HERBERT WESTON SUPPOSED SLAYER OF O. A. M'KIMMIE

Colored Youth Arrested for Hearing on Charge of Shooting Policeman.

Herbert Weston, colored, twenty years old, is in custody of the police, charged with the murder of Policeman Oscar A. McKimmie of the second precinct, who was shot and killed near 10th and O streets Saturday night.

"He admits everything except the shooting," said Inspector Clifford L. Grant, chief of detectives, this morning. "A weapon of the caliber of the one used in the murder was found in his room, and all the jewelry taken from the Solet residence was found in his possession.

"Weston admitted he was on the lookout in front of the house when a 'pal' entered and committed the robbery, casually referring to his 'pal' as Bill, Dick, Tom and other familiar names, but his 'pal' has not been arrested."

Capture Made in Virginia.

Detectives Scrivener and Kelly captured the young colored man in Virginia yesterday afternoon. He was not armed with a revolver, but had a quantity of jewelry in his possession, taken from the Solet and other houses, among the articles being part of the proceeds of a robbery committed at the home of a brother-in-law of Detective Kelly.

When the prisoner reached police headquarters and was questioned by Inspector Grant and the detectives he told them he was from Darlington, S. C.; that he was a law student and also was reading medicine, and roomed at 2017 11th street. Search of his room revealed the presence of his revolver and numerous other articles of jewelry and clothing alleged to have been stolen, according to the police.

The prisoner, who is said to have admitted he was known under the names of James Wilkinson and Harry Williams, told Inspector Grant he served in the 1st Separate Battalion in France during the war.

What the Witnesses Tell.

Most of the witnesses to the tragedy questioned by the police told of the presence on 10th street Saturday night of only one colored man. One woman witness, however, declared she saw a man doing picket duty near a tree and said he was the one who fired the shot. Weston, the police say, admitted he was on watch while a companion entered the house, but denied that he fired the shot, declaring he was not armed that night, it being the first time he had participated in such an expedition without being armed.

Weston, according to the police, admitted he had participated in the completion of plans to rob Mrs. Solomon Solet because she wore such attractive diamonds. It was arranged to hold her up on her way from market, he is said to have stated, but she reached home earlier than had been expected and the only way to get the jewelry was to enter the house.

"The other fellow entered the house," he is said to have responded, when questioned by Inspector Grant. "I did not do the shooting."

"Why did you buy the pistol?" Inspector Grant asked him.

"For hold-up work," he is said to have responded, following the response with an admission of having participated in numerous robberies, the inspector stated.

Sends Phone Message to Police.

Less than one hour after the shooting of Policeman McKimmie, Weston went to a drug store on 7th street, not far from the scene of the homicide, called police headquarters on the telephone and said: "The man who shot the policeman has just entered a house on P street near 16th."

"Who is this speaking?" he was asked.

"I'm Harry Williams," he responded. "The police know me."

None of the policemen engaged in the investigation was able to recall knowing such an individual. They went to the part of P street mentioned and searched several houses, however, but failed to obtain any information of interest in the investigation of the murder.

Revolver Found Under Pillow.

Following the arrest of Weston, the detectives went to his room, where they found the big revolver under his pillow and alleged stolen property about the room. Two empty chambers of the weapon presented the appearance of having been recently fired, but Weston again denied having discharged the weapon last Saturday night.

Later in the day, when Inspector Grant turned the prisoner over to uniformed policemen to be taken to the seventh precinct station, he remarked that the weapon in his possession was the one used in killing their brother officer, whereupon the prisoner changed his statement of ownership of the weapon, declaring his pistol was behind an organ in his home. Search behind the organ failed to disclose such a weapon.

Six colored acquaintances of the prisoner, four men and two women, were arrested last night and are being held pending a further investigation of the shooting.

POWHATAN TOSSING 300 MILES AT SEA

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F. Ball, Silver Spring, Md.; Louis Bicoscy, 3530 10th street; Harry V. Bosse, 410 East Capitol street; Clarence Bowman, 216 10th street southwest; William C. Bunn, 1740 Pennsylvania avenue northwest; Clifton H. Byrne, 1223 12th street; John M. Callaghan, 2913 Sherman avenue; William J. Casey, Utica, N. Y., 1107 M street; Theo. N. Chunn, Oxford Hotel; Herman Davis, 706 11th street; George M. Deisnider, 315 H street; James B. Cassidy, 212 10th street; Joseph E. Dickerson, the New Berne; Edward W. Digges, Ballston, Va.; Joseph A. Dolphin, 3544 Warder street; Owen L. Earnshaw, 112 3d street.

James M. Farr, 3149 Mount Pleasant avenue; Abdon Farran, 933 K street; Robert L. Fogg, 911 23d street; Richard F. Foote, 410 East Capitol street; Herbert S. Foreman, Whitehall, Md., Hotel Oxford; Julian B. Foster, 927 Farragut square northwest; Henry W. Francis, 1925 Kenyon street; George A. Fugitt, 443 7th street southwest; Patrick H. Gallagher, 2519 N street; Paul C. Hackett, 508 16th street; Lawrence L. Hagemann, 1211 C street southeast; Raymond L. Hall, 1236 Potomac street; George R. Handy, 219 4th street northeast; Herbert R. Harris, Wardman Court East; Henry Hoffman, 1329 H street; Charles J. Hoover, Hotel Hudson; Frank P. Hoover, Hotel Hudson; John A. Hughes, jr., 1739 S street; Ernest A. Jean, jr., 1905 G street; Lloyd H. Jenkinson, 1232 Q street southeast; Max Kaplan, 618 Q street; Carroll R. Keenan, 1514 9th street; Thomas B. Kurtz, 1335 11th street.

John A. Lee, 317 C street; Bert McLaughlin, 1710 Corcoran street; Willard V. Quick, Rosslyn, Va.; Chesley E. Reynolds, 921 6th street; Gilbert L. Rodier, wife and two children, 522 17th street; Edmund H. Rumbold, Baltimore; Benjamin Sacks, 3284 N street; Frederick M. Smith, 1024 Vermont avenue; William H. Smith, 19th and B streets; William H. Smoke, jr., 520 6th street; Irving G. Stewart, New Oxford Hotel; Donald H. Stuart, 212 Carroll street, Takoma Park; Wilford M. Swenson, 421 6th street; Peter D. Thornton, 1223 12th street; Louis E. Vogel, 1832 H street; Herbert Wines, mail address, House of Representatives, and Lawrence Young, 1919 I street.

Private Harry Kosminsky also was in replacement unit, who gave his emergency address as Mrs. Eliz Kosminsky, wife, Clifton Park, Baltimore, Md.

MERCHANTS HEAR CALL FOR GREATER ENERGY THIS YEAR

"Business as Usual," Slogan of President Berberich at Annual Session.

"Business as usual" is to be the slogan of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association during the current year, and the business men of Washington, members of the association, are to continue to serve the public as faithfully and as cheerfully in the year just beginning as they have in the past, declared Joseph A. Berberich, president, in his address at the association's annual meeting at Rauscher's last night.

Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the association, also read his annual report, and election of chairmen of twenty-five of the trade sections into which the association is divided was announced. At the conclusion of the business session a buffet supper was served.

"Let us have 'business as usual,'" said President Berberich in his address, "and by that I mean we must concentrate our energies toward greater production and more efficient distribution than ever before."

Deplores "Profiteer" Cry.

In his address President Berberich deplored the continuance of the cry of "profiteer" directed against the retailers of the country.

"The cost of commodities," he said, "has come to be the subject of the fireside as well as of the counting room. It has served no useful purpose; rather has it engendered a spirit of class suspicion followed by hatred. Certainly no one individual or set of individuals can seriously constitute himself or themselves as arbiter of the law of supply and demand. Even the government itself cannot be successful in establishing a ratio standard until a cost census is taken of every element that enters into human affairs, from the time the seed is placed in the ground, or the hair grows on the animal's back, or the flesh develops on the food animal until the time these elements are brought into actual use by the consumer.

"The retailer has been done a great injustice," declared President Berberich. "He has been picked as the one responsible for existing price levels. Even if this were true—which it is not—I venture to assert that the circumstance of higher prices is a blessing indeed. All should share in the benefits accruing therefrom."

Great Volume of Business.

In his address the president declared that last year's business was greater in volume than that of any preceding year, and that it was expected that even the high mark of 1919 would be exceeded in 1920.

He called attention to the beneficial work of the association's credit bureau, declaring that it now is the ultimate in efficiency of service and administration.

The false advertising law, in obtaining enactment of which the association cooperated actively, was discussed briefly, with the statement that it has been taken as a model and has caused Washington to become nationally known as a clean advertising city. Continued benefits of the law against fake auctions also were briefly noted. The association was urged to continue its efforts to obtain enactment of an adequate bad check law.

Discussing the minimum wage law and its operation, President Berberich, himself chairman of the minimum wage board, said it was too soon to venture an opinion as to the success or failure of the measure. He discussed the principle of the law, saying the association had been complimented from many sources for its indorsement of the minimum wage principle.

"A minimum wage," he said, "must be, as the term implies and the law directs, a wage only sufficient to meet the actual cost of living, to maintain a woman in health and morals. It is vitally necessary that the minima established shall absolutely be no more than sufficient to do that very thing, because if the wage established is more than a minimum the very purpose of the law is defeated and a socially minded situation develops."

Predicts Continued Growth.

President Berberich predicted continued growth and development of Washington as a necessary result of continued development of the nation as a whole.

"Washington is a great governmental city and always will be," he said. "The nation is growing and so also must the nation's functions. They are all centered here and they will increase as time goes on."

He urged the members of the association to be faithful and unremitting in attendance at the section and association meetings.

"Remember," he said, "the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association functions only in matters that affect your business, and functions with a heart and soul to make your business and every other business in the National Capital prosper as never before."

Enrollment of sixty new members during 1919 and loss of three old members were reported by Secretary Charles J. Columbus. The secretary reported attendance at more than 400 association and section meetings during the year, besides attendance at a large number of governmental conferences and hearings.

Mr. Brownlow Speaks.

Commissioner Brownlow in a short address thanked the merchants of Washington for their co-operation during the recent coal famine and for their active interest in all matters concerning improved conditions in the District. He asked the support of the association for the citizens' employment bureau, briefly outlining the duties of the bureau in obtaining work for men and women unable to find suitable employment, and asked that a committee be appointed to represent the association. President Berberich later named George S. Beneale of S. Kann's Sons Company, Frank R. Jelleff of Jelleff's, Inc., and Mark Lansburgh of Lansburgh & Bro., members of this committee.

Stephen Talkes, head of the credit bureau, described the work of the bureau and showed by several examples how it serves the merchants of the city at minimum cost and with maximum efficiency.

P. N. Shepperd of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States outlined the purposes and work of that body, laying special stress on its availability for obtaining prompt and accurate expressions of opinion of business men throughout the country on important public questions by means of referendums. As an example he cited the recent referendum on public or government ownership of railroads, showing that about 99 per cent of the business men of the country are opposed to the idea.

He concluded his talk with an exposition of the Plumb plan, which he said was subversive of all of the principles on which our form of government is based, and designed to set up a kind of class distinction certain to breed endless trouble and discontent.

Lew Hahn, secretary of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, made a brief address.

New members elected last night included the following: E. B. Adams Company, Carmack Dry Cleaning Company, W. N. Fischer, F. W. Harrison, R. W. Henderson, Hoffman Company, D. J. Kaufman, Inc., Lerch's, Levy-Jester Company, Manhattan Cleaning and Dyeing Company, National Cash Register Company, National Paper and Bag Company, Rubenstein Cleaning Company, Arcade Laundry and Sunshine Dry Cleaning Company, District Oakland Company and S. S. Kresge Company.

Section Chairmen.

Section chairmen, who upon election automatically become members of the association's board of governors, were announced as follows, with several sections yet to choose chairmen for the year:

George S. DeNeale, department stores; Arthur Burt, Shoes; Ernest Mayer, ladies' specialty stores; O. T. Wright, master printers; Charles G. Stott, paper and stationery; Col. Anton Stephan, china and glassware; Sidney W. Straus, jewelers; Sidney West, men's wear; M. A. Leese, opticians; E. C. Graham, electrical supplies; W. W. Griffith, coal dealers; Louis Levy, laundries; Lewis Flemer, druggists; J. Maxson Cunningham, photo engravers; George E. Hebbard, merchant tailors; Charles B. Smith, floor coverings and upholstery; John H. Wilkins, food products jobbers; Joseph E. Burkart, manufacturers; Charles W. Semmes, automobiles; John J. Dugan, commercial cars; H. Zirkin, furriers; George C. Shaffer, florists; Hugh Reilly, paints and glass; Henry T. Offterdinger, cigars and tobacco; Hugo Worch, pianos and musical instruments; Leo Baum, credit section.

It was announced that nine of the trade sections have yet to elect chairmen. The chairmen of the trade sections are to meet Friday night to elect officers.

18-CENT MILK AGREED ON BY 500 DEALERS

Fair Price Committee's Agreement Signed by Grocers and Delicatessen Men.

More than 500 retail grocers and delicatessen dealers have signed the fair price committee's agreement to retail milk at not more than 9 cents a pint or 18 cents a quart as long as the milk costs them not more than 64 cents a gallon.

Names and addresses of retailers whose signed pledges have been handed in the last twenty-four hours are given here, the addresses being northwest, except where otherwise indicated:

A. Brown, 1108 North Capitol street; A. Goldstein, 103 North Capitol street; J. E. Wheatley, 67 Mryle street northeast; M. Luchana, 65 Myrtle street northeast; B. Kaplan, 34 Benton street; B. Siegel, 1139 I street; Hymen Darfman, 1012 1st street northeast; Jacob Katz, 1400 I street northeast; S. Wasserman, 15 P street northeast; Ruth Sweeney, 2 Patterson street northeast; S. Chernmkopp, 3½ Pierce street; Buchalte, 1130 North Capitol street; C. Watzman, 25 I street northeast; Charles Z. Fellows, 1106 1st street northeast; W. L. Tucett, 2 New York avenue northeast; Donato Dagottino, 1120 North Capitol street; L. Gagohintzer, 66 Pierce street.

M. Popowsky, 322 South Capitol street southeast; I. Milloff, 213 3d street southeast; Antonio Destimone, 241 C street southwest; I. Sugar, 257 3d street southwest; M. Feldman, 337 3d street southwest; J. Brooks, 400 3d street southwest; I. Feldman, 530 3d street southwest; L. Mendelson, 223 F street southwest; E. Cunningham, 700 3d street southwest; H. Sherr, 3d and H streets southwest; D. Colodny, 834 3d street southwest; H. Sacks, 900 3d street southwest; F. Madvoy, 1001 3d street southwest; I. Susel, 1033 3d street southwest; A. Hornzel, 310 L street southwest; John Lynagh, 1200 3d street southwest; Abe Kirson, 1237 3d street southwest; S. N. Gordon, 305 N street southwest; Mrs. R. Singer, 301 N street southwest; Abe McLean avenue southwest; L. Ableman, 219 N street southwest; Sarah Kushner, 1200 Delaware avenue southwest; N. Geltenman, 201 M street southwest; Max Wersfeld, 135 L street southwest; I. Feldman, 130 H street southwest; Andrew J. Moore, 701 2d street southwest; J. Mindel, 634 2d street southwest.

J. Bernstein, 601 2d street southwest; Harry Rubenstein, 201 F street southwest; Louis Widome, 141 F street southwest; L. Jannenbaum, 141 D street southwest; P. Decklebaum, 313 2d street southwest; Max Alen, 201 C street southwest; Maiche Aguilino, 200 Canal street southwest; M. Robison, 128 2d street southwest; Josie Pagelchini, 231 1st street southwest; A. Sesso, 240 1st street southwest; Mary Monoco, 65 C street southwest; M. Einbinder, 98 F street southwest; D. Trimarchi, 421 1st street southwest; I. Shunter, 601 1st street southwest; Samuel Cooperman, 700 1st street southwest; H. M. Goldstein, 900 1st street southwest; B. Cohen, 1001 1st street southwest; J. K. Ford, 87 N street southwest; A. Lieberman, 1281 1st street southwest; L. Cohen, 1430 1st street southwest; A. Koeser, 1890 Half street southwest; J. Miller, 1356 South Capitol street; Mrs. Annie Wilson, 1343 South Capitol street; S. Liberman, 1301 South Capitol street; L. Lipkin, 50 N street southwest; Joseph Koppelon, 69 N street southwest; I. Rollins, 1261 Howison street southwest.

P. Gindles, 21 N street southwest; Frank Carroll, 57 M street southwest; J. B. Amorky, 51 South Capitol street; D. Bloom, 64 M street southwest; R. M. Mitchell, 66 M street southwest; F. Winakur, 51 M street southwest; S. Angelo, 1000 South Capitol street; V. Shugine, 1610 14th street; Old Dutch Market, 1714 14th street; Cozanas Bros., 1638 14th street; Temple Market, 1632 14th street; J. Silverman, 1514 14th street; Johnson, 1421 P street; J. G. Goodwin, 1614 14th street; Geo. M. Oyster, jr., 26 Riggs market; William C. Merzer, 1404 P street; L. Gregori, 1334 14th street; Louis Brandey, 1228 14th street; J. Rocha Bros., 1020 14th street; J. Kapanor, 2818 14th street; The Pure Food Shops, 2810 14th street; M. J. Whelan, 2806 14th street; Chas. Colvin & Co., 2740 14th street; Peter P. Sintestos, 2522 14th street; E. M. Lyles, 2502 14th street, and B. Rosasco, 2426 14th street.

Mrs. Anna Raum, 1414 14th street; H. E. Lehman, 2406 14th street; W. H. Wheatley, 1330 Florida avenue; S. Kessel, 2223 14th street; E. Ambrogi, 2222 14th street; S. Freeman, 2201 14th street; A. Facconelli, 2110 14th street; M. Fiorenteno, 2104 14th street; Harris Market, 2028 14th street; George Doonis, 1359 U street; A. Kalognomos, 1352 U street; Lenkin Bros., 1925 14th street; Angello Chicca, 1926 14th street; John Doonis, 1914 14th street; Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, 1908 14th street; L. Silver, 1900 14th street.

CHIEF JUSTICE McCOY KEPT AT HOME BY COLD

Chief Justice McCoy of the District Supreme Court has contracted a severe cold and was unable to hold court today. The cases assigned for hearing in Equity Division 1, over which the chief justice presides, were continued until Monday.

MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON'S RENT COMMISSION TAKE OATH OF OFFICE.

Scene at the District Supreme Court today, when the new rent board members were sworn in by Justice Stafford. Left to right: Guy V. Mason, Capt. James F. Oyster and A. Leftwich Sinclair, members of the commission, and Justice Stafford, who administered the oath.

THE LINE OF DUTY CLUB.

Enclosed find my subscription for $..... for the family of Policeman O. A. McKimmie, killed in line of duty. This subscription also pledges me automatically to membership in the Line of Duty Club, and in future cases similar to this my contribution of not less than $1 will be forthcoming.

Signed .....

Address .....

Clip this out. Put it in an envelope, with the contribution, and mail it to the cashier of The Evening Star today.

LINE OF DUTY CLUB SUBSCRIBES $561

Fund to Aid Family of Policeman McKimmie, Killed in Action.

The second day's life of the Line of Duty Club brought sixty-one members and contributions totaling $561, for the benefit of Mrs. Oscar A. McKimmie and her three children, the family which was left fatherless when Policeman McKimmie was killed in line of duty when a burglar shot him.

Contributions came from all classes. Business men, bankers, workers, policemen and firemen are among those on the list of contributors.

Daniel J. Donovan, auditor for the District government, today was appointed treasurer of the Line of Duty Club. As such he will sit with the advisory committee, which is headed by Commissioner Brownlow. All money raised by the Line of Duty Club will go through the hands of the auditor for the District for accounting, so that regular procedure in the handling of the McKimmie fund may be guaranteed.

Fund to Lift Mortgage.

The police department has raised a total of $1,712 from among members of the force in a drive to pay the mortgage on the home of the family.

Recognition of the straits of the family by the former fellow officers of Policeman McKimmie is cited as one of the most genuine reasons for recompensation of the family for the loss of its head.

From the second precinct, under Capt. Peck, $920 was received from outside sources for Mrs. McKimmie. And from the first precinct a total of $152.25 was reported from outside sources. This money represented the following contributions: I. Grosner, $25; Mrs. I. Grosner, $5; Miss Ruth Grosner, $5; Mr. Burnstine, $5, and merchants on Louisiana avenue and B street, $112.25.

Costello Post Contributes.

A contribution of $25 to the McKimmie fund, in charge of the police department, was announced last night, following a meeting of the Costello Post, American Legion. The money was turned over to Maj. Pullman this morning.

Organizations throughout the city at the present time are recognizing the need which exists for money on the part of the widow of Policeman McKimmie.

She is sick. Three children are already in the family to be fed. A fourth child is expected within the next few months. During the period when policemen in the District were paid a basic salary approximating $80 per month there was no chance to save for the rainy day of calamity which arrived last Saturday. Now that the blow has fallen it is to the employers, the public of the District, that the faces of the orphans and widow are turned.

Members and Contributions.

Members of the Line of Duty Club to date and their contributions follow:

P. B., $25; Evening Star Company, $200; Miss Mildred Hawxhurst, $1; Mrs. Elizabeth Hawxhurst, $1; J. I. B., $1; C. D. Keller, $1; J. Russell Young, $1; John B. Smallwood, $1; Leonard Omerod, $1; Kirk Miller, $1; William H. Moore, $1; G. Adams Howard, $1; R. K., $1; R. M. K., $1; Helen Draper Hoffman, $5; Charles H. Galliher, $10; C. E. Langley, $10; D. S. T. R., $1; C. C. H., $5; ladies' Bible class, Brightwood Park, M. E. Church, $5; Emma G. Nisewander, $10; E. T. L., $5; Bryan Nicholson, $1; E. C. M., $5; V. K., $5; clerks, finance department, Indian office, $11; B. O. L., $5; A. Lisner, $100; No. 11 Engine Co., $16; W. V. Reed, $5; Dr. Stanley Camp, $5; Herman Peters, $1; J. B. Burch, $1; F. and C. C., $1; H. G. R., $1; Mrs. E. B. Holland, $1; Mrs. Mobley, $2; O. D. H., $2; Auxiliary, No. 12, George H. Thomas Camp, No. 11, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, $1; Ira W. Dennison, $5; Joseph Strasburger, $25; J. E. Mayfield, $25; Evelyn R. Slater, $1; Mrs. H. Wenk, $1; Mrs. T. Hess, $1; N. B. M., $2; Robert C. Dalrymple, $1; William P. Kennedy, $1; Mrs. M. Frederick, $1; Fred L. and Virginia C. Moore, $6; Mrs. D., $1; W. W. Parker, $1; W. F. L., $5; the Blue Mill, $1; Mrs. Beatrice Finn, $1; J. R. Hoover, $2; William Buckley, $1; cash, $1; J. W. Ebert, $1; cash, $25; J. H. Brickenstein, $1; total, $561.

RITES FOR J. W. DWIGHT, JR.

Yale Students Serve as Honorary Pallbearers at Services.

Funeral services for John Wilbur Dwight, jr., who died Monday morning, were held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dwight, 1765 R street, at 11 o'clock this morning. Mgr. Mackin of St. Paul's Catholic Church officiated. Interment was at Mt. Olivet cemetery.

The following six students from Yale University, who came on to attend the funeral, acted as honorary pallbearers: Brittain Haddon, Charles J. Clark, jr.; John M. Kisladden, jr.; William Meekins, Edward V. Hale, jr., and Alison B. Lunt, with six of his Washington friends, Morton Hoyt, Spottswood White, Marick Montgomery, Natz Weller, Wolcott Waggman and Amory Houghton.

SUPREME COUNCIL CLOSING ITS WORK

Conference of Ambassadors Which Will Enforce Peace Pact Convenes Monday.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, January 21.—The supreme council decided this morning that the new conference of ambassadors would be inaugurated on Monday, January 26. This conference, taking up part of the work of the supreme council, which virtually concluded its labors last night, will be intrusted with the task of insuring the carrying out of the treaty of Versailles and the discussion of current routine matters connected with peace affairs. The great questions of international policy, however, will be reserved for settlement at conferences in which the heads of the allied governments will sit.

M. Clemenceau presided over today's session of the council for a short time, giving way to Premier Millerand. The others in attendance were Earl Curzon, the British foreign secretary; Signor de Martino, for Italy; Baron Matsui, for Japan, and Ambassador Wallace, for the United States.

PARIS, January 20.—Before the council was adjourned, David Lloyd George asked that the following statement be entered upon the minutes of the council:

"Conscious of the inestimable services which M. Georges Clemenceau, president during more than a year of the peace conference, has rendered the cause of peace, and grateful to him, as we are, for the dignity, impartiality and wisdom with which he has conducted our deliberations, we, his colleagues, desire to express to him our unalterable esteem as well as our hope that in the calm of his retirement he may live long enough to see his incomparable work bear fruit for the glory of France and the renewal of the prosperity of the world."

Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador, who followed Mr. Lloyd George, said:

"Mr. President: It is a deep regret for me not to have been able to be present longer in these deliberations and to profit by your great wisdom and your incomparable good temper. I have learned to know you, and that is to say, to love you, and President Wilson already had told me how deeply he is attached to you. I want to express to you the sentiment we feel for you and to wish you a long and happy life."

Reply of M. Clemenceau.

M. Clemenceau, in thanking the council for its expressions of esteem, said:

"If Great Britain, the United States, Italy and Japan remain united there is a guarantee of peace which exceeds all those guarantees which can be put on paper. If one day these nations are separated I dare not think of the misfortunes which may result.

"We arrived here somewhat disconcerted by the gravity of the problems set and the difficulty of settling them. When fighting the enemy all necessarily were in agreement, each joyfully giving his life for his country. But it is not necessarily the same when one meets to calculate and realize the fruits of victory and to settle each one's share. We have, however, tried to accomplish that difficult task, and it may be truly said that I have never presided over your meetings. They were not presided over. We exchanged thoughts, strictly speaking. We never experienced difficulties in our discussions and the president never had to exercise his powers. We have been friends charged with a great duty—to make peace, to prolong the state of peace first of all between ourselves, while increasing the chances of peace for humanity."

After shaking hands warmly with all present, M. Clemenceau, with tears in his eyes, left forever the former minister's private office, where daily for more than a year he has toiled for the greatness of his country and the peace of the world.

Return to Old Methods.

Dissolution of the supreme council of the peace conference at Paris is regarded by officials here as marking a return to the old methods of conducting international exchanges through the offices of the regularly accredited ambassadors and ministers and their foreign offices.

It is not regarded as necessary that there should be any formal council of ambassadors in Paris, but that there will be frequent conferences between those now in the French capital, and that Mr. Wallace will report to the State Department any new propositions that may be advanced regarding the important issues left unsettled by the supreme council, such as the Adriatic question, the Turkish treaty and like matters.

He will be guided in his treatment of these subjects by express instructions from the State Department at every stage of the negotiations, and consequently will not be clothed with the same measure of power to initiate negotiations as the American commissioners at the peace conference. While this method of doing business is much slower than the direct exchanges, it is felt by officials that it will be safer and more satisfactory to the conservative elements in the Senate.

DRY GOODS RETAILERS SUGGEST ECONOMIES

The government's call for suggestions from business interests for reducing the cost of living has brought forward a series of recommendations by a committee of the National Retail Dry Goods Association dealing with clothing prices. The suggestions which were submitted by the retailers in conference here yesterday with Howard E. Figg, special assistant attorney general, probably will be made public tomorrow.

If the proposals are given nationwide adoption, Mr. Figg said, material reduction in clothing prices would follow. It is understood that the recommendations apply to the retail, wholesale and manufacturing trade and that one of the principal proposals is that the public no longer be required to bear the brunt of wage increases, but that this should be borne by the manufacturers.

The woolen industry has been asked to advance suggestions covering its end of the business and representatives will meet with Mr. Figg late this week.

RED CROSS CHAIRMAN URGES FOREIGN CREDITS

Food relief in Europe can be furnished only through the United States government establishing credits for European countries to buy supplies in this country, the House ways and means committee was told today by Livingston Farrand, chairman of the American Red Cross central committee. Funds of all private relief agencies would be "inadequate to meet the tremendous needs in Poland, Austria, Hungary and elsewhere in Europe, he said.

The committee is considering Treasury recommendations that loans of $150,000,000 for European relief be authorized by Congress.

"The government grain corporation at this time is better adapted to extend and administer an effective food and clothing relief than the Red Cross," said Dr. Farrand, explaining that the Red Cross was devoting chief attention to problems of epidemic disease and depleted vitality.

For immediate relief in Europe the Red Cross plans to spend $15,000,000, or half of its available cash, for the year's work, Dr. Farrand said. England, he said, has been "extremely generous" in rushing emergency relief into Poland. Red Cross reports, he added, "indicate in an increasing degree" the need of food and clothing first in Vienna and Budapest and second in Poland.

BAR BANQUET ATTENDED BY SIXTY-FIVE WOMEN

Sixty-five members of the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia attended a benefit of the association last night at the Lafayette Hotel. Miss Mabel T. Boardman was the guest of honor and was escorted to the head of the table by Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, founder and honorary president of the association. Miss Helen E. Jamison, associated dean of the Washington College of Law, acted as toastmistress and was escorted to the table by Miss Ida M. Moyers, president.

The first speaker was Miss Boardman, who told of the early organization of the Red Cross and of its expansion in the world war.

Mrs. Edith B. Newman of Washington, who has been doing special work for a New York law firm, spoke on "Reaching the Other Woman," telling stories of her experiences.

Miss Clare Gracon of the legal branch of the controller's office of the Treasury Department, recently returned from abroad, where she was sent in connection with the settling of accounts, spoke of life in Paris in war times.

Miss Florence Etheridge, probate attorney for Indians in Oklahoma, took for her subject "Life in the Land of Lo." She is evidently a convert to the freedom of western life.

Miss Emma Gillett, dean of Washington College of Law, told of the progress of legal education for women in the District, and said that the Washington College of Law, first school in the District to admit women, had prospered beyond all expectations and maintained about an equal ratio of man and woman students.

Miss Bessie Dwyer, who after fifteen years in Manila, where she had charge of the free library, told of the laws in the Philippines concerning women and children, and also of the growth of women's clubs.

The evening's program was closed by Mrs. Mussey, dean of woman lawyers, who said that last year the association was rejoicing at the appointment of the first woman judge to the Juvenile Court from among the members of the association.

SEEK LUSITANIA'S TREASURE.

LONDON, January 21 (by the Associated Press).—Efforts to raise some of the treasure from the ill-fated Lusitania will be made early this year.

Engineers and divers who have been prospecting about the sunken vessel believe that they can at least get thousands of pounds' worth of valuables, but that it will be impossible to raise the steamer or much of her cargo, owing to the great depth of the water in which she is lying.

HOME HYGIENE TAKEN UP.

Home hygiene and the care of the sick are being studied by more than three hundred women enrolled in classes being conducted under auspices of the District chapter of the American Red Cross. These activities form part of the nation-wide campaign being carried on by the Red Cross in the interest of public health. Application for enrollment in a class should be made to the District chapter house, 16 Jackson place. Among other places where classes are being held are the night schools of the McKinley Manual Training School and the Eastern High School.

NO DRASTIC STEP NEEDED TO COMBAT INFLUENZA

Health Officer Makes Report of Cases of Record in the District.

Five deaths from influenza and 171 new cases of the disease were reported to the health department between midnight and noon today.

The deaths reported were: Lucy Graves Temple, seventy-six, 1617 Swann street; Susan T. Daugherty, sixty-two, 1437 Rhode Island avenue; Edgar Z. Steever, seventy, Cairo apartments; William J. Browning, sixty-three, 1341 Madison street, and Martha H. Tucker, seventy-one, 31 K street northeast.

Health Officer Fowler said that while influenza was given as one cause of death in all these certificates, in two of them the malady was given only as a contributory cause.

The number of cases reported today brings the total for the month up to 636. Four recoveries were reported to the department today.

Dr. Fowler's Estimate.

Dr. Fowler said that today's reports do not indicate any improvement in the situation, and he does not look for a sudden drop in the number of cases. He said he expects the present daily average of new cases to continue for several days.

The health officer is still of the opinion that conditions in Washington have not become serious enough to warrant closing the schools or any other public places where large numbers assemble.

Dr. Fowler advises, however, that people avoid crowds as much as possible. It also was suggested today that employes in establishments where large numbers are employed remain at home and take medicine promptly if they contract heavy colds.

Dr. Fowler is keeping close personal watch on the situation, and it is known that he has well laid plans both for treatment and prevention should conditions become worse.

Nurses Plan to Mobilize.

The Instructive Visiting Nurse Society today began plans to mobilize persons who have had experience in nursing for service in the event influenza continues to spread.

Persons who have knowledge of caring for the sick are requested by Miss Alice C. Bagley of the nurse society to enroll at the society's headquarters, 1413 G street.

The scarcity of nurses is being felt, not only by private families, in which there is sickness, but in the hospitals as well.

Inquiry today developed that nearly all of the hospitals in the city are filled with patients. Influenza cases are not numerous in the hospitals, but the fact that the institutions are housing close to their capacity of patients from all causes will make it difficult for them to handle influenza cases should they increase.

At almost every hospital, with the exception of the Children's, an inquiry as to available space was met with the answer that rooms are all engaged and that the wards are well filled.

Order Affecting School Children.

All children suffering from colds will be excluded from school until the symptoms have subsided as a precaution against spread of serious colds, influenza, grip and pneumonia.

This order was issued by Dr. Fowler today to all school medical inspectors and passed along to all teachers in the form of a bulletin from the office of the superintendent of schools.

Comparatively few children are absent from classes on account of sickness, according to current attendance records, and a small proportion of absentees are out because of colds and respiratory affections.

A number of teachers are absent from their work, suffering from colds and grip, however, and the school administration is having difficulty in obtaining enough substitute instructors to handle classes.

This problem of obtaining substitutes to meet the winter sickness situation is likely to be brought before the board of education at its meeting today. Little or no relief can be offered by the board because there is no provision for the pay of a substitute teachers' corps.

Health Service Reports Influenza Under Control in All Parts of Country

Influenza throughout the country is under complete control of state medical authorities and no increase in the malady approaching the proportion of an epidemic is expected, it was announced today by the public health service.

California reported 264 cases of influenza for the week ending Saturday, as compared with twenty-four cases for the preceding week, but officials point out that at this time of the year there is a greater prevalence of colds and grippe and that the situation affords no cause for uneasiness.

The Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, Va., today reported sixty cases of influenza.

INFLUENZA AT QUANTICO; SCHOOLS DISCONTINUED

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., January 21 (Special).—In order to decrease the danger of a spread of influenza, officials at Quantico have discontinued the officers' schools for the present and, it is reported, will stop every other activity that would bring the men together in large groups. It is said that there is no increase in the number of cases at the marine camp and that the closing of the school is purely a precautionary

6,000 CHICAGO RESIDENTS NOW ILL OF INFLUENZA

Pneumonia, Which Also Is Epidemic, Reported to Have Caused Large Number of Deaths.

CHICAGO, January 21.—More than six thousand persons in Chicago today were ill with influenza, but city health officials expressed the opinion "the epidemic is near its climax." Pneumonia also was epidemic and proportionately had caused a larger number of deaths. The influenza continued to appear in a mild form with a resultant low death rate.

During the last twenty-four hours new cases were reported at the rate of more than one hundred an hour, the greatest number of any single day of the epidemic last winter being surpassed yesterday, when 2,514 new cases were reported. There were twenty-six deaths reported yesterday, however, against 214 on the day the influenza attack reached its peak a year ago.

Pneumonia dropped from 382 new cases reported Monday to 297 yesterday, but claimed a toll of 57 deaths.

A shortage of trained nurses handicapped the efforts of the health authorities to control the influenza situation. Three hundred new cases today had not had even temporary supervision by trained nurses. Fifteen hundred additional nurses were urgently needed, the health commissioner announced today.

N. Y. WORLD FOR HOOVER REGARDLESS OF PARTY

In an editorial today the New York World says:

"In the judgment of the World the best equipped and best qualified man to succeed Woodrow Wilson as President of the United States is Herbert C. Hoover.

"We should be glad to support Mr. Hoover as the democratic candidate for President on a platform that represented the historical principles of the democratic party. We should be glad to support him as an independent candidate on a platform of progressive liberalism. We should not hesitate to support him as the republican candidate on a platform representing the kind of government which Mr. Hoover has exemplified in his public career."

RENT COMMISSION SWORN IN TODAY BY JUSTICE STAFFORD

Headquarters of Board May Be in Government Building at 14th and B Streets.

The rent commission of the District of Columbia was organized formally today. Capt. James F. Oyster, A. Leftwich Sinclair and Guy Mason, having received their commissions from President Wilson, presented the parchments to the District Supreme Court. The oath of office was administered by Justice Wendell P. Stafford, who congratulated the commissioners and wished them success in the very difficult task of adjusting differences between landlords and tenants.

Chief Justice McCoy had expected to swear in the commission, but was detained at home by illness. Justice Gould, the senior associate, is also ill, so the duty of qualifying the rent commission devolved on Justice Stafford, as the ranking justice present in the courthouse.

Ceremony at 11:30 O'Clock.

The ceremony was held in the courtroom of Criminal Division 2, over which Justice Stafford presides, at 11:30 o'clock. A number of lawyers and friends of the commission were in attendance, among them being Daniel C. Roper, jr., secretary of the commission; Norman B. Dreher, director of administration of the office of the alien property custodian; Alvin G. Belt, his assistant, and Assistant Attorney General Henry H. Glassie.

Chairman Oyster of the commission stated that he had received only a formal notification of the receipt of the letter of the commission asking for space in the government building at 14th and B streets as a home for the r