUSS 'THAT ISN'T TRUE,' HOWE INTERRUPTS

Dr. Thorndyke, of Columbia, Says Method Would Determine Mental Capacity of Men

300 ATTEND CONVENTION IS REBUKED BY PROBER

Whether psychological tests will help the colleges of America to select the right sort of students was the first subject discussed today by the convention of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools at the University of Pennsylvania.

Will Prove Student's Capacity
He expressed conviction that the psychological tests would make it possible to find young men of high ability for college training rather than young men who have been fortunate enough to have advantages superior to their intellectual merits.

Howe Interrupts and Is Rebuked
Howe then asked whether Mr. Uhl ever remembered his holding up letters more than twenty-four hours, whereupon Mr. Uhl answered, "You hold up that one, commissioner."

Investigating Release of Reds
The committee they began an investigation of the cases of twelve radicals who were brought here from Seattle last February and released in March without bond.

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FIND 'SKEET' THAT ATTACKS ONLY FOE

New Specie Discovered Here Will Bite Only When Assailed

THEY SELDOM LEAVE HOME

A mosquito that will not bite unless attacked has just been discovered in Philadelphia by Herman Horning, city entomologist.

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