$5000 IS ASKED BY COOKE TO FINISH WORK IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Solons Drive Through Mass of Business as End of Session Draws Near

Members of the house of representatives today settled themselves into the work of the last 10 days of the session, and indications now are that the calendar will be wiped clean of all business when the last day rolls around.

But one bill was introduced today, and it probably will be the last house measure. It was presented by Representative Cooke, chairman of the finance committee, and provides for an appropriation of $5000 to carry the house until the close of the session. Shortage of funds has been in evidence during the last few days, and there is little doubt that Cooke's bill will be rushed through both houses and up to the governor. It comes up for second reading in the house tomorrow.

House Works Quickly

The house today passed six house bills on second and six house bills on third reading. One senate bill failed to pass third reading. Discussion on house bill 260, relating to officials becoming interested in public contracts, was cleared up and the measure passed second reading. Six house bills came back from the senate. What amendments there were were concurred in and the entire batch is now ready for the governor. Five bills were received from the senate and passed first reading in the house. They come up on second reading tomorrow. This all goes to show that the house is working with unusual rapidity. No more bills will be introduced after today except by unanimous consent

The senate bill providing an appropriation of $1000 for a publicity campaign to assist in recruiting men for the National Guard pursuant to the policy of the war department and the proclamation of Governor Pinkham, came to the house today and passed first reading. It will come up for second reading tomorrow.

Would Create New Office

Representative Kawewehi introduced a resolution to create the office of inspector of restaurants and boarding houses, the position to carry a salary of $1500 a year. Representative Andrews introduced a concurrent resolution urging that only citizens and persons eligible to become citizens be employed on federal works.

A resolution introduced by Representative Kupihea directs the board of health to release one Florence K. Silva from the Molokai settlement and pay her transportation charges to Honolulu.

FROM YESTERDAY'S LAST EDITION

TEXAS FREES ALLEGED MURDERER OF LECTURER

GALVESTON, Texas, April 19.—George Ryan, accused of the murder of William Black, an anti-Catholic lecturer, was freed today when the charge against him was dismissed on motion of the state.

HUNDREDS OF AMERICANS STRANDED ABROAD

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 19.—More than 800 Americans are stranded in the Scandinavian countries, unable to get home, and now virtually without food, according to passengers arriving from Copenhagen.

TWO HUNDRED MILLIONS IN WAR CERTIFICATES

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 19.—The federal reserve bank announced today that Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has authorized the issuance of $200,000,000 in two and one-half per cent certificates of indebtedness. In case of the authorization of the proposed war bonds, subscriptions in certificates will be accepted in payment for the bonds.

NATIONAL GUARD PUBLICITY BILL PASSES SENATE

Members of the senate voted unanimously this afternoon to pass the appropriation bill of $1000 for a publicity campaign to recuit men to the national guard. The bill will be sent immediately to the house.

HOUSE VOTES $100,000 FOR GUARDSMEN'S DEPENDENTS

The house this afternoon passed on third reading the senate bill appropriating $100,000 for relief of dependents on national guardsmen who may be called to the colors. The bill fixes a minimum monthly allowance of $50 for each dependent family.

ANTHRAX SUPPRESSION BILL IS IN SENATE

Following a conference this afternoon with Territorial Veterinarian Victor Norgaard and board of agriculture members, Senator J. H. Coney introduced in the legislature a bill to appropriate immediately $25,000 for "controlling, suppressing and eradicating from the territory anthrax and hemirrhagic septicemia." The bill classifies these diseases as acute, infectious and contagious and affecting men and beasts.

COMMITTEE FAILS TO AGREE ON ABATEMENT BILL

It was announced late this afternoon that the members of the judiciary committee of the house have failed to reach an agreement on the abatement bill. Four of the members, it is understood, are against its passage. Chairman Andrews says that another meeting will be held tomorrow morning and that, if no agreement is reached then, he will suggest that the bill be reported out with no recommendations, thus allowing the house to consider it in committee of the whole.

PRETEND TO BE DUMB

ROME, Italy.—Because there have been in this war a number of genuine cases of men who have been struck dumb by gun shock it has become a favorite form of malingering by men who wish to avoid the risks of the firing line or particularly desire to be sent home. They act as though they could hear absolutely nothing. Neither a cannonade nor the voices of their mothers who sometimes are brought to see them can they apparently hear. Under these circumstances a shrewd old army doctor has discovered that the sound of the dropping of a coin immediately behind them almost invariably makes them turn.

EDITORS ARE PUNISHED

[By Associated Press]

TOKIO, Japan.—Daikichiro Tagawa, a former member of the Diet and under secretary of state, has been sentenced to five months' imprisonment for publishing an article regarded as reflecting on the dignity of the Imperial House. The article elaborated upon the activity of the elder statesmen in connection with their recommendation to the Emperor to appoint Count Terauchi premier in succession to Marquis Okuma.

The editor of several other magazines which reproduced the article were convicted and sentenced, or fined.

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COMMITTEE IS DIVIDED UPON CHROPRACTICS

Upon the question of chiropractics, brought before the legislature in a house bill, the senate committee has split, having filed two separate reports on the question.

Bitterly opposed to licensing chiropractors under the terms of the bill, Senators Castle and Robinson represent the minority of the committee. Senators Makekau, Coney and Kamauoha favor it.

The minority report points out that the medical profession has been working for years on the question of infectious and contagious diseases and the prevention of epidemics; that the standard of the medical profession is very high, requiring a severe course of study and high class examinations.

"We are now asked to admit as 'doctors' a certain class known as chiropractors," says the report, "without examination, except that in general they shall have been admitted in another state by a state board."

The report declares that the course of study required of chiropractors is "absurd." The minority of the committee is convinced that graduates of courses prescribed for chiropractors are not properly qualified to diagnose cases.

"The main objection, however, is that of infectious and contagious diseases. Honolulu, being a port of call for the entire world, is particularly subject to danger from such diseases. We have already had several terrible epidemics, and the reason that more have not occurred is because of the vigilance and intelligence of our medical profession," the report says.

The majority of the committee, favoring the bill, express the belief that it should become law on the ground that it will provide further safeguarding of the public health. It says that local chiropractors have demonstrated their ability to cope with disease successfully. The proposed plan is practically the same as admits osteopaths to practise here. In case of infectious or contagious diseases, these men would be under regulations of the board of health.

DAINTY STEAMER BASKETS SOLD AT LANIAKEA

For your friend who departs by the Great Northern, have a nice steamer basket prepared by Miss Alexander, at Laniakea, 1041 Alakea street. Let her fill it with selected fruits, jams, jellies and delicious confections, such as home-made divinity fudge, coconut candy, etc.

Tea-dance as usual tomorrow, 3:30 to 5:30. Music by Kaai's Glee Club. Come and enjoy it.—Adv.

HOUSE NOTES

This is the 50th day of the session. Ten days more to go.

Representative Cooke's frontage tax bill passed third reading today.

The bill to increase the salary of the chairman of the Maui supervisors passed third reading.

Representative Marquez introduced a bill appropriating $1000 to encourage aeronautics in the territory.

The governor has signed house bill 150, as Act 101, appropriating $9000 for a macadamized road in the Puukapa homestead district, South Kohala, Hawaii.

The house has received from the supervisors copies of a resolution urging legislative action to secure, when possible, the judiciary building for use as a city hall.

Reconsideration of the vote to override the governor's veto of the bill providing that the utility commissioners shall serve without pay, comes up in the house tomorrow.

A bill introduced by Representative Paschoal directs the superintendent of the marketing division to distribute seeds for food production, and appropriates $2500 for their purchase.

USE NUMBERS NOW

[By Associated Press]

MEXICO CITY.—The department of war has announced that hereafter the regiments, brigades and divisions of the Army will be designated by number instead of by name as at present. At present the majority of organizations bear the name of some leader or take the designations from the locality in which they were raised.

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DEALERS CLAIM PROFITS ON STOCK FOOD SMALLER THAN HERETOFORE

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dinarily be good grazing ground at this time is nearly barren. No crop can be expected before June and stock owners who have been feeding their surplus of baled hay, which would normally carry them to April(are facing bankruptcy. Their storage barns are empty, they have no pasturage, hay which should sell at $17 is doubled in price and even then obtained with difficulty.

"The conditions which exist in California are duplicated in other states. We are buying the surplus stock of Oregon and Washington now and must replace it from our first California crop. Idaho and Montana are buying in the same markets and the prices are soaring. The purchase of a single 1000 tons, three weeks ago, sent the price from $13 to $23 a ton and the freight had to be added. We are paying $25 for hay in Los Angeles, $5.50 for freight and selling it at wholesale today for $33."

All Prices Go Up

Treasurer Thomas V. King of the California Feed Company today showed the Star-Bulletin wireless messages and cablegrams from the firm's San Francisco offices, showing that the price the company now has to pay for hay and feed f. o. b. San Francisco has risen tremendously in the last month. He says the firm cannot make the margin of profit now which prevailed when prices were comparatively normal three months ago.

King's radiograms show that Sure-milk cost his firm $45 a ton in San Francisco on last Monday, April 16. The normal price on this dairy feed is $28. Barley wholesale the same day cost the firm $55 a ton f. o. b. San Francisco, against $35 last September and $25 to $30 a ton last summer when the crop was being harvested. Wheat hay today is costing $32 to $35 a ton at San Francisco, not counting freight to the islands, where last September and October it was $18 and $20 a ton.

King says the ranchers are making more than the dealers, and that the San Francisco dealers are boosting up prices on the local wholesalers so that to "break even" the local firms have to increase prices accordingly.

BOARD OF HEALTH MAKES REPORT ON COST OF LIVING

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cable announces a price of $10.60. Present indications all point to a further increase. The cause is a world-wide shortage and we believe this shortage is not due, in the main, to a shortage of wheat crops, but to an abnormal demand."

Meat Prices Little Changed

"During the present year there has been but a slight increase in the price of fresh meats in Honolulu. The high price of feed has caused a local underproduction of hogs. The only people who can afford to raise hogs are those who have swill supplies.

"Mutton increased in price about two months ago. **It is expected that local prices for fresh meats will advance soon.** There has been no sudden or definite increase in the price of fresh fish in the local markets.

Rice Prices Explained

"Many rumors have been extant regarding local corners in the rice market. A local dealer made careful inquiry and found that on April 12 there were about 6000 bags of Hawaiian-Chinese rice in the territory. The local high price is due to the serious mistake our local dealers made in shipping large quantities of the last crop to the coast. Local dealers are now unable to purchase rice on the coast in the quantities they could use even at the present high price. Rice should retail for at least $5 per 100 pound bag to warrant its production under local conditions.

"Since about March 15, 1917, there has been a rather sharp increase in the price of rice, corn, wheat and its products, beans, condensed milk, and pork products, due to causes over which neither our wholesale or retail dealers have control.

Outside Control of Prices

"The prices of foodstuffs on the local markets are as a rule directly controlled by outside quotations.

"From our investigation we believe our local merchants are face to face with a most difficult situation, one that will require the utmost vigilance on their part to even secure regular stocks of supplies.

"As to the price of such, it lies entirely without their control and is governed wholly by the volume of consumption and production; with the former, at the present time, in excess of the latter."

FOUR FIRMS COMPETE ON SEWER LAYING JOB

Informal bids for furnishing labor to install a 2-inch to 6-inch sewer line approximately 1200 feet long, at the insane asylum, were opened at 11 o'clock this morning by the department of public works.

Four bidders competed, the lowest of whom was V. J. Burgess, who bid 9 cents on the two-inch, 12 cents on the three, 22 cents on the four, and 27 1-2 cents on the six-inch sections.

Another bidder was J. L. Young, whose high bid was because he bid on joints instead of installation only. His bid was 47 cents, 66 cents, $1 and $1.25. H. H. Foster bid 12, 16, 21 and 26 cents. The Durant-Irvine Company, Ltd., bid 21, 28, 32 and 51 cents.

TREASURE SEEKERS DESECRATE TOMBS OF OLD JAPAN'S ROYALTY

[By Associated Press]

TOKIO, Japan.—Desecration and despoilment of imperial tombs near Nara for purposes of robbery has led to the discovery that other ancient tombs scattered through different parts of Yamashiro province have been broken open and contents of value removed.

The treasurers disinterred from the tombs of members of the Imperial family who reigned both before and after Christ include objects of rare non-appraisable value. Some of the jewels and ancient mirrors are said to date back as far as 2,000 years. Among articles stolen were several ancient necklaces and a number of old metal mirrors containing 50 per cent gold with exquisite antique designs on the back. Another curious relic was stone pillow used in the earliest epoch of Japanese history.

The hieroglyphics on the back of the mirrors are entirely new to aechaeologists though they are presumed to be of Chinese origin. The precious stones are valued at many thousands of yen and are supposed to have come from China.

Traditions have long been current as to the value of the relics buried in the imperial and other ancient tombs including the tradition that one tomb contains a wonderful golden cornet of fabulous value.

The relics and jewels which have been recovered since the arrest and sentencing of the robbers will be turned over to the imperial household department.

FREIGHT LIMITATION FAILS

[By Associated Press]

LONDON, Eng.—The scheme for the limitation of freights to France and Italy which was planned to attract increased tonnage for the transportation of coal from England, has failed to bring into the service the required number of steamers at the fixed rates and in compliance with requests from shipbrokers, the authorities have agreed to make the plan more elastic. The schedule rates of freights can now be adjusted in order to attract more neutral tonnage.

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SIOUX INDIANS HAVE THEIR FIRST NEWSPAPER

[By Associated Press]

POPLAR, Mont.—The first newspaper known to be published in the language of the Sioux Indians has just been started here. It is called the Fort Peck Sioux Pioneer, and its first issue was printed partly in English and partly in the Sioux language.

The advertisements were entirely in Sioux except the names of the merchants who advertised. Gus Hendrick is the publisher and it is his intention to issue monthly.

The first edition was exhausted at 5 cents a copy, and a second edition placed on sale brought 10 cents a copy.

WANT U. S. LOAN

[By Associated Press]

ROME, Italy.—The Popola Rom No and other newspapers urge the Italian treasury to contract new loans in America, not for the money in itself, but to be able to pay with it what Italy needs to import from the United States without further increasing the exchange rate which has reached 7.80 lire for each dollar, a loss of 53 cents on a dollar. They observe that the loans of Italy in America are smaller than those of any of the other Entente Allies, reaching only $50,000,000.

The Cramp Shipbuilding Co. of New York was awarded a contract for constructing two vessels for the United States government at a cost of about $8,000,000 each.

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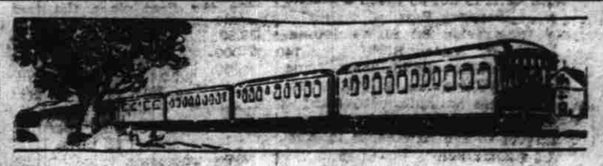

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