

COMMISSION TO HANDLE THE FUND State Defense Body Informs Chairman Pepper That It Is Responsible For Money

The Legislature, in complying with the wishes of the people that the appropriation for the committee's use be made, has created a Commission of Public Safety and Defense. The creation of this board has been welcomed by the executive committee as an additional assurance to the people that the committee's trust will be fulfilled.

It was this concluding paragraph in the statement recently made to the State Commission of Defense by George Wharton Pepper, prominent Philadelphia attorney and churchman, who is chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Safety Committee, that evoked the letter the Governor sent to Mr. Pepper in which the latter was informed that the \$2,000,000 war fund provided for by the Legislature was not for the direct use of the committee.

This was ascertained from members of the commission who frankly stated that any State money the committee might expect to expend, it could secure only through the commission which was authorized to disburse the \$2,000,000 appropriation by the same act by which it was created.

These same members took exception to Mr. Pepper's concluding paragraph and pointed to the paragraph in the Governor's letter, which was written as chairman of the commission, which read: "We cannot agree with your statement that the appropriation of \$2,000,000 made to the General Assembly was for the use of your committee. The act creating the Commission of Public Safety and Defense speaks for itself and a perusal of it will amply convince you of the fact that the \$2,000,000 appropriation is to be expended at the discretion of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the military board of the Commonwealth."

The "statement" referred to in the Governor's letter was the paragraph with which Mr. Pepper wound up his presentation of the activities of the committee to the commission. In this same presentation Mr. Pepper embodied a statement of expenditures incurred by the committee and of the loan of \$25,000 made by E. T. Stotsbury, a member of its executive committee, which the commission has since authorized the committee to make up from the \$50,000 with which it is to provide the committee.

At least ten days will probably elapse before the committee receive this \$25,000 as Lieutenant Governor McClain, who was last night chosen treasurer of the commission at a meeting of that body at the Governor's office, must first pay \$100,000, or \$200,000, before he can hand over a penny to the committee.

Time will be required not only for the Lieutenant Governor to file the necessary bond with the State Board of Public Buildings and Grounds, but also for the commission to find a depository for all, or any part of the \$2,000,000 appropriation, must first be found by him.

Premier's Resignation Said to Be Due Solely to Domestic Policies

By Associated Press London, May 24.—The resignation of Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, has not been officially announced, although a telegram from Budapest received in Switzerland asserts that the entire cabinet has resigned. Another telegram, however, has reached Amsterdam from Vienna, quoting the newspapers there as saying that a solution of the crisis is imminent.

The newspapers add that the crisis concerns Hungarian domestic affairs and does not affect Hungary's foreign policy or the war.

U. S. Senator Lane of Oregon Dies in Hospital

San Francisco, May 24.—United States Senator Harry Lane of Oregon, died at a hospital here last night of a nervous disorder, which was produced by a blood clot on the brain. Senator Lane was stricken while in Washington. He stopped here on his way to his home in Portland, to recuperate.

Clearance of a lot of trimmed hats, at \$1.00 Several hundred untrimmed hats that were formerly 98c to \$1.50; good variety of colors and shapes. Special Friday only 25c

Lot of flowers. Special Friday only \$1.00

Millinery Specials For Friday

Specials in Fine Dress Cottons

Art Needlework Specials

Fibre Rockers

Embroidered Sample Pieces

Jewelry Specials

Willow Chairs

Women's Handkerchiefs

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ENORMOUS CROWD WELCOMES JOFFRE

Paris, May 24.—Enormous crowds, cheering tumultuously, welcomed the French mission to the United States on its arrival here from America. Premier Ribot, minister of the interior, Malvy and other members of the cabinet were at the station to welcome the envoys.

"Why, this is like New York," said Marshal Joffre as the automobiles which conveyed the members of the mission from the station were halted on account of the density of the cheering crowd. The police lines were broken through by the throngs of spectators who surrounded the automobiles, waving flags and handkerchiefs.

Message From U. S. Premier Ribot congratulated the members of the mission upon the results of their trip to America, as

OFFICERS CAMP BRIGHTENS UP

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Algeria (via Paris), May 24.—Former Queen Ranavalona, of Madagascar, is dead at her home here. Queen Ranavalona has been living in exile in Algeria since 1898, when she was deposed by the French following anti-Christian outbreaks in Madagascar. The island was at that time a French protectorate but the native government was abolished by the French military authorities after the uprising of 1896. It was during the French campaign in Madagascar that Marshal Joffre laid the foundations of his military reputation.

Work Begins in Earnest When Sunshine Follows Rain Storm

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Arrangements are being made to have the veterans of foreign service who are in camp participate in the Memorial Day parade to be held in Buffalo next Wednesday. There is a large number in camp who saw foreign service in the Spanish-American War and also in the subsequent campaign in the Philippines.

Brazil Virtually at War With Germany

Rio Janeiro, May 24.—Foreign Minister Nilo Pecanha declared in the council of ministers, according to the newspapers, that it was not necessary for Brazil to declare war on Germany because she had been virtually forced into a state of war by circumstances. He said that the torpedoing of the Brazilian steamer Tijuca did not essentially modify the situation created by the destruction of the Parana.

Senator Pecanha said that, in regard to co-operation between Brazil and the United States, the government should devote its entire attention to military and naval organization, especially with respect to collaborating with the United States in the policing of the South Atlantic, and should prepare for any eventuality.

Millions Sign Pledge to Conserve Britain's Supply of Foodstuffs

London, May 24.—This is Empire Day and Great Britain is observing the holiday as a national food pledge day. Everybody is expected to sign a pledge in response to the king's proclamation appealing for economy and frugality. Already two million people have signed and on today's result practically hangs the decision between voluntary and compulsory rationing.

The lord mayor of London, accompanied by the sheriff, appeared in their official robes on the steps of the royal exchange early in the day and invited all hearers to proceed to the Mansion House and take the food pledge.

ERECT GERMAN WIRELESS

Buenos Aires, May 24.—A German wireless station has been installed here and is expected to be in operation in a few days. Some of the newspapers demand that use of the plant be forbidden.

Friday Specials Are a Factor in the Interest of Economy

No Friday Specials Sent C. O. D., or Mail or Phone Orders Filled

Toilet Goods 10c Jergen Bath Tablets, Special Friday only, 4 for 25c; ea. 7c

Notion Specials 50c household aprons. Special Friday only, 3 for \$1.00

Mattresses Combination mattresses, made in two parts, all sizes. Special Friday only \$4.69

Embroideries and Laces Cambrie embroidery edges and insertions; 1/2 to 2 inches wide. Special Friday only, yard \$1.00

White Dress Weaves 19c white voile; 39 inches wide. Special Friday only, yard \$1.19

Women's Neckwear Collars in regular 25c styles. Special Friday only \$1.50

Children's Summer Dresses Regular \$1.25 children's ging-ham dresses in plaids, stripes and solid colors, with white pique collar; sizes 6 and 14 years. Special Friday only, \$1.00

Women's Novelty Boots 50 pair of grey suede and champagne kid, regular \$10.00 values; not all sizes. Special Friday only, \$7.95

Black Dress Goods \$1.00 imported suiting; all wool. Special Friday only, yard 69c

Men's Neckwear 12 1/2 tub ties and reversible four in hand, in panel stripes and plain white. Special Friday only, 3 for \$2.50

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Wars Cannot Be Won Without the Sinews of War So Every Man and Woman Who Breathes the Free Air of America Ought to Buy a Liberty Bond It's in Freedom's Cause

Sunshine Biscuits Week An event of national importance to housewives, so if you come to the store this week you may expect to find wonderful assortments of Sunshine Biscuits.

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Colored Dress Goods 75c shepherd checks; 42 in. wide, in the best of patterns. Special Friday only, yard \$1.00

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Cretonne Work Baskets 24x30x18 cretonne work baskets, covered with cretonne. Uprights are 23 1/2 inches tall and basket is 11 1/2 inches square. Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Basement.

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