

MOORE TO ASK PATRONS' VOTE ON SUNDAY BAN

Beware of More Idleness, Warns Owner of Local Movie House Chain.

PLANS REFERENDUM

Bible Reading in Schools Is Added to Reformers' List Of Proposals.

Tom Moore, millionaire operator of a chain of local movie palaces, on his return Friday night from a trip to New York took up the cudgels in defense of the Sunday cinema show against those forces here and in other cities which would banish movies, along with Sunday newspapers, pleasure automobile rides, athletic sports and even train service to the limits of forbidden things.

If the blue law advocates and their organizations are bent on a crusade for a 1920 Sabbath in the twentieth century, they will find plenty of opposition from Moore, he indicated.

Moore proposes the novel method of a referendum from the stage of his theaters to ascertain popular opinion as to whether or not the doors of movie houses should be closed on Sundays.

Ready for Referendum. He is ready, as soon as definite moves are made by the reform forces, to conduct such referendums, running through at least a week.

The results of such votes, he says, will be put in the form of affidavits and sworn to before notaries, to be presented when the balloting is undertaken. Moore has no doubt as to the outcome.

Certain preachers got up this blue law movement years ago," Moore said last night, "and its agitation recurs at regular intervals. It advocates seem incapable of diagnosing the spirit of the times. Refusing to concede the good things accomplished by the moving picture, they consistently oppose it and seek to find fault with it.

Sunday Their Biggest Day. "Sunday is the biggest day for the moving picture in Washington by 50 per cent. No industry, no amusement could flourish without public support. So it seems to me that the Sabbath crowds in the cinema theaters are the best answer to the reformers.

"You can't drive people into churches by closing the moving picture. If the churches wish to increase their attendance, they must make themselves more popular and make a greater appeal to the public. "Unrest is fostered by idleness, and the closing of the movies on Sundays would contribute a great deal to the idleness of many more persons. And there is quite enough unrest in the United States today.

Why Not Foster Americanism? "Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if these reformers directed their attention to something more worthy of their efforts, such as the fostering of Americanism—a thing the movies have been consistently doing.

"However, I am going to ascertain for the benefit of my own conscience and in order to settle this issue and cry of Sunday closing once and for all, just how the thousands of Washington men and women in my audiences feel about it. I shall accomplish this by means of referendums to extend at least a week in my theaters.

"I am a God-fearing man; I am for proper observance of the Sabbath, and if the people want my houses closed on Sunday I'll close them without any law being invoked. But I want to let the public pulse first and shall do so by the referendum if the blue law agitation warrants it."

"SCHOOL DAYS"



By DWIG

PRINCE OUSTED BY U.S. RETURNS

Former Austrian Attache Joins Wife, Once Miss Britton, in Washington.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Prince A. Hohenlohe, before the war an attache in the Austrian Embassy at Washington, who was handed his passports when the United States declared war against Germany, returned to this country yesterday aboard the Holland-American line steamer Ryndam.

The prince is the husband of the former Miss Katherine Britton, daughter of Alexander Britton, of Washington, having married her in 1916. He left her in this country when he departed and his return today is for the purpose of rejoining her. The prince and his bride had been married only a few months when he was handed his passport and given safe conduct to his native heath.

The Ryndam encountered particularly rough going almost from the day she left Boulogne where she stopped after putting out from Rotterdam.

The seas were extremely high and storms battered the ship during the whole voyage. Almost every one of the 1,568 passengers aboard looked upon the skyline of New York with considerable relief and sores of them expressed their satisfaction that the trip was completed.

Prince Hohenlohe was among the most relieved at the sight of the United States. He explained upon his arrival that that section of Austria in which his home is located was given to the new Polish republic and he automatically was transformed into a subject of the new country.

"And I'm quite satisfied," he said.

Clash Over Principle Perils Root's World Court Plan

League Commission Seeks to Clear Prize Question Before Submitting Draft to Geneva Assembly for Adoption.

GENEVA, Nov. 27.—Elhu Root's plan for an international court of justice, now in the hands of a commission of jurists appointed by the assembly of the league of nations, is experiencing some anxious moments as it passes through the process of analytical examination before being submitted to the assembly for ratification. The cryptic and vague communique issued by the commission after its deliberations fails to speak of the disagreement that has arisen among the members of the league over the adoption in principle of certain features of the court plan elaborated at The Hague last summer.

The Public Ledger Foreign Service learns on high authority that there has been a serious divergence on principle over the jurisdiction of the future court in questions of prize, which threatens to wreck The Hague project known as the Root-Phillimore draft.

Great Britain Objects. Great Britain, virtually the only power here interested in the matter of prizes, interposed serious objections and refuses to agree that the court of justice be considered competent to deal with prize disputes.

WAR LOANS MAKE SLIGHT GAIN IN LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 27.—While a better tone was noticeable, the stock markets were still unsettled. Selling orders outweighed the amount of buying which helped reduce the trend of prices. The new capital issues were particularly affected by the poor response but government securities partially recovered, war loan five reaching 83, and consols 44 9-16. French and German loans were better, but Chinese and Japanese issues were marked down. While home rails were well held, especially Erie common at 22 1/2, and Canadian Pacific at 17 1/2. The oil markets fluctuated wildly.

Shortage of funds compelled recourse to the Bank of England which lent a fair amount at 7 1/2. Up to 5 per cent was paid for daily and weekly loans. Discount rates remain firm for the time being. (Copyright, 1920, Public Ledger Co.)

JAPAN ADDS 2 MORE BATTLESHIPS TO FLEET

TOKYO, Nov. 27.—The keels of two giant battle cruisers, which in size, speed and armament are expected to equal any afloat or building, are to be laid by Japanese naval builders early in December, according to the Nichi Nichi, a leading Tokyo newspaper. These will be sister ships, with a displacement of 40,000 tons.

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HUGE ESTIMATE FOR D.C. NEEDS

\$25,000,000 Asked by Commissioners—Look For Cut by Congress.

ALL ITEMS INCREASED

Wage Advance for District Employees Wanted—Bonus Included in Budget.

The largest estimate of appropriations ever requested for the District of Columbia has been submitted to Congress by the District Commissioners for the fiscal year 1922. The amount will be approximately \$25,000,000, according to unofficial estimates. Provision is made for increases in salaries for District employees amounting to \$257,184; continuation of the bonus of \$240, and large increases for public schools and street improvements.

In virtually all of the items several increases have been made over the estimates for 1921. With sentiment in the House Appropriations Committee strongly against the increases recommended generally by heads of government departments, present indications at the Capitol are that considerable paring is in store for the District estimate and other appropriation estimates.

Comparative figures, showing how the estimates for the fiscal year 1922 compare with appropriations for the current year, follow:

Public schools—The 1921 appropriation was \$5,018,166; the estimates for 1922 are \$7,116,645.

Charities and corrections—The 1921 appropriation was \$2,182,457; the estimates for 1922 are \$3,096,260.

Improvements and repairs—The 1921 appropriation was \$1,890,980; the estimates for 1922 are \$2,341,440.

Metropolitan police—The 1921 appropriation was \$1,794,183; the estimates for 1922 are \$1,865,931.

Streets—The 1921 appropriation was \$1,271,060; the estimates for 1922 are \$2,484,756.

Fire department—The 1921 appropriation was \$1,271,060; the estimates for 1922 are \$1,440,860.

Interest and sinking fund—The appropriation for 1921 and the estimates for 1922 are identical—\$975,408.

Salaries—The 1921 appropriation was \$921,226; the estimates for 1922 are \$1,178,410.

Sewers—The 1921 appropriation was \$612,000; the estimates for 1922 are \$911,000.

Electrical department—The 1921 appropriation was \$506,655; the estimates for 1922 are \$600,850.

Courts and prisons—The 1921 appropriation was \$239,720; the estimates for 1922 are \$311,040.

Contingent and miscellaneous—The 1921 appropriation was \$21,730; the estimates for 1922 are \$312,600.

Health department—The 1921 appropriation was \$209,240; the estimates for 1922 are \$264,190.

Courts—The 1921 appropriation was \$142,245; the estimates for 1922 are \$173,505.

Anacostia River and flats—The 1921 appropriation was \$100,000; the estimates for 1922 are \$300,000.

Militia—The 1921 appropriation was \$48,700; the estimates for 1922 are \$57,900.

The emergency fund in 1921 and the estimates for 1922 are the same—\$8,000.

The amount for refund of erroneous collections is the same for 1922 as it is for 1921—\$1,500.

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MERGER OF AIR FORCES LIKELY

Senator New to Introduce Bill Joining Sky Fleet of Army and Navy.

Believing that national air defenses are woefully inadequate and that steps to strengthen them must be taken at once, Senator Harry New will make an immediate effort to combine the army and navy air services into one department in charge of a special officer, he announced yesterday.

Senator New is chairman of the Military Sub-committee on aircraft. "Within the last few days Maj. Gen. Cox, chief of coast artillery, has made a report showing the necessity of our country preparing to defend itself in the air," said the Senator. "Every other official report shows the same thing and in my opinion establishment of the separate department is the key to our safety."

"I believe in everything that tends to facilitate the construction of aircraft. We cannot accomplish anything until we have a system whereby all matters pertaining to aircraft are under one special management. The department need not necessarily be headed by a cabinet minister," he added.

Senator New declined to discuss the report that he is to be postmaster general in the Harding cabinet.

MONTGOMERY ROAD HEAD RESIGNS JOB

ROCKVILLE, Md., Nov. 27.—Henry J. Hunt, Bethesda, early yesterday resigned as county commissioner of roads.

It is believed that his resignation was hastened by the conviction yesterday of one of his road supervisors for defrauding the county of money. Hunt's name was mentioned prominently in the affair.

WILSON LIKELY TO BE ARBITER

May Accept and Delegate Armenian-Turk Matter to Special Emissary.

President Wilson will accept the invitation of the league of nations to act as mediator between the Turkish Nationalists and the Armenians now engaged in war it is believed by officials close to the administration. Furthermore, the President's action in all probability will be taken on his own account and without previous reference to Congress.

It was stated emphatically at the State Department that the President has full authority to accept the invitation without consultation with Congress. While officials declined to express an opinion as to whether or not the President will take up the task of mediation, the general impression at the department is that he will.

If the President agrees to mediate it is probable he will do so on condition that he be permitted to delegate the actual work to some one of his own selection operating in the name of the United States.

Such an adjudication would have behind it all the force that the name United States implies, which is the thing chiefly desired by the league members.

As understood here, the decision to ask President Wilson to mediate was due largely to outside influence. If President Wilson should accept and the work should not be completed by March 4, an embarrassing situation will arise. As chairman of a subcommittee which drafted a resolution refusing to send American troops to the relief of the Armenians, Senator Harding is already on record with regard to that country.

It is believed that President Harding would refuse to do anything for Armenia except to look after the interests of Americans in that country.

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