

STATUTE REPEAL BILL INTRODUCED

Wilson's Co-ordination Views Embodied in Measure Sent to Senate.

POWER TO END WITH WAR

Proposed Legislation Providing for Redistribution of Functions Among Executive Agencies Presented by Overman.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Coinciding with steps already taken by President Wilson and Secretary Baker to further reorganize the War Department, in answer to the demand for a bill drawn with the approval of the President was introduced today by Senator Overman with the object of removing statutory limitations which now prevent the co-ordination and redistribution of powers in the Government departments.

President Wilson sent the bill by a representative to Senator Overman, according to reliable authority, as representing his views outlined in his statement, criticizing Senator Chamberlain, in which the President asked repeal of statutes hindering effective executive action. The bill will be taken up next Monday by the Senate Judiciary committee.

Activities to Be Shifted.

The measure provides for "redistribution of functions among executive agencies," and for the shifting of any activities now performed by one executive department or any other branch of the Government as the President sees fit.

Such power would cease not later than one year after the war or earlier, if the President believed it expedient. Appropriations for departments affected would be diverted at the President's direction.

The text of the bill follows:

A bill authorizing the President to consolidate and reorganize the executive departments, agencies, offices and for other purposes in the interest of economy and more effective administration of the Government.

Section 1. That for the National security and defense, for the successful prosecution of the war, for the support and maintenance of the Army and Navy, for the better utilization of resources and industries, and for the more effective execution and more efficient administration by the President of his powers as Commander-in-Chief of the land and naval forces, it is the duty of the President to make such redistribution of functions among executive agencies as he may deem necessary, and to make such changes in the organization of any executive department, commission, bureau, agency, office or officer, in such manner as in his judgment shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act and to cause such orders as he may deem necessary.

Provided, That this act shall remain in force during the continuance of the present war and for one year after the termination of the war by the proclamation of treaty of peace or such earlier time during the said year as the President shall determine.

Section 2. That the termination of this act shall not affect any duties, powers, or responsibilities of any executive department, commission, bureau, agency, office or officer, or any right, or obligation accruing or accruing pursuant to this act and during the time that this act is in force.

Section 3. That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act any monies heretofore and hereafter appropriated for the use of any executive department, commission, bureau, agency, office or officer, shall be available for the purposes for which it was appropriated under the direction of such other agency as may be directed by the President hereunder to perform and execute said function.

Section 4. That during the time this act is in force, all restrictions in any existing law creating any executive department, commission, bureau, agency, office or officer, defining the duties thereof, shall be deemed to be suspended to the extent that they may be inconsistent with the exercise of the authority here conferred.

BOLO'S PLANS EXPOSED

SADIK PASHA'S CONFIDENCE WON AT BIG DINNER.

One Important Project Launched Dealt With Formation of Bank With Pope's Brother at Head.

PARIS, Feb. 6.—At the resumption today of the trial of Bolo Pasha before the high court on a charge of treason, M. Cassella, a newspaper writer, testified as to how Bolo Pasha obtained the confidence of Sadik Pasha, chief of the Egyptian Cabinet under Hilm Pasha, the ex-Khedive.

Sadik Pasha, the witness said, was invited to dinner with many other notables and at this function Bolo Pasha displayed intimate friendship with Fernand Monier, ex-president of the Paris Court of Appeals, and Louis J. Malvy, ex-French Minister of the Interior.

One of Bolo Pasha's projects, the witness testified, was to bring about the formation of a Catholic bank with the late Marquis Jules de la Chaux, a brother of Pope Benedict, and the ex-Khedive of Egypt at its head, which was to have for its purpose, he asserted, the drawing together of France and Germany.

GARBAGE MEN PROTEST

COLLECTORS FEEL THEY DO WORK AND CITY MAKES PROFIT.

Commissioner Kellner Considers Introducing Ordinance Empowering City to do Own Collecting.

Disaffection of garbage collectors over the arrangement whereby the city takes all the revenue from the sale of foodstuffs retained from garbage delivered to the city incinerator may result in the city establishing a municipal system of collection. City Commissioner Kellner said yesterday that he is seriously considering the introduction of an ordinance in the

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U-BOAT WAR IS WANING

WAR SECRETARY SAYS ENTENTE HAS CONQUERED SUBMARINE.

Battle to Drive German Divers From Seas Said to Show Steady Gains by Allies.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Secretary Daniels said today the United States and the allies were winning the fight against Germany's submarines. "We are having our ups and downs," he said. "But the fight is being won."

The results of the anti-submarine campaign may be described as pendulum-like, Mr. Daniels said, with the return swing becoming shorter and shorter as the allies gradually perfected their operations.

The Secretary expressed optimism regarding the conditions at the ports of debarkation in France. The congestion there at first had been "awful," he said, but the conditions have been wonderfully improved and continued improvement is to be expected.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Word of the loss of the American steamship Albatross, owned by the Gullstrand Steamship Corporation, and the resultant loss of six lives was received in shipping circles here today.

The Albatross, which left New York January 17, was torpedoed yesterday off the English coast, it was reported. She was a vessel of 3000 tons. There were no Americans lost.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The Admiralty reports 15 British merchantmen sunk by mines or submarines in the past week. Of these, ten were 1600 tons or over and five were under 1600 tons. Four fishing vessels were also sunk.

The British losses from mines or submarines during the past week are approximately the same as the previous week, when nine British merchantmen of more than 1600 tons and six of lesser tonnage were destroyed.

PARIS, Feb. 6.—Two French steamers of more than 1600 tons each were sunk under that tonnage were sunk during the week ending February 2 by mine or submarine.

ROME, Feb. 6.—The Italian shipping losses by mine or submarine in the week ending February 2 were very light, only one steamer under 1600 tons being sunk.

ASTORIA SCHOOLS CROWDED

Board Is Planning for New Building and Additions.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The urgent need of additional schools to accommodate the rapidly increasing number of pupils was one of the main topics at the regular meeting of the school directors today. At a previous session of the board a committee, consisting of Directors Nelson and Higgins, was named to investigate the needs in each end of the city.

Upon the recommendation of that committee the clerk was instructed to have Whitehouse & Poulthous, architects, make an examination and report with estimates of cost on erecting an eight-room building at Smith's Point, and the building of additions to the Adair and Alderbrook schools.

BIBLE IS BOXERS' HOBBY

Crack Fighters Influence Army Mates to Study Testament.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—George H. Reuf, one of the Association club's crack boxers in San Francisco before he went into the National Army, and Teddy Hielmer, former champion of Aberdeen, Wash., are influencing their associates of the Casual Company, 16th Depot Brigade, to take up Bible study. Furthermore, they are successful.

The boxers have been of great assistance to T. M. C. A. secretaries in getting the soldiers to sign testament pledges. Some of the boys of the camp say that Reuf and Hielmer threaten body punches and jaw pokes to enforce their requests, but the boxers declare they use nothing but persuasion.

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PETROGRAD, Feb. 6.—"The economic condition of Russia is grave, very grave," M. Shlapnikoff, the Commissioner of Labor, declared to the Associated Press correspondent today. "The causes are universal. You probably know them as well as I do, and there is no need to enlarge upon them."

"We are now going through the transition period from war to peace," continued the commissioner. "This is a most difficult period in better organized countries, and is particularly difficult in Russia. The difficulty is aggravated by the fact that neither the Emperor's nor Kerensky's government regulated the industries. There was unevenness of production, even in the branch of industry making munitions of war, there being too much produced of some articles and too little of others."

Necessities Only Made.

"The first measure we are taking is to cut down the manufacture of other than necessary things and to produce useful articles, those we need the most. These are locomotives, cars and automobiles, and other necessities of life."

Thousands of locomotives are badly in need of repair, but there are no shops for that work, as they have all been turned into munitions factories. These are now being turned back to their original purpose."

Asked as to what extent unemployment prevailed in Russia, the commissioner replied:

"Of course, unemployment is considerable, but it is difficult to give the number of the unemployed. The army mobilization is increasing their number, but only temporarily, as most of the soldiers are returning to the villages, where they will take up the lands."

In a worse plight are the unemployed among the educated, tens of thousands of them, mostly officials, bank clerks and others who considered themselves above the working classes and do not like physical labor. The ministry of industry, for instance, employed 1200 officials, while at present it has only 300 employed, and the work is better done."

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The separation of state and church by the Bolshevik government is expected in a long state-ment abroad by the Bolshevik official news agency. From this it is apparent that all ecclesiastical property has been declared to belong to the people and is to be used for the common weal.

The Bolshevik commissioners of public charity, who have been given control of the church possessions, announce that it is their opinion that this property should "be used solely for the alleviation of the lot of the classes suffering most from exploitation by capitalist society."

Clergy Is Restricted.

Accordingly, the expenditures for the support of the church and ecclesiastical ceremonies will be suppressed.

After March 1 the clergy will receive no salaries from the Government. However, they will receive four weeks' salary in advance.

Referring to the action of Dr. Tikhon, Patriarch of All Russia, in issuing an anathema, the correspondent of the Times says the church has long lost much of its control over the people, owing to the younger generation tending towards irreligion. For this reason he does not expect that the patriarch's action will have much effect.

DRAFTED MEN ELIGIBLE

Apt Conscripts Will Be Chosen to Attend West Point.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Eligibility for appointment to West Point, now given by law to a limited number of enlisted men in the regular Army and the National Guard, has been extended to include privates in the National Army, the War Department announced today.

The number of appointees remains the same as before, 108 men annually from the three military sources. Commanders of divisional camps have been instructed to designate the men whose records indicate special aptitude for Army careers.

Aberdeen Children Thrifty.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Aberdeen school children pur-

chased 3333 worth of thrift stamps during January. Superintendent George B. Miller announced today. This is an average of \$1.75 for each school child. February sales are expected to be fully as good. In one grade room \$312 worth of stamps, an average of \$1.9 a pupil, were sold.

AUTHORITIES HOLD SAILOR

"Norwegian" Arrested at Astoria Believed to Be German.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Arthur Thasen, a sailor who arrived here last evening and today signed on board the schooner M. Turner, bound for South Africa, was arrested this afternoon by Customs Inspector Karter and Immigration Inspector Goodrich on four charges. Two of the charges are perjury, one is being in the barred zone and the fourth is endeavoring to leave the country under false pretenses.

Thasen, who is 25 years of age, is said to have been born near Hamburg, Germany. This morning he declared his intention to become a citizen at the County Clerk's office, saying he was a Norwegian, and he also swore he was a native of Norway in signing on board the schooner. The man is being held here to await instructions from the Federal District Attorney's office. Deputy Collector Haddix stated this evening that he will probably be prosecuted under the perjury charges.

PRIVATE KILLED IN ACTION

11 Infantrymen Wounded During 3 Days on French Front.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—General Pershing today reported that Private Rufus S. Atkins, Infantry, of Winston-Salem, N. C., was killed in action February 2. Details of fighting were not given.

Ten infantrymen were slightly wounded in action February 2 and 3. They were:

Corporal Luther L. Burnett, Springfield, Tenn.; Private Henry J. Richards, Elm Grove, W. Va.; Walter J. Beach, Eastwood, Or.; Raymond C. Chicago, Ill.; Ernest J. Allen, Lansing, Mich.; Max Gantman, Romanoff, Volinski, Gubernia, Russia; James Leary, Garysburg, N. C.; Rose Taylor, Woodbine, Ky.; David Snyder, Carnegie, Pa.; George H. Harbrough, Dickey, Ga.; Corporal George E. Mitchell, Infantry, was slightly wounded February 4. He enlisted from Holdrege, Neb.

FRANCE TO FURNISH FRUIT

America Will Supply Sugar With Which to Can Produce for Troops.

PARIS, Feb. 6.—An agreement has been concluded between the French and American governments by which the normal fruit and vegetable crop in France was sufficient to supply both the army and the civilian population, as well as all domestic needs.

The American Army purchasing board expects that by purchasing canned goods in France there will be a saving of 70 per cent in the tonnage required for canned goods.

MRS. LENA BERGMANN DEAD

Gardiner Woman Succumbs to Heart Failure at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Mrs. Lena Bergmann, wife of Captain Bergmann, for years in charge of the lifesaving station at the mouth of the



THE FIRST FEW CROCUSES ARE OUT—AND SO ARE THE FIRST SPRING HATS

—And if you are really feminine at heart you will be just as much interested in trying on a few of the newest bonnets as the crocuses are in seeing what things are like above ground. A first peep shows that they are wonderfully chic and becoming.

—For the early Spring days there are those cunning little close-fitting hats that tilt down over the eyes so rakishly. Then there are larger sailors of lisse, that is so smart and shiny, and some have touches of orchid Georgette, with the color of the hat repeated in an ornament. Satin hats in the new jockey shape are good, and tricornes with novel stitchery, and, oh, lots of other things that you will have to see with your own eyes and try on for yourself. There aren't very many, and these are sold almost as quickly as they are displayed, so if you have the time, why not come in this morning?

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"Merchandise of Merit Only"

BAD WHISKY NOT WANTED

Army Medical Corps Declines Offer of Confiscated Liquor.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 6.—Confiscated liquor is not wanted by the Army authorities, according to a circular received here today by Pros-

BOARD'S DUTY IS DEFINED

Transcript of Proceedings Must Be Sent to Circuit Court on Appeal.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Dr. E. L. Holt, secretary of the state board of censors, is advised by Attorney-General Brown in an opinion today

that it is the duty of the board, whenever an inmate of an institution desires to appeal from its findings, to forward transcript of all the proceedings to the Circuit Court of the county where the institution is located in which the inmate in question is confined.

Herbert Merithew and Tony Lagallo, convicts at the Penitentiary, have filed notice of appeal from the decision of the board.

Force Held to Grand Jury.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Gus Force was arraigned this afternoon before United States Commissioner Carney on a charge of selling liquor to a soldier in uniform. He waived examination and was held in default of \$500 bonds to await the action of the Federal Grand Jury.

PITTSBURGH vs. PORTLAND

Anything that illuminates the streetcar question these days is of interest to us all.

Here's something that is of especial interest. It gives us, as a community, something by which to make a fair comparison with our own situation in respect to streetcar conditions. And, anything that is so inseparably related to the public convenience—your convenience—as the method and conduct of streetcar operation—any new angle that will help the community solve the problem right and permanently—is welcomed as eagerly by us as it is by you.

Six-cent fare has been inaugurated in Pittsburgh, Pa., by agreement with the Public Service Commission, to enable the Street Railway Company to meet the additional expense of an average increase of 5 cents per hour granted to its employees.

With this increase of 5 cents per hour the Pittsburgh Street Railway Company is still paying its employees an average of 6 cents per hour LESS than the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company pays its employees. The difference, however, is due to the fact that in Portland, streetcar men work 8 hours per day, while in Pittsburgh they work 10 hours.

Pittsburgh covers only two-thirds as much area as Portland, although it has nearly three times the population.

Thus, it is plainly evident that the principal factor entering into the cost of street railway operation—traffic density—is greatly in favor of the Pittsburgh Company as compared to the Portland Company. In this particular case it means that Pittsburgh has just about FOUR TIMES as many possible car riders for each square mile as Portland has.

Incidentally, in connection with this increase granted in Pittsburgh, it is of general interest to note what Pittsburgh people did when the increase was decided upon by their Public Service Commission as the best course to pursue. To make a long story short, instead of declaring for a policy that would mean ruin for their streetcar company, as a few here in Portland would apparently like to fasten upon the community as a public policy, they adopted a live-and-let-live policy by consenting to an increase under an agreement between the Street Railway Company and the Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania until such time as a valuation of the company's property can positively determine all the merits of the increased fare. This valuation will take about 18 months to complete and will be made by a committee of three—one appointed by the City, one by the Public Service Commission and one by the Street Railway Company. The valuation of the Portland Street Railway was made by the Public Service Commission of Oregon before the increased fare was granted here.

This announcement is made for the information of those who may be under the impression that Portland is the only large city with a streetcar fare exceeding 5 cents, and also to refresh the memory of those who have forgotten that the increase in fare here was granted by the Public Service Commission for the benefit of the carmen and that the increase in fare will not pay the increase in wages.

Portland Railway, Light and Power Company

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