

# SHOULD REGROUP BUREAUS TO MAKE FOR EFFICIENCY

**Sec. Hoover Says Budget System Will Aid Efficiency.**

PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—The administrative units of the government must be regrouped so as to give each of the great departments more nearly a single purpose, declared Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover in an address at the banquet given the American Engineering Council here tonight by the Philadelphia Engineers' Club. The banquet culminated the session of the council held here today.

Speaking on reorganization of the Federal government, Mr. Hoover, who is president of the council, said the "hodge-podge of aims in certain administrative branches is scarcely believable when we consider our national pride and skill in organization."

"Such functions as public domain, public works, assistance to veterans, public health functions, aids to navigation, industry and trade are each scattered over from four to

eight major departments, most of which are devoted to some other major purpose.

"I have daily evidence in the Department of Commerce of all these forces. The question of government-aided navigation is not by any means one of the principal functions of our government, but it must be a sore trial to the hardy mariner.

From many sources.

"He must obtain his domestic charts from the Department of Commerce, his foreign charts from the Navy Department and his nautical almanac from the Naval Observatory—and he will in some circumstances get sailing directions from the army.

"In a fog he may get radio signals from both the Navy and Commerce, and listen to fog horns and look for lights and buoys provided him by Commerce; if he sinks his life is saved by the Treasury. He will anchor at the direction of the Army, who rely upon the Treasury to enforce their will.

"His boilers and lifeboats are inspected by the Department of Commerce; his crew is certificated by one bureau in Commerce, signed in the presence of another, inspected at sailing by the Treasury, and on arrival by the Department of Labor.

"Economy could be made by placing most of these functions under one head. Congress would know what it spends in aid to navigation. The government could develop definite policies in giving proper assistance. Lastly, it could remove from the hardy mariner's mind his well-founded contempt for the gov-

ernment as a business organization.

"One of the great steps in Federal reorganization is the erection of a budget system, with its necessary reorganization of the Congressional committees. But it will not serve its real purpose until the departments have been reorganized so that they represent a common purpose.

"Congress has placed the problem in the hands of a very able Congressional Joint Committee. But if this Joint Committee succeeds in securing the immediately necessary results it will only be by full insistent support to it by public opinion."

The dinner followed the business sessions of the executive board of the Federated American Engineering Societies, at which, reports, including the investigation of waste in industry, the movement to reform the Patent Office, the proposed St. Lawrence waterway, and government reorganization, were received.

Mr. Hoover was presented with a certificate of honorary membership in the club. About 600 of the nation's leading engineers attended.

**I. O. F. to Celebrate.**

The 102d anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will be held April 26 in the Central High School auditorium, according to plans announced last night. Joseph Oliver, of Toronto, Canada, grand sire of the order, will be the guest of honor at a banquet on the evening of April 25. Oliver was in Washington yesterday for a brief visit.

# Conscience Prods Man Who Cheated Harding Long Ago

A conscience stricken individual who confesses to having robbed President Harding of 40 cents worth of property about twenty years ago, yesterday sent to the White House a \$1 bill to cover the original debt and interest. An unsigned note mailed at Pasadena, Cal., and carefully printed out in pen and ink was attached.

# Baltimore Gives \$4,000 Job to District Teacher

Miss Laura Frazer of Washington, director of the bureau of school correspondence of the American Red Cross, has been appointed fourth assistant superintendent, in charge of primary education of the Baltimore schools, according to announcement by the Baltimore school board yesterday. Miss Frazer's new position will pay \$4,000 a year.

Miss Frazer, previous to her Red Cross connection, was assistant superintendent of schools of Indianapolis, Ind., in charge of the first to fourth grades, inclusive.

In Houston, Texas, there are sixty-six schools, 745 teachers and 28,000 pupils.

# CHILD PATRIOTS VISIT FIRST LADY AT WHITE HOUSE

**Youngsters Are Here for D. A. R. Meeting This Week.**

Yesterday was truly "Kiddies Day" at the White House when Mrs. Harding and Laddie Boy received the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, following the convention of the children's patriotic organization which met in Memorial Continental Hall in the morning and early afternoon.

The children were presented by Mrs. Daniel Lothrop, of Boston, author and creator of the "Five Little Peppers," who twenty-five years ago founded the society.

**Mrs. Harding Pleased.**

Mrs. Harding expressed great pleasure at meeting the young patriots, saying that President Harding was very fond of children. One little tike was heard to remark: "Isn't she nice?" while another, tiring of the long wait, exclaimed, "My,

this is a funny reception—it's more waiting!"

And Laddie Boy frolicked and wagged his tail and seemed just as pleased as the First Lady of the Land to have the young visitors.

It was a great moment in the young life of little Bethine Coa of the Iroquois Society of New York, or rather will be when she is old enough to realize it, when she presented Mrs. Harding with a large basket of flowers in which was enclosed the following note:

"Dear Mrs. Harding: We bring this basket of flowers to show our love for you. And we promise to be loyal little citizens under our good President.

"National Society Children of the American Revolution."

Mrs. Harding appeared charmed with the grace with which the little girl bore herself and acknowledged the gift with a smile and a few words.

**Children Active.**

While the halls of Memorial Continental Hall were abuzz with arriving delegates registering for the Continental Congress, which is bringing hundreds of members from every State in the Union to Washington, the National Society Children of the American Revolution and their officers, who, of course, are grown-ups, were meeting in the children's room on the third floor.

Mrs. Frank W. Mondell, president of the organization, was in the chair, while close at hand were Mrs. Lothrop and national officers.

Following the invocation by Mrs. Percy M. Bailey, national chaplain,

Stella Waterman read Mrs. Lothrop's patriotic poem, "Our Flag."

The main business of the morning was the reading of reports of national officers, showing the rapid growth of many of the societies in the last year. Among those reporting substantial growth were Harnden Williams Society of Texas, of which Mrs. Murray Davis, of Paris, Tex., is local president; Governor Thomas Wells Society; and Capitol Society of the District of Columbia.

**Visit Memorial.**

A feature of the morning session was the annual visit to the memorial tree planted in front of Memorial Continental Hall by the National Society last year at the request of the American Forestry Association. This tree is a companion to the national tree at Mount Vernon, planted twenty-five years ago near the tomb of Washington.

Following Mrs. Lothrop, mother of the National Society, who had come all the way from California for the event, the children and the older delegates formed a circle about the tree while Mrs. Lothrop related the story and significance of its planting.

Saturday, the children's field day, the children will make their annual pilgrimage to Mount Vernon, when wreaths will be placed upon the tombs of George and Martha Washington by Russell Du Puy and Jessamine Daggett, of Arkansas.

Mrs. Henry C. Wallace, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, was elected fifth vice president of the national society; Miss Almee E. Powell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Seth Richardson Briggs, of

Attleboro, Mass., who has eleven grandchildren, all members of Attleboro Chapter, is here for the convention, as well as Miss Lucy Carpenter Sweet, of the Angletree Society of the same town; Mrs. Frank Boyce and Mrs. E. E. Maynard, State president of South Dakota, both of Sioux Falls; Mrs. E. D. Bain, senior president of Hunter Hinton Chapter, and Miss Mable Rogers, of Raleigh, S. C.

Among the State directors here are: Delaware, Mrs. Kerr; District of Columbia, Miss Helen Stout; Massachusetts, Mrs. William E. Rand; New York, Mrs. John P. Moxley; Wyoming, Mrs. B. B. Brooks.

**The Directors.**

Membership of the board of managers of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, all of whom are present, comprises: Founder, Mrs. Daniel Lothrop; president, Mrs. Mondell, and the following, all of Washington, D. C.: Vice president presiding, Mrs. E. E. W. Howard; recording secretary, Mrs. Frank S. Ray; organizing secretary, Mrs. Clayton E. Emtz; registrar, Mrs. Grace M. Pieter; treasurer, Mrs. V. Blair Janin; historians, Mrs. Anne Cummins; chaplain, Mrs. Percy M. Bailey; vice presidents, Mrs. Horace Towner, Mrs. Jesse Ransburgh, Mrs. Lawrence Qurollo, Mrs. George Thatcher Guernsey, Mrs. Henry C. Wallace, Mrs. Fred T. Dubois, Mrs. Henry W. Dorinda Rogers and Mrs. Charles S. Groves; past presidents, Mrs. Geo. M. Sternberg, Mrs. Julius C. Burrows, Mrs. Fred T. Dubois.

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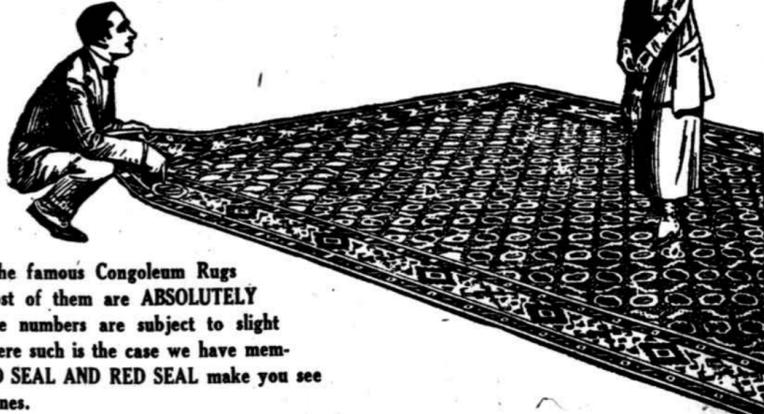
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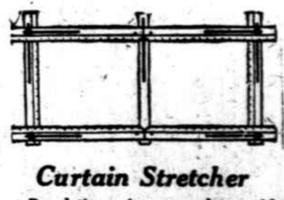


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