

PHILADELPHIA IN ALIEN TRADE FIGHT

Organizations Here Back Effort to Restore Appropriation for Service Attache

VARE FAVORS ACTION

Washington, March 3.—Philadelphia trade and commercial organizations are backing the fight being made in Congress for the restoration of appropriations for the maintenance of the commercial attaché service for the Department of Commerce, stricken from the legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bill in committee as an economy measure.

Representatives Vane and Edmonds were active in the group which succeeded late yesterday in saving the \$195,000 appropriation in the House for the pay of commercial attachés.

Another item of the bill, which provides for the operation of the service is before the House today and probably will reach a vote late this afternoon.

Petitions and urgent representations setting forth the value of the commercial attaché service have been received by members of the Philadelphia delegation from Secretary William R. Tucker of the Philadelphia Board of Trade, President Alva B. Johnson, of the Chamber of Commerce, and President Charles S. Calwell, of the Corn Exchange National Bank, among others.

At their request, Representative Vane urged the maintenance of the entire staff of commercial attachés and commercial agents acting in foreign countries.

In a speech favoring the appropriation Representative Vane said:

"I would like very much to agree with the chairman of the committee having the bill in charge, but as I look over the bearings on the question of commercial agents and commercial attachés I fail to find any testimony which either justifies the charge of extravagance he has made, or the charge that there is an overlapping between these two great departments of commerce and state."

"In the hearings on this bill, Mr. Kennedy, director of foreign commerce, in answer to a question with respect to the duty of a consul, who operates under the Department of State, said the consul deals with matters that are more or less local. A little later, in another part of his testimony, he said, in answer to a question by Mr. Sisson, that the commercial attaché gives none of his time to the consul's work, and that he is not necessarily tied down, or bound, to any particular office; in other words, the consuls remain in a permanent office and the commercial attachés observe the state of industry and industrial conditions for the entire country to which they are assigned."

"They keep American manufacturers and American businessmen in close touch with information as a result of that investigation. If there ever was a time in the history of our country when the businessmen, and the shippers should be assisted, it seems to me that it is now."

"We are attempting to establish a local merchant marine and we talk about expanding our commerce and encouraging the maintenance of the local merchant fleet, we now have, to do what the committee wishes would be to take a step toward retrenchment in the business of the country. It would be an interference with the opportunities which the American shipper and the

American manufacturer ought to have. "It is an unwise economy. It would be petty economy to handicap the business of the country and it would seem rather pleasure, when we consider the small amount of money this bureau is expending, to attempt to cut in half these appropriations and at the same time cut the shippers and the country off from information which they should have at first hand."

LEAGUE COUNCIL TO MEET

Organization of Russian Commission Will Be Taken Up March 12

Paris, March 3.—(By A. P.)—The League of Nations council will hold its next meeting in Paris March 12. Organization of the commission which is to investigate conditions in Russia will be taken up, it is understood.

The first number of the official organ of the League of Nations has just been issued. This brochure contains the covenant of the league, a list of the nations which have already ratified the treaty of Versailles, the letters of adherence to the covenant from the states invited to join and the process-verbal of the first session of the league council, besides that of the international labor council's first meeting.

The booklet which was issued in London is printed in both French and English.

TOWN TURNS STOREKEEPER

Lansdale Borough Sells Electrical Accessories at Retail

Lansdale, Pa., March 3.—The borough of Lansdale will enter into active retail business competition by establishing an electrical accessories store in the center of the town.

Borough Council proposes to equip the lower floor of the Council building as a store conducted by the Lansdale Electric Light Department. The move is not entirely an innovation, for electrical accessories have been sold previously from an office at the electric light plant. But, because the plant is on the outskirts of the borough, the retail trade amounted to little.

BUDAPEST ASSASSIN ACTIVE

Fails in Effort to Kill War Minister, However

Budapest, March 2.—(By A. P.)—An attempt was made this morning to assassinate Stephan Fjerdich, former premier and minister of war in the present Hungarian cabinet. Several shots were fired at the war minister's motorcar, but he was not injured.

The war minister's assailant escaped in an automobile held in readiness.

RED CROSS LEAGUE FACES GREAT TASK

H. P. Davison Tells Congress at Geneva Objects of International Organization

GENERAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Geneva, March 3.—At the opening of the congress of Red Cross societies here Henry P. Davison, chairman of the board of governors, eulogized the high ideals and practical efficiency of the Red Cross and sketched the considerations which brought about the organization of the Red Cross League.

One War Benefit

"Soon after the armistice," he said, "as we were contemplating demobilizing our Red Cross organizations we were impressed with the fact that if our forces were to be scattered and our organization reduced to their pre-war status of nonactivity there would be lost to the world one of the few beneficial results of the war."

Mr. Davison read the minutes adopted by the medical conference at Cannes, laying down a general program for public health and sanitation, welfare of children and mothers, the education and training of nurses and the control of tuberculosis, malaria and other infectious or preventable diseases.

"While only ten months have elapsed since the league came into being," said Mr. Davison, "and while those ten months have seen the world desperately concerned with immediate problems, we already have demonstrated the reality of the league of the Red Cross."

Question of Germany and Austria

Will the Germans and Austrians be admitted or not is a question privately debated wherever the delegates meet. The opinion of the neutral delegates is unanimous in raising the ban against them, and this view also is held by the Americans. The delegates from allied countries are divided, so that the decision rests with the board of governors, which will take up the matter in due course.

Relations between the old International Red Cross and the new League of Red Cross Societies are very cordial.

Wood Wages Fight Against Old Guard

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power and into that of the group of Roosevelt leaders who are now managing Wood's campaign, and who are responsible for its desperate tactics. These men are making the same kind of fight for the control of the convention and for the party that Roosevelt made in 1912.

General Makes Enemies

The fight does not merely threaten a split such as that fight resulted in, but it will leave ugly scars. When it is over General Wood will not have a friend outside of the delegates pledged to him. The supporters of Johnson, Lowden or Harding will not swing to him in any event. And the uncommitted delegates controlled by Old Guard will go to any one sooner than to the candidate of the Roosevelt leaders.

At that General Wood is playing good politics. He has to break the power of the machine in order to be nominated. The place to break the power of the machine is in the big middle western states where Roosevelt was strong and where if Wood has real popular

strength he may brush aside the politicians' candidates.

He has already broken the power of the machine in Indiana. The Indiana politicians sought to deliver their state to Harding. All the Indiana senators and congressmen were for Harding. But after Harding had been induced to enter the Indiana contest on their assurances the Indiana senators and congressmen found that they could not deliver the state as against Wood.

Plurality in Indiana

It is conceded now that unless the general weakens he will have a plurality of the Indiana vote. So many candidates will be in the field, however, that he will hardly have a majority and without a majority the Indiana delegates will not be instructed for him.

Indiana was an easier job for Wood than either Illinois or Ohio will be. The Illinois and Ohio machines have favorite sons and strong candidates both conceded to have as good a chance of nomination as Wood himself. It is predicted here that Wood will get little support in Ohio and Illinois and that his candidacy will break on his failure to show popular strength in these states. But all depends on the primaries. They were the incalculable element in the 1912 campaign and in spite of their

claims the Lowden and Harding managers feel anxious.

In Ohio they rely upon Johnson to divide the Roosevelt vote with Wood and if Johnson can in some way dodge the support of Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, he will probably enter in Illinois to split Wood's possible support there.

Fear Priests Will Strike

Madrid, March 3.—A delegation of Catholic bishops conferred with members of the Spanish ministry regarding demands for increased stipends made by the clergy. The government was advised to comply with these demands as it is feared parish priests will strike.

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