

## FEATURES PLANNED FOR EACH DAY OF LEGION MEETING

Attractive Programme for State Department Convention Starting To-Morrow.

The convention of the New York Department of the American Legion begins tomorrow at Syracuse and, with a general reunion of veterans of the World War, will continue until Saturday afternoon.

Gen. John J. Pershing is to be the guest of honor and will be escorted by a guard of fourteen Medal of Honor men when he comes before the convention.

Gold Star Mothers and delegations from the Syracuse Grand Army of the Republic, Spanish War Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars will participate in the formal welcome. The ritual of the Legion will be followed in the reading of the preamble of the constitution by Commander William F. Deegan, the singing of "The Stars and Stripes" and the trooping of the colors of the posts.

The opening prayer will be made by the Rev. Father Mabry, State Chaplain, and Gov. Miller will deliver an address, as will the Mayor of Syracuse. Before the address of Gen. Pershing there will be speeches by the former State Commanders, O'Brien Mills, Russell Sand, Wade H. Haynes and Charles Blake and Handford McNider, National Commander.

Following Gen. Pershing, Senator Walsh of Massachusetts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt and Major Gen. Lejeune of the Marine Corps will talk to the veterans.

The afternoon proceedings will be the taking of the report of Charles Pope Caldwell, President of the Veterans' Mountain Camp, and the reports of the committees on hospitalization and the standing committees.

Near Admiral William S. Sims and former Judge Keesaw M. Landis will speak at the Friday morning session.

In the afternoon at 1.30 the delegates, who are requested to be in uniform for that one day at least, will form a parade, in which all the veteran organizations of the city will join and, with Gen. Pershing at the head, will march to the Syracuse Stadium to witness the Legion State championship games. Proceeds of the show are to be devoted to the support of the mountain camp at Tupper Lake.

The parade is to be reviewed by Gov. Miller, Senators Cahler and Wadsworth and the whole of the New York Congressional delegation. There is to be a ball in the evening and a special midnight performance at Keith's Theatre.

Unfinished business and the election of State officers for the coming year will be left to the Saturday session.

Theodore Roosevelt is the head of the committee which has arranged the session, which is to share the three days with the convention. The city has set aside large street space for a carnival. Thursday afternoon there will be a series of baseball and foot-

## Child Mortality Reduced 25 P. C. In Two Years, Dr. Copeland Asks \$927,608 to Keep Up Work.

### Will Demand From Board of Estimate More Milk Stations, Nurses and Inspectors—Compares London's Infected Milk With New York's Pure Supply.

Thirty per cent. of milk samples taken in London, declares Health Commissioner Copeland, have shown germs of tuberculosis. Every drop of milk sold in the British metropolis, further asserts the New York Health Commissioner, is heavy not alone with the souring germ but with colon bacilli, the germs of diarrhoea.

Dr. Copeland makes these observations in telling why the Health Department of this city, long admitted the best equipped in the world, should have \$927,608 more in 1923 to conduct its affairs than it is using this year. New York City's milk, because of the activities of the Health Department, Dr. Copeland says, is the purest in the world.

"Not a drop of milk permitted to be sold in New York," said Dr. Copeland, "contains the germs that are found in the British milk."

On this point as the Health Commissioner was on the milk situation, his views on maternity and the care of infants by the city were less encouraging. It lies within the power of the authorities, he said frankly, to reduce the mortality of babies at least 15 per cent. It is by a simple expedient that he proposes to save the lives of children who now die in their first year.

"If every expectant mother could be visited by our nurses," said Dr. Copeland, "it is my honest belief that 15 per cent. of the babies who now die in their first year could be saved. If this is true, the City of New York is doing a thing little short of being murderous if it fails to provide enough nurses for pre-natal work."

Dr. Copeland's observations were inspired by budgetary requests submitted by the Department of Health to the Board of Estimate for 1923. The Commissioner proposed to enlarge upon many activities undertaken by the department. Chief of these are prenatal instruction and a more rigid supervision of foodstuffs. The entire allowance sought is \$9,412,175, an increase of \$927,608 over that granted in 1922.

To carry out his ideas for improving general health conditions, Dr. Copeland has asked for thirty-nine additional nurses at \$1,700 a year each and fifty food inspectors at \$1,560. Proper supervision of food

ball games and an aeroplane race between flyers of the Army and Navy. Under the arrangements groups who saw service together have been able to plan block parties, smokers and dances.

One hundred uniformed members of the Police Department, picked to represent General Lafayette Police Regt. No. 100, American Legion, will start to-day for Syracuse for the convention. They will make the trip in automobiles, which will assemble at 351st Street and Broadway at 7.50 A. M. The cars will be decorated with banners.

By permission of Police Commissioner Enright they will march in the parade in their uniforms. Lieut. Peter J. Masterson of the Fifth Avenue Station, Brooklyn, Commander of the post, is in command of the detail.

These inspectors, said Dr. Copeland, co-operate with the nurses in safeguarding the health of the children. They notify parents when the health of a child is threatened.

One of the best works accomplished by the Health Department is through baby health stations, and Dr. Copeland has asked for two more stations. He says the work of immunizing children against diphtheria has reduced the mortality rate 25 per cent. in two years.

"That is a very practical reward," commented Dr. Copeland.

### FACES GRAND JURY AS CITY EMBEZZLER

#### Former Treasurer of Salem, N. J., Fugitive Since February.

SALEM, N. J., Sept. 20.—Showing the strain he had been under since he fled last February, Alfred O. Mitchell was brought back to Salem to-day to face a charge of the misuse of \$80,000 worth of cancelled bonds while he was City Treasurer. He was arrested in Los Angeles three weeks ago while working as a clerk.

"I am willing to go alone and face a complete statement in writing to Assistant District Attorney Hastings and offered his services in straightening out the books of the firm."

### CASH AND ROMANCE BOTH VANISHED

"I gave him \$1,000 to buy furniture for our home whom we should be married, and he not only misappropriated the money but went off and married someone else"—Mrs. Millie Schreyer, of No. 411 South Street, Brooklyn.

"She didn't give me the money at all. She had me arrested just out of jealousy because I married Mrs. Gussie Feldman"—Harry Rosen, of No. 67 Riverside Avenue, Yonkers.

"One thousand dollars bail for acquittal of the Grand Jury"—Magistrate Folwell in Bridge Plaza Court to-day.

Rosen said he and Mrs. Schreyer had discussed matrimony but had quarrelled and parted. Then he met and married someone else"—Mrs. Millie Schreyer.

### GAGE GOES TO TOMBS FOR STEALING \$115,000

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increases \$90,000. Our staff is smaller to-day than it was five years ago, despite the city's growth, and I conceive it my duty to tell the Board of Estimate what the needs are.

"I don't think we have enough inspectors for the schools. There are more than 1,000,000 school children and but thirty-four inspectors. The average number of schools served by an inspector is nine and the number of pupils in each inspection district about 11,000. It doesn't require a great expert to make manifest that too much is expected of one inspector."

supplies and places where they are sold, in the Commissioner's opinion, is of more beneficial effect than any other single activity that the Health Department might undertake.

If the same careful examination of milk is extended to other food supplies, especially oysters, canned goods, cheese, butter, bread, and other articles that can be found on the grocers' shelves or sold in restaurants much good would be realized. With the additional inspectors a daily visit could be made to stores patronized by the public. The Commissioner includes in this respect soda fountains and he would also require it that every handler of food be compelled to have a certificate of freedom from infectious diseases.

Dr. Copeland also wants thirty-six more medical inspectors at \$1,510 each to look after the school children. His present staff, he says, is wholly inadequate.

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