

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO RESTRICT DRUGS

Designed to Prevent Smuggling of Millions of Dollars in Narcotics.

CONTROL BOARD MADE

Three Cabinet Members Are to Determine Administration of Law.

BAN UPON IMPORTATIONS

Only Opium and Coca Leaves for Medical Uses Are Permitted to Enter.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., May 4.

The Hadley bill, amending the Harrison narcotic act to bring an absolute restriction in the importation and exportation of dangerous narcotic drugs, was passed by the House today without a record vote.

The bill is designed to prevent the smuggling of millions of dollars worth of drugs, and provides heavy penalties, in addition to giving control over all supplies by Federal authority. The measure is in line with the action urged by THE NEW YORK HERALD in a series of articles showing the vast increase in drug addiction and exposing the sources of supply. Importation, manufacture, sale, distribution and exportation of opium, coca leaves, cocaine or any salt, derivative or preparation of opium, coca leaves or cocaine are regulated by the bill.

Representative Watson (Pa.) declared that since prohibition became effective there has been an increase of addicts treated in hospitals in New York city of more than 800 per cent, according to figures furnished him by Commissioner Coler.

Last year, said Mr. Watson, Congress appropriated \$7,000,000 to enforce the Eighteenth Amendment, which enforcement was a failure, while only \$200,000 was allowed to prevent fraud and smuggling in connection with drugs, an amount which was wholly inadequate. Statistics showed there were 1,000,000 drug addicts in the United States and approximately 4,000,000 subject to addiction.

Control Board Created.

The measure creates a group composed of the secretaries of the Treasury, State and Commerce, to be known as the Federal narcotic control board, which will determine the administration of the law.

The bill provides that it is unlawful to import any narcotic drug, except such amounts of crude opium and coca leaves as the control board finds necessary for medical and other legitimate uses. A fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for ten years is imposed upon violators, and in case of an alien breaking the law deportation after prison sentence is made mandatory. Masters of vessels and persons in charge of railroads or vehicles are exempt from the penalty when it is demonstrated that violations of the law occurring upon such property were not known by them.

The measure also provides that no exportation of narcotic drugs shall be made from the United States to any country not a party to the final protocol between this Government and other Powers for the suppression of the abuses of drugs. Opium from among is absolutely prohibited. Exportation of drugs to non-treaty countries would be permitted under authorization of the board on the theory the narcotics are for legitimate purposes.

In its report on the bill the committee on ways and means referred to the defects in the existing law governing the importation and exportation of narcotic drugs and suggested remedies. It stated the United States has, in compliance with the provisions of the international opium convention, prohibited the exportation of smoking opium, but as to other narcotics it was required merely that the exportation be in accordance with the laws of the country importing the narcotic drug.

Exportation Allowed.

For more than six years after the United States adopted this view no regulations were issued for carrying the limitation into effect. The result has been the exportation of narcotic drugs was permitted to countries that had not ratified the opium convention, and to countries which had ratified the opium convention but failed to regulate narcotic drugs.

\$17,000,000 LOSS IN POSTAL LEASE HERE

Bartlett Wants United States to Save Millions.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Every post office building in the country should be owned by the Government, and the old system of leasing buildings should be "scrapped," declared First Assistant Postmaster-General Bartlett today in voicing disapproval of a system which made it necessary for the Post Office Department recently to lease at an annual rental of more than a million dollars a large structure for mail purposes in New York city.

Mr. Bartlett said that the Government could save millions if a common sense business program could be laid before Congress with a fair chance of inducing that body to appropriate a sufficient sum each year for purchase instead of leasing buildings.

SAYS DAUGHERTY'S AGENT SPIED ON REPRESENTATIVES

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and inspected? Is it not a fact that Agent H. F. Crawford of the Bureau of Investigation followed these bags of mail belonging to Congressman Woodruff to the post office in Washington and inspected their contents?

"Is it not a fact that one of the highest paid agents in the Bureau of Investigation is Recellar R. Gray, a negro, who has been in your employ for a number of years as a valet and chauffeur for your family, and that this negro was ordered by you to trail these Congressmen and myself? I ask you to affirm or deny that the reports of these agents will show that they were in the House Office Building and that they mention the names of these Congressmen in accordance with my own."

"Is it not a fact that memorandum was prepared in the Department of Justice urging my arrest, and is it not a fact that you were officially advised that I had committed no violation of law?"

"Is it not a fact that the Bureau of Investigation has been employed for the private use of certain Government officials and in attempts to discredit those who have endeavored to furnish the Department of Justice evidence on which to base prosecutions against influential persons and politicians who have been caught in the meshes of the law?"

"Who is Jess Smith and what are his functions at the Department of Justice? Is it not true that he has no official position in the Government service; that he has never taken an oath of office; and is it not a fact that he has access to the files of the Department of Justice that he maintains an office in the Department, employing Government stenographers for personal dictation, and that he uses other facilities of the Government which are paid for out of public funds?"

"The speech of Congressman Woodruff is now a public document and if you fail to specifically answer the allegations therein contained, together with the foregoing questions, your failure as a public official is admitted and you should immediately resign your high trust."

No action was taken in the House today or by the Rules Committee looking to a vote by the House on the rule to authorize an investigation by that body of the Department of Justice.

Senator Caraway renewed his attack on the Attorney-General in the Senate for his connection with the Morse pardon case. He read an interview printed in a Columbus paper in 1912 in which Mr. Daugherty is quoted as saying that the credit for getting Morse out of prison was due to his efforts.

"In view of these facts," added Senator Caraway, "I think the Attorney-General owes an apology to the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Watson) for misleading him to believe he had no connection with the case whatever."

Daugherty Defends Course.

The Attorney-General in his formal statement said: "There is little of interest to be said in regard to the articles appearing in the newspapers regarding the discussion in the Senate and elsewhere, constituting an attack upon the Administration and naturally an attack upon the Department of Justice. This may be expected from time to time. The Morse case of years ago was fully discussed in the newspapers when I was candidate for United States Senator in Ohio."

"At that time President Taft and Mr. Wickereham wrote signed letters, which immediately stopped discussion and conclusively answered all charges that were made or that ever would be made for any purpose whatsoever. These two letters are in my files and if there is occasion for it I shall send for them and they will be republished."

"The real people behind this movement, aside from the partisans interested, have not yet shown their hands or their heads. Their activities are well known and their purposes are well known. In due time it will all be revealed. The Department of Justice naturally will not be popular with persons who are being brought and will be brought to justice in due course."

"No activities of the Department of Justice will be inspired or conducted for any political party. We are not much interested in years ago; that is a thing of the past and entirely cleared up. What we are interested in now is the remorse case and others. On the facts are fully known we would not expect even the persons now being used for purposes which they do not suspect to ever refer to the matter again."

FEDERAL PROSECUTIONS IN GAS CASES HALTED

Daugherty in Doubt if Evidence Produced is Adequate.

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Federal prosecutions of criminal and civil, in the cases against the United Gas and Improvement Company of New York, were halted today by order of Attorney-General Daugherty pending further investigation.

The Attorney-General said the proceedings were instituted at New York against the company and its officials, without the approval of the Department of Justice. Decision not to press the cases to trial was reached after doubt had arisen whether the Government's present course was justified on the basis of evidence presented.

Henry F. West of Columbus was appointed by the Attorney-General to take charge of the new investigation. Mr. Daugherty said Mr. West had been directed to inquire into all phases of the charges and that no further steps would be taken until this was completed.

The charges against the company alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. It was alleged that the company built up a monopoly in the manufacture and distribution of light bulbs and gas mantles and so operated that the business of competitors was destroyed.

A factor in the decision to delay prosecutions was the desire of the Department of Justice to study conditions surrounding the sale of a large part of the company's property, and to determine whether the sale was made in good faith. The question arose as to whether the statute of limitations would not have run as a bar to further proceedings.

Col. William Hayward, United States Attorney, said yesterday that he was unfamiliar with the gas cases, inasmuch as they had been prepared by two special assistants to Attorney-General Daugherty.

"All I know," Col. Hayward said, "is that R. Colton Lewis, and another attorney, had charge and probably took their orders direct from Washington."

At the time of the indictments, it was stated that the papers in the cases had been prepared by these two assistants to the Attorney-General and Col. Hayward indorsed the procedure. There were two distinct actions brought

BONUS BILL ORDERED RUSHED TO HARDING

Senate Committee Wants White House Verdict on McCumber's New Measure.

Washington, D. C., May 4. Convinced it is useless to go ahead with soldier bonus legislation until President Harding has been "smoked out," the Senate Finance Committee today instructed Chairman McCumber (N. D.) to hurry his new bill to the White House to get the President's verdict.

Senator McCumber tried to make an appointment to see the President on the bill to-morrow, but he was told it would be impossible because of the Cabinet meeting and other pressing matters.

Chairman McCumber, candidate for reelection, then reported to his colleagues he would try to see the President on Saturday or early next week.

Senator Smoot (Utah) also hopes to see the President soon and submit his paid-up insurance plans and to file objections to the McCumber bill.

Senators close to the Administration believe the President will not approve the McCumber bill, since it has not removed any objections he had to the House measure. However, Senators McCumber, Watson (Ind.) and Curtis (Kan.) are standing pat since the bill has been approved by the American Legion.

Representative Mondell (Wyo.), Republican floor leader, is fighting to jam the bonus bill through the Senate. He filed with the Finance Committee today a protest against eliminating the land settlement provision of the House measure.

The provision was the handwork of Representative Mondell and he regards it of paramount importance to Western reclamation projects. He believes the option would prove popular with ex-service men, many of whom desire "homesteads," and would encourage the settlement by them of reclaimed land.

Now it so happens that Representative Mondell is a candidate for the Senate and he feels the land settlement option in the bonus bill would be a big asset to him. However, Mr. Mondell seems to have struck a snag in the Senate, as many of the Senators, especially those in Western States, believe the pending McNary reclamation measure, carrying an appropriation of \$343,000,000, would make ample provision for land reclamation projects for ex-service men.

The committee promised Mondell, however, it would give him a hearing before the project was discarded. In that event Senator McNary (Ore.) intends to ask for a hearing by the committee, when he will point out the advantages of his idea.

Senator McCumber said today it probably would be a week or more before there was a "showdown" on bonus legislation.

TO SINK WARSHIP AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, May 4.—The battleship Australia, it was announced today by the Herald, will be sunk soon by gunfire or torpedoes off the Sydney harbor, in accordance with the provisions of the naval treaty at the Washington conference.

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