

WAR FUND HITCH IS IRONED OUT

Harmony Speeches Mark Agreement in Senate.

DOVE OF PEACE ON HAND

Members of Upper Branch Who Have Been Pulling in Opposite Directions Get Together, Fellebrate One Another on Happy Ending and Put Through the Bill—New Up to House.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 1.—Peace and harmony marked the agreement by the state senate last week on the Buckman bill to create a war fund board to supervise the expenditure of Pennsylvania's contribution to the cost of carrying on the war with Germany.

When the upper branch and the governor disagreed in the beginning regarding who should constitute this board a cry was raised by hostile newspapers that Pennsylvania would be compelled to take the background as far as aiding the nation; that no bill would be passed for the reason that the politicians could not reach an agreement. The ridiculousness of this assertion was best shown last week when all hands got together and put through a bill without a word of opposition.

The board is now made up of the governor, lieutenant governor, auditor general, state treasurer and a citizen general. When the bill was reached on second reading, Senator Vare, of Philadelphia, spokesman for the governor in the senate, offered amendments making the bill satisfactory to those who insisted right along that the auditor general should have a place on the commission. In doing this Senator Vare said among other things:

It was thought, above all things, that we did not want to see the state of Pennsylvania to be the last state to offer its services to the United States government, and for that reason we have come to feel here in the senate that we need quick and immediate action. Our side wanted to see the matter closed up where we could stand word to the head of the nation that Pennsylvania, this great big state, is not the last state to offer its services and follow behind the small states in this Union that are fitting behind the president rapidly, one state after another. There is no question in my mind, and I guess not in the minds of any other person in this senate, but that either side could have held this thing up indefinitely. The governor told a dozen of senators, when they called on him in reference to different matters, that if the bill did not come to him properly he would immediately veto the bill and send it back. A lot of senators thought that would not be advancing the proposition and in the final analysis of the whole proposition we thought this was the best way out of it and everybody was satisfied.

What Crow Said.

Senator Crow, of Fayette, chairman of the Republican state committee, followed Senator Vare with these words:

I heartily agree with everything that has been said by the senator from Philadelphia, and by way of explanation a week ago a new bill on this subject was introduced in the senate carrying with it the names of W. W. Atterbury, E. T. Stoenbury, of Philadelphia, and Andrew Mellon, of Pittsburgh. In the dropping of those names no intentional slight is given. At the time those names were included, it was the thought of those under whose advice the proposition was made that they would give strength to the commission. Since that time, however, the suggestion has been made that the constitutionality of the act would be questioned if it were to be passed, that it is a question whether or not the legislature has the right to delegate its authority. Not desiring to further delay this project, or in any way involve the constitutionality of the act, their names have been dropped. We heartily concur in what has been said by the senator from Philadelphia.

Endorsement of the peace plan was also given by Senator Eyre, of Chester, who expressed himself in these words:

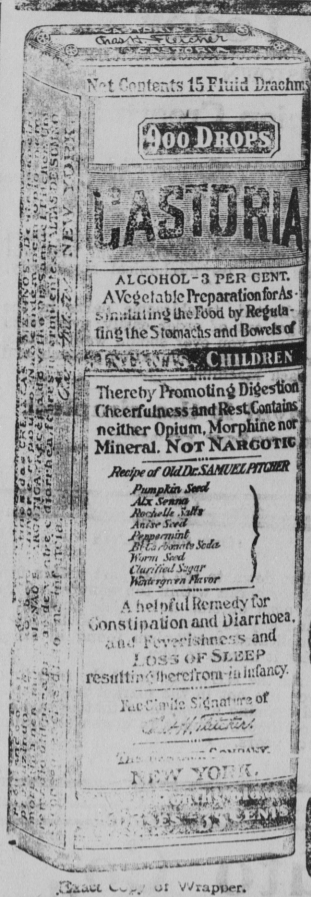
Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I agree with the views of the distinguished senator from the first district of Philadelphia. It had occurred to me from the very start that we should have a commission in which the entire legislative body, as well as the entire state of Pennsylvania could have confidence, and in this solution it seems to me that we are acting wisely and sensibly for the best interests of the entire people of this commonwealth, and showing that we are inspired by patriotic motives, we are equally with the other, in trying to bring about the results that may redound to the credit and glory of this commonwealth.

Tie That Binds.

Even the Democrats were pleased with the settling of the difference, for Washers, of York, informed the senate that he was solicitous to see the matter disposed of in so satisfactory a manner. "I am pleased to hear the result," said Washers.

Finally, Senator Snyder, of Schuylkill, who today takes his oath of office as auditor general and whose name on the board precipitated the governor's opposition, brought the debate to a close with the following few but significant words:

"Mr. President, it has been suggested that I should say a word. I desire to quote one line of a very familiar hymn: 'Blest be the tie that binds.' The bill passed the senate finally the following day, and on Wednesday was reported out of the appropriation committee of the house by Messrs. Lutzner, with a commendation.



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A Russian National Dish.

One of the national dishes of Russia is known as the pashka. It is a sort of cake that stands one and a half feet high and is always put on a tall base. It is usually surmounted by a sugar cross and is placed in the center of the table when the Russians hold their great feast at Easter when the fast is broken. It takes about sixty eggs to make the pashka, but none but natives can succeed in producing the rare taste.

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