

NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE

APPROPRIATIONS TO BE ITEMIZED

Joint Hearing Develops Dissatisfaction With the Agricultural List

Members of the Senate and House appropriations committees will resume their inquiry into the requests for appropriations next Tuesday when the Attorney General, Auditor General and other officials will appear. There will probably be another hearing the following day and it is expected to finish up the work by the third week of the month. The inquiry is supplemental to the report of the Economy and Efficiency Commission and while it is not called a probe it looks as though the members were gunning for something.

The result of Secretary of Agriculture Patton's examination yesterday was that members considered there should be better itemization of the appropriations for the department. Men connected with the department are assigned to various work and paid from various appropriations. Mr. Patton said that he would be glad to furnish a list of all employees and what they are paid. The chances are that

the committee may make a change in the appropriation items.

Whether the appropriation for the Commission of Agriculture will be cut out no one will say, but there will probably be some trimming on contingent funds. There is a disposition to allow the tree inspection and statistical service items to stand because of the importance of the work.

Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust got through his examination with flying colors and Zoologist Sanders' explanation of what he was trying to do was listened to with attention. Sanders said that the money spent on the chestnut blight was a waste, but that the white pine rust was a menace. The legislators expressed a desire to have the tree inspection service resumed as soon as possible.

Not much progress has apparently been made regarding the disbursement of the \$2,000,000 war emergency fund. The Governor does not want a "War Board" added and the senators insist upon the legislative branch being represented. They hold that in the present emergency what was done in 1914 does not apply. The Governor's friends point to the enactments of years gone by as a rule which should not be disregarded.

LONDON HAS DIRTY WINDOWS

London, April 5.—London is a city of dirty windows. This is especially true of the windows of the large office buildings and the hotels. Women cleaners have been employed but they have confined their work to the windows nearest the ground. Most of the work is at dangerous heights and the insurance companies have refused to insure against accidents to women window cleaners.

ANTIDOPE BILL HEARING NEXT

Measures Dealing With the Drug Curse Will Come Up on Tuesday Afternoon

The opening gun of Pennsylvania's fight against habit-forming drugs will be fired in the Senate caucus room next Tuesday afternoon. What is known as the various "dope" bills will be held by the House committee on health and sanitation. This room was selected for the hearing because of its capacity. Chairman Sigmund J. Gamble of the committee, will preside and competent speakers from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and other sections of the state will be heard. The bill in the state which would exclude women and boys would be excluded from the hearing because the subject is going to be discussed freely and it is understood that some of the speeches should be heard by men only.

There are bills in the Legislature from Senator Edwin H. Vore and Representative John C. Sullivan, of Pittsburgh; Theodore Canby, of Philadelphia; and Samuel A. Whittaker, of Phoenixville. The Sullivan bill was drafted by Civilian Aid Archibald MacKrell, of the Pittsburgh church department of public safety, who has done a study of the subject. He will be one of the speakers and has requested that the women and young men be excluded, as he does not wish to excite the curiosity of the latter and does not care to tell his story, which is said to be beyond the conception of normal beings, before women.

Senator Vore will speak and it is likely that Dr. John Hawkins, of the Allegheny County Medical Society, will also be heard. Captain James Tate, of the Philadelphia police, and an expert on the "dope" squad of the government forces in Philadelphia. This is one of the most important hearings scheduled for this session of the Legislature.

The Vore bill has drastic punishment for those who sell the drugs, such as cocaine, morphine, heroin and the like, to addicts. The bill in the public schools have become addicts in some instances and it is hoped that a bill will come out of the Legislature that will make it impossible to procure the drugs. Dealers take a chance to sell it, to send him to the penitentiary for a big portion of the remainder of his life.

The Harrison act passed by Congress has failed to stand the test and Civilian Aid MacKrell has gotten opinions from public safety authorities from all over the country in which the habit-forming drug is named first as the menace to humanity at the present time.

There is a great deal of interest in the bills. The action for legislation seems real, with strong backing.

Three Persons Gerard Would Not Sponsor Are Detained in France

New York, April 5.—Oscar M. Pflug and Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig Devisen, who came out of Germany on former Ambassador Gerard's special train when he left Berlin after the break with Germany and were taken off the train at the French border by the authorities there, were detained in their cabins by agents of the Department of Justice when they arrived here today from Spain on the liner Alfonso XII. Their claims to American citizenship will be investigated.

Agents who boarded the vessel at quarantine were unable to satisfy themselves as to their status and ordered that they be kept aboard the ship overnight.

Both men had American passports. Devisen said he was treasurer of the American Benevolent Society of Berlin, and that Secretary Grew, of the Embassy, was president of it. He was formerly of La Porte, Ind., but it was said that both he and his wife were born in Germany.

According to the cable dispatches at the time, the three were taken from Mr. Gerard's train at his request, not because they were objectionable to him, but because he did not want to assume responsibility for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Devisen were able to prove to the satisfaction of the French authorities, with the aid of the American Embassy at Paris, that they were entitled to protection as American citizens, and were allowed to proceed on their way to Spain.

Pflug also was later similarly released. Some confusion arose in his case through the fact that, although he said he had been employed as a clerk at the American Embassy in Berlin, his name did not appear in any diplomatic or consular list. It was brought out that he had been taken on provisionally during a rush and that his name had not been printed. His father, Max Pflug, lives in Florida.

LAUGHING IN GERMAN

She struck Belgium. Belgium deserved the blow. The French intended to come through Belgium to strike Germany. The Belgians would not do this, but how could they prove that the French did not so intend? Only by what the French stated—and the German government cannot accept mere statements in important matters. Belgium was unneutral. Belgium had violated her own neutrality. Several times English officers had talked to Belgian officers about what England would do to help Belgium if Belgium should ever be invaded by Germany. Germany must never again be endangered by Belgian perfidy such as that revealed by the Belgians. Belgium discovered soon after Belgium had been crushed. War is war. People who sympathize with Belgium have disordered minds. French officers, disguised as civilians, had entered Belgium in an automobile. The Belgians are treacherous people and will need strong guidance in the future.

The army of Germany (still) without the time to mobilize with a view to restore order in Belgium, and was attacked by the completely mobilized British army—by all of the British army—and, as sympathetic American writer has put it, the German army, unprepared and confused, "staggered forward almost to the gates of Paris" before recovering its poise and presence of mind.

The English had always kept Germany's navy outnumbered, no matter how fast Germany built ships, thus destroying all hope of freedom of the seas. (This is an offense for which the whole world should unite to punish England. The Deity will help, too, in time. Freedom of the Seas is the great principle for which the Fatherland fights to-day.) Owing to this threatening insolence of England, Germany was forced to place mines and declare a war zone about England, which England repelled with a blockade, not one whit more legal than that established on the Southern American coast by the Unionists during the American civil war.

The English blockade was an attempt to starve the babies of Germany, whereas the war zone established by Germany was an effort to make England come to terms, and was forced upon Germany by the blockade with which England had repelled to the war zone.—Booth Tarkington in Collier's Weekly.

BRITAIN NEEDS MANY MORE MEN

Germany Said to Be in Stronger Position Than Ever Before

By Associated Press

London, April 5.—General Sir William Robertson, chief of the Imperial staff at army headquarters, addressed a conference of trades unionists yesterday for the purpose of explaining the government's proposals on the question of man power. Arthur Henderson, a member of the war council, presided and the minister of munitions and other members of the government were present. Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, first sea lord, also gave his views of the situation.

General Robertson emphasized the fact that while the war office was not a leech it must have more men to meet the desperate effort the enemy was now making. His speech, as officially given out, was in part as follows: "Our progress with the war is bound to be slow because of the colossal numbers engaged and because Germany derived a great advantage at the start. It is a difficult and long business to make up for a bad start."

England Not Disturbed

"As to the retreat from the Somme, the pessimists say Germany is making fools of us and laying traps. We are not in any way disturbed by her. At

all times pessimists are cowards, while in war time they may be classed as criminals. Whatever happens, keep a cheerful face. The optimists say Germany is defeated and is therefore retreating. Both are wrong.

"Germany is retreating because she dare not stand up to further punishment in the positions she occupied. No one retires in war voluntarily. But she is not yet beaten. She is going back in the hope of becoming stronger, and numerically she is stronger now than at any time during the war."

She has now many more divisions in the field than last year, and has increased the number of her soldiers by about one million.

"We must meet this desperate enemy effort and must have men. We ought not to expect to win a war such as this unless and until every man and woman in the country does a full day's work of an essential nature."

Our immediate needs are a half million between now and July."

BOOZE

Thomas A. Edison once said of a man in his employ: "His executive ability was greater than that of any other man I have yet seen. His memory was prodigious, conversation laconic, and movements rapid. He disappeared one day, and although I sent men everywhere it was likely he could be found, he was not discovered. After two weeks he came into the factory in a terrible condition as to clothes and face. He sat down and, turning to me, said: 'Edison, it's no use; this is the third time. I can't stand prosperity. Put my salary back and give me a job.' I was very sorry to learn it was whisky that had spoiled such a promising career. I gave him an inferior job and kept him for a long time.—Colliers.

AMERICAN WINS PRIZE

Oxford, Eng., April 5.—A. G. Fite, of Nashville, Tenn., has recently won a prize of ten pounds offered by Christ Church, Oxford, for the best literary essay in French by one of its members. Other Americans who have lately won prizes at Oxford University are B. H. Branscomb, of Birmingham, Ala., who won a prize of fifteen pounds for translation from the Greek Testament and Clyde Eagleton, of Austin, Tex., who won a similar prize in modern history.

NATIONS NEED TARIFF

Tokio, April 5.—Prediction that all the nations of the world will adopt a protective tariff policy after the war, in order to check the importation of foreign goods and encouraging home manufacturers, was made by Viscount Ichiro Motono, the Foreign Minister, in an address before the Japan Foreign Trade Association. The best way to meet the situation which would result, he said, would be to carry on manufacturing industries in the country where the goods manufactured are to be sold.

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