

SEPARATE TRIALS AN OPEN QUESTION Conjecture Regarding Consolidation in Hearing of Riggs Bank Officials. NO REPLY TO SUGGESTION OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY Counsel for Defense Awaiting Motion of the Government to Expedite the Cases.

They presented legal authorities in support of their contention. As regards the court advancing the trial to an earlier date than May 8—as now has been "arbitrarily" set, they claim, by the district attorney, by an exercise of power that is not rightfully his in this case—they suggested that two weeks from Monday, April 24, would allow plenty of time for preparation of the case. Justice Siddons stated that he would take their arguments under advisement and would let his decision be known as early as possible.

MR. FESS CALLS HOUSE GREATEST OF SCHOOLS Congressman From Ohio Speaks at Meeting of High School Teachers' Association. "Congress From a Near View" was the subject of a talk delivered by Representative Fess of Ohio to the High School Teachers' Association, which met in the Willard Hotel last night. Representative Fess took the teachers into his confidence and told them of the surprising things he had learned in the House of Representatives after cherishing many preconceived views of the Congress gleaned from reading text books and writing learned treatises on many national subjects.

WILL JOIN IN RECEPTION. Civic Body Members to Welcome Frederick, Md., Delegation. President Moran of the Chamber of Commerce has received acceptances from President E. C. Brandenburg and Secretary J. Harry Cunningham of the Board of Trade and President R. P. Andrews and Vice President M. A. Leece of the Retail Merchants' Association to join with a reception committee from the Chamber of Commerce in welcoming Lewis H. Fraley, the mayor of Frederick, Md., and other prominent men from that place when they visit Washington. The Maryland party will come to this city by automobile and is to be received by Vice President and Mrs. Marshall and by the Japanese ambassador. The members of the party will be the guests of the Chamber of Commerce at dinner at the National Press Club Thursday night.

BUSINESS MEN TO ENTERTAIN. Three Members of Congress to Be Guests of Chamber of Commerce. Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, Representative Albert Johnson of Washington and Representative Ernest Roberts of Massachusetts are to be guests of the Chamber of Commerce at its meeting Tuesday night. The membership committee luncheon of the chamber have made a good beginning. It was announced last night, and fifteen new members were passed upon favorably at the luncheon last week. President Moran of the chamber has accepted an invitation to address the students of the Steward Business College Thursday at 1 o'clock. Phi Alpha Deltas at Dinner. The fourth weekly dinner of the Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity was given yesterday afternoon from 12 until 2 o'clock at the Benedict. The dinners have been marked with large attendances and it is planned to give them weekly throughout the year.

Whether in the trial of the four indictments charging perjury by officials of the Riggs National Bank there will be consolidation, or whether separate action will be required in each, is still an open question. The suggestion was made by United States District Attorney Lasky at the hearing before Justice Siddons in Criminal Court No. 1 yesterday on the motion for a bill of particulars and for advancement of the trial previous to May 8. He stated he supposed the counsel for the defense would not object to a consolidation. The fact, however, that no one of the three attorneys who were present representing the defendants answered this suggestion was taken by many attorneys in the courtroom as an indication that the defense would resist any effort for consolidation. It was learned on good authority last night, however, that the counsel for the defense probably would not resist such effort, but would await any motion in this regard that the government might make for expediting the trial and settlement of the perjury charges.

New Significance Develops. The motion urging the advancing of the date of trial previous to May 8, as now set, took on new significance at the hearing yesterday when it was made clear by Attorneys George P. Hoover and William G. Johnson in their arguments that they are especially anxious for an early trial through fear if the case is not decided before June 30, when the Riggs National Bank charter expires. It will not be until the trial that the conviction that if that date the controller of the bank will consider it prima facie evidence that these bank officials are not of "unblemished character," such as he has stated will be a requisite for renewal of the charter.

Classed as Injustice. They said that to prepare to meet such wholesale presentation of evidence would be a hardship and injustice to the counsel for the defendants and that they had a right to know on which items they should fortify themselves.

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DENIES NATIONAL GUARD MAINTAINED LOBBY HERE Gen. J. C. R. Foster Replies to Charges Made on Floor of the Senate.

A reply to charges made in the Senate that the National Guard is represented in Washington by a lobby that is seeking by improper means to influence the action of Congress with regard to the pending army bill is contained in a letter signed by Gen. J. Clifford R. Foster of Florida, chairman of the executive committee of the National Guard Association, which was laid before the Senate yesterday afternoon by Senator Lee of Maryland, who has been a strong defender of the guard during the debate on the army bill. In his letter to Senator Lee, Gen. Foster insists that the members of the executive committee appeared before the

Senate and House military affairs committee and that some of them have remained in Washington since then. Requested to Remain Here. "If excuse for their presence within the precincts of this sacred city is required, it may be said that they are here at the suggestion and request of members of the Senate and House who are not only interested in the National Guard, but who are earnestly trying to preserve that institution against the assaults of those who would destroy it," says the letter. Gen. Foster insists that the committee has gotten out no printed matter in support of the guard, that no headquarters has been maintained here and that no press agent has been employed. "On the other hand, practically every other branch of the military service has its 'league' for promotion," continues the letter. "Due to the fact that the National Guard has not advertised its virtues and has left its enemies free to proclaim its deficiencies, there is no institution of the American government that is more generally misunderstood, more incorrectly estimated and more persistently and maliciously misrepresented."

Deaths Reported. The following deaths have been reported to the health department in the last twenty-four hours: George R. Colton, 50 years, Walter Reed Hospital. Laura A. McK. Lerner, 54 years, 1616 Hobart street northwest. Margaret A. Allen, 60 years, 68 M street northwest. Andrew Chambers, 57 years, 919 North Carolina avenue southeast. Arthur I. White, 45 years, Government Hospital for the Insane. Mary Bennett, 65 years, H and 3d streets northeast. George H. Turton, Jr., 50 years, 1009 K street northwest. Mattie Mitchell, 43 years, 1605 4th street northwest. Mary Williams, 100 years, 406 K street northwest. Philip Johnson, 39 years, Tuberculosis Hospital. Florence Hawkins, 18 years, Washington Asylum Hospital. Edmund E. Steele, 48 years, government Hospital for the Insane. Julia W. Green, 60 years, Alabama avenue, Anacostia. Joseph Landon, 60 years, 1215 R street northwest. Frances Butler, 64 years, 731 Kenyon street northwest. William Prue, 41 years, Douglas road, Hillsdale.

Births Reported. The following births have been reported to the health department in the last twenty-four hours: Henry C. and Marion L. Shoemaker, girl. John A. and Annie E. Proctor, girl. Phillip and Magdalena Harich, boy. Harry R. and Lener C. Fisher, boy. Joseph W. and Lillian E. Allen, girl. Richard and Elmira Ware, boy. Bruce and Grace V. Underdunk, boy. William and Lillian Robinson, boy. Andrew and Bertie Myers, girl. James and Ada Lewis, girl. Elijah and Esseye Gadsden, boy. MRS. SOPHIA MERRITT DIES. Funeral Services Will Be Held at Residence Tuesday. Mrs. Sophia Merritt, a resident of the District for fifty-four years, died yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock at her residence, 1820 10th street northwest. Funeral services are to be conducted at the residence Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment is to be in Harmony cemetery. Mrs. Merritt was born in Prince William county, Va., August 8, 1832. She

To Address Retail Merchants. Thursday night the quarterly meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association is to be held at the Raleigh Hotel. An address is to be made by Frank J. Hogan, candidate for delegate to the republican national convention from the District. Isaac Gans, second vice president of the association, is to speak on "Business Ethics."

PASS NAVY MEDICAL "EXAMS." Eleven Meet Requirement for Surgeons of Sea Force. Dr. Forrest Martin of this city, a graduate of George Washington University, and later an interne at the Government Hospital for the Insane, has passed the final examination for appointment to the Medical Corps of the navy. Ten other officers of the Medical Reserve Corps of the navy, who passed the examination for admission to the regular service, are: John Harper, Philadelphia; R. H. Miller, Providence; R. L. P. Richmond, Vienna; V. L. F. Drum, Syracuse, N. Y.; G. W. Taylor, Butler, Ala.; W. A. Vogelsang, Farmingdale, N. J.; E. A. M. Gendreau, Providence, R. I.; G. C. Wilson, Leesville, La.; R. J. Trout, Baltimore, Md.; and V. H. Carson, Richmond, Va. The eleven officers named will receive their diplomas at the closing exercises of the Naval Medical School in this city next Wednesday. F. F. Schrader on Capital Visit. Frederick F. Schrader of New York is in Washington for a few days, staying at the New Willard Hotel. The illness of his son has called him here.

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