

WEBB EXPORT BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Trade Combinations to Be Legalized—Measure Now Goes to Conference.

LONG FIGHT NEARLY ENDED

Business Aid Urged by President Has Been Before Congress Five Years and Enactment is Now Assured.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Webb export bill to legalize combinations of American exporters in promoting their foreign commerce was passed by the Senate late today, 51 to 11.

President Wilson in his recent address to Congress urged enactment of the measure, which was passed last June by the House and now goes to conference.

Business organizations have strongly supported the bill, which is the first step in the domestic legislative program recently outlined by the President. The measure provides that prohibitions of the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust laws against combinations for foreign selling shall not be enforced, provided trade in this country is not thereby restrained, and that no agreements shall be made of acts done which artificially or the natural consequences of which enhance or depress prices within the United States of commodities exported.

Opposition to the bill, led in the Senate by Senators Cummins and Reed, was based principally on the argument that virtually all the repeal provisions of the anti-trust laws as to foreign commerce. Its advocates urged it as necessary, so that American exporters may be placed in position to compete with strongly organized or government subsidized competitors of Europe.

An amendment by Senator Cummins to authorize only the maintenance abroad of American joint selling agencies was rejected by the Senate.

Senators voting against the measure on final passage were: Democrats—Hitchcock, King, Reed, Trammell and Vandamm—5; Republicans—Borah, Cummins, Gronna, Kenyon, La Follette and Norris—6.

Prompt agreement of conferees is expected to close the fight. For five years the legislation has been agitated. The House twice passed it, only to have it held up by the Senate.

The principal provisions are that the Sherman law shall not be construed as forbidding the exporters' combinations and that the Clayton anti-trust act's provisions shall not forbid ownership by exporters of stock in export associations. The bill also extends authority of the Federal Trade Commission to suppress unfair competition in export commerce, giving the Commission general supervisory powers over the exporters' organization and power to prevent acts which would raise or depress prices of products in the United States.

SALARY PAYMENT REFUSED

City Employee Ill Because of Work Conditions Turned Down.

City employes contracting sickness as a result of conditions under which they work are to be given no municipal aid, according to a policy voted yesterday by a majority of the City Council. The same policy has been established in times past by former Councils, but on many occasions has been sidetracked.

The question came up yesterday in the case of W. H. Ney, who claimed salary of \$248, covering a period he was sick, first with tonsillitis and later with appendicitis. He attributed the latter ailment to the former, and both to the coldness of the room in which he worked, and presented medical testimony. Commissioner Barber, in whose department Mr. Ney served, recommended that the claim be paid. The majority of the Council decided against him.

SHORTAGES TO BE PROBED

Senate Committee Plans to Begin Investigation Today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Senate investigation of fuel and sugar shortages will be considered by a subcommittee of five, and Chairman Reed plans to begin within a few days. The subcommittee appointed late today consists of Senators Reed of Missouri, Vandamm of Mississippi and Jones of New Mexico, Democrats, and Lodge, Massachusetts, and Kenyon, Iowa, Republicans.

PORTUGAL CABINET NAMED

Dr. Sidolo Paes, Leader of Revolution, Is Premier.

LISBON, Portugal, Dec. 11.—Dr. Sidolo Paes, leader of the revolution, has been named Premier and Foreign Minister. Machado Santos, who led the uprising of a year ago, has been appointed Minister of the Interior. The other portfolios have been distributed as follows: Public Instruction—Alfredo Magalhães; Justice—Moura Pinto; Labor—Feliciano Costa; Marine—Aresta Branco; Commerce—Ravier Esteves; Finance—Santos Viegas; Colonies—Tammagino Barbosa.

MOON ECLIPSE DEC. 28

Northwest Astronomers Are Especially Interested in Eclipse.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—"The people of the Pacific Coast," says E. H. McCallister, professor of mechanics and astronomy at the university, "are to be favored on the night of December 28 by a total eclipse of the moon. The eclipse will be entirely visible only to people of this section."

FLAT FEET NOT DETECTED

Error in Records Cause Rejection of Pendleton Man.

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MARINES ASK POST

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General Barnett says the corps has successfully met every test of the past year and has lent itself well to war time expansion to 30,000 men, the spirit of the personnel being shown by the fact that a re-enlistment percentage of 46.3 per cent in 1916 rose to 83.4 in 1917 with the declaration of war.

"It is believed," the report adds, "that it would be altogether practicable to still further enlarge the marine corps, thereby giving its officers and enlisted men the opportunity of rendering greater service to the country. The advisability of doing so is submitted to the department for its consideration."

Brief reference is made to the sending of a marine contingent to France with the first expeditionary force.

German Citizens Are Taken.

Charles Brawer and Ernest Baer, German citizens, were arrested in the Wabash hotel, First and Madison streets, Tuesday night, and charged with approaching within the railroad zone along the waterfront. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Tichenor, who says the men had walked across the Hawthorne bridge.

School Superintendent Named.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—L. E. Young, county school superintendent, has been appointed city superintendent of schools for the remainder of the school year. He has employed a supervisor to look after his county work.

OFFICIALS TO GO TO SALEM

Judges and Commissioners to Visit Engineers' Convention.

NOTICE

Will the merchants of the city who have bills against the Allied Red Cross Bazaar kindly present them at once to 403 Corbett building?

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Education Board Member Named. OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 12.—W. F. Geiger, superintendent of schools of Tacoma, today was appointed to the State Board of Education to succeed C. R. Frazer, of Everett, Wash., who

has become head of the state department of vocational training.

British Donate £1,000,000. LONDON, Dec. 12.—The British government has donated £1,000,000 for the relief of Halifax, it was announced in the House of Commons today by Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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