

DISTRICT SUCCEEDS IN GETTING \$17,000 FOR PLAYGROUNDS

House Votes Unexpectedly for Large Increase in Appropriation.

CITY'S REVENUES MUST PAY FOR IT

This Amount Is to Be Irrespective of Rosedale and Georgetown Provisions.

In an unexpected manner the House, in Committee of the Whole today, voted \$17,000 for the repair, equipment, and supplies of the playgrounds of Washington, the entire amount to be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia.

This appropriation is in lieu of the \$3,000 allowed by the Appropriations Committee, and is irrespective of the appropriations for Rosedale and Georgetown playgrounds.

Foster's Timely Motion.

As soon as the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole, Representative Foster of Vermont opened up what was expected to be a bitter fight on the playgrounds proposition by offering an amendment to appropriate \$17,000 instead of \$3,000.

Representative Macon of Arkansas, famed as the "chief objector" of the House, immediately moved to strike out the entire playgrounds clause on the point of order that it had no place in the appropriation bill. After considerable debate, in which it was shown that the Government had begun this work and that it came under the head of work in Congress, the point of order was overruled.

Resumes His Speech.

Mr. Foster resumed his speech in support of the children of Washington, and immediate opposition developed under the part of Mr. Tawney, Mr. Burleson, and other members of the Appropriations Committee. Suddenly Mr. Tawney said:

"I want to know if the gentleman from Vermont will accept an amendment to his amendment providing that the entire \$17,000 is to come out of District revenues, and not in part out of the United States Treasury?"

Mr. Foster looked surprised a moment, and, after Mr. Parsons of New York, a playgrounds advocate, had rushed over to his side, responded:

"We will accept that amendment if the Appropriations Committee will accept the \$17,000 item."

"We will do it," said Mr. Tawney promptly.

Unexpected Turn.

In a moment amid a ripple of laughter at the unexpected turn of affairs, the vote had been put and \$17,000 out of the District revenues had been appropriated.

"Now I'm knocked out of making my speech," said Mr. Foster, as he asked to have it incorporated in the Record, and as the House membership laughed heartily.

Mr. Foster was not the only one who came to the House today prepared to debate at length on the playgrounds item. Mr. Tawney, Mr. Peters of Massachusetts, Mr. Burleson of Texas, and Mr. Mann of Illinois, it is understood, were among those who were loaded with speeches.

House Proceeds.

The House then proceeded to the remaining two items on the playgrounds appropriation, namely \$200 for toilet facilities and shelter house for Rosedale playgrounds, and a similar amount for the same purposes at Georgetown.

These items were agreed to without any special objection on the part of the House membership, making the total playgrounds appropriation for the next year \$19,000.

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WEATHER REPORT.

There will be local snows tonight and Saturday from the Lake region eastward, with much lower temperatures in the upper Ohio valley and upper Lake region. It will also be colder Saturday in the middle Atlantic States.

In the Ohio valley, the Gulf, and south Atlantic States there will be snow or rain tonight or Saturday from a southwestern depression that appears to be moving northward.

Cold wave warnings have been ordered for Ohio, eastern lower Michigan, northern and central Indiana, central and northeastern Illinois.

The winds along the New England and middle Atlantic coasts will be moderate westerly; on the south Atlantic coast variable, becoming north to northeast; on the east Gulf coast moderate northeast to east.

TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m. 22
9 a. m. 21
10 a. m. 21
11 a. m. 21
Noon 21
1 p. m. 21
2 p. m. 21

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Fair tonight. Saturday increasing cloudiness and colder; moderate west to northwest winds.

SUN TABLE. Sun table 7:13 Sun sets 4:40

TIDE TABLE. Today—High tide, 11:28 a. m. and 11:41 p. m. Low tide, 5:37 a. m. and 5:41 p. m. Tomorrow—High tide, 12:29 a. m. Low tide, 6:35 a. m. and 6:43 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WATER. HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., Dec. 17.—Both rivers muddy this morning.

JONNESCO RECEIVED AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Taft Shows Interest in Roumanian Scientist's Use of Stovaine.

Dr. Thomas Jonnesco was the guest of President Taft at the White House this morning, where he was presented by Horace Knowles, United States minister to Nicaragua.

The President spent a much longer time than usual with his caller and expressed great interest in the work the distinguished Roumanian scientist is doing in this country.

Dr. Jonnesco reiterated today the statement he made yesterday that he would not hold any clinics or demonstrate his method of using stovaine in this city. He has worked very hard since he arrived in the United States and has had to deal with some of the most difficult cases of his professional career.

Mr. Knowles, who while minister to Roumania became an intimate friend of the surgeon, invited Dr. Jonnesco to be his guest in Washington and see the sights, and the doctor is now availing himself of this invitation. The visit will come to an end tomorrow afternoon when Dr. Jonnesco and party leave for Chicago. The time intervening will be spent in a sight-seeing tour of the city.

"I do not think it is exactly justice to Dr. Jonnesco to criticize him as the originator of stovaine," said George Sontzo, the Roumanian physician's secretary, this morning.

Dr. Jonnesco is not the originator of stovaine. He does not claim to be. Stovaine has been used as a local anesthetic for years throughout the world.

"But Dr. Jonnesco has found a way to use it that eliminates its dangers by combining it with strychnine. It is the use of the combination, which he has made perfectly harmless, that Dr. Jonnesco is demonstrating in this country."

"The United States is known through Europe as the abiding place of the most daring surgeons in the world, men who have performed the most wonderful and successful operations. It is because of this fact that Dr. Jonnesco came here. It is not fair to him to criticize him for statements he has never made nor ever authorized."

"It should be distinctly understood that he does not claim to be the discoverer of stovaine, a claim that would be as senseless and ridiculous as for him to set himself up as the discoverer of strychnine, the ether, chloroform, or any of the many distinguished physicians and surgeons of Washington called at the



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New Willard Hotel this morning to pay their respects and express regret that Dr. Jonnesco will not give a demonstration of his method here. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, director of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, declared the medical profession is under a deep obligation to Dr. Jonnesco for his services to surgery. The Roumanian surgeon has come to this country at his own expense and is giving his services free of charge to all the hospitals he has attended. President Taft took occasion to mention this fact also this morning, and thanked Dr. Jonnesco in the name of the American people.

ZELAYA CAN RESCUE LITTLE FROM WRECK BY HIS RESIGNATION

Uncle Sam Does Not Propose to Let Him Escape.

WILL NOT SUPPORT CHOICE OF MADRIZ

"Moral Support" Will Aid Followers of Estrada to Carry Out Program.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

At the Department of State it was announced this afternoon that the only official information which has come to this Government regarding the resignation of Zelaya as President of Nicaragua is a brief cablegram from Vice Counsel Caldera at Managua, confirming the report.

On the highest authority, however, it can be stated that the resignation of Zelaya will not save him.

Program Planned.

This Government is determined on the following program: That the election of Joe Madriz, Zelaya's henchman, to succeed the resigned President will not be sanctioned by the United States.

That Zelaya will not be allowed to flee Nicaragua, even if American warships have to prevent it.

That the Estrada party, the revolutionaries, will be expected to continue to war and to capture Zelaya, bring him to trial and mete out to him the punishment he deserves for his offenses and crimes.

In other words, the policy of the State Department will be carried to the end with success, and Zelaya's last desperate resort, his resignation, will not prevent his punishment.

Diplomats Amused.

In the Diplomatic Corps there is much amusement today over the appearance of "moral support" as a factor in the Nicaraguan affair. It is also learned at the department that, while this Government can not take an active part in capturing and punishing Zelaya, it will lend its "moral support" to the Estradists, who are expected to finish up the job.

"Moral support," it is learned, means merely the furnishing of arms and bullets to the revolutionaries and standing by to see that the people who get the bullets use them on the forces of Zelaya.

Old Mr. Moral Support is a pretty good ally, especially when he carries in his clothes the credentials of the United States.

While Secretary of State Knox is determined not to sanction the election of Madriz, which is on the program, Estrada's representative in Washington, Dr. Salvador Castriello, is emphatic in his declaration that Estrada will not be satisfied with the election of Madriz.

Out of Frying Pot.

This election will have to be made by the Nicaraguan congress after it has accepted the resignation of Zelaya. As a matter of fact, Madriz would follow all the orders of Zelaya, and the Estrada party is determined to make a clean sweep off the board of all of Zelaya's supporters and sympathizers.

Walking down the paths of war hand in hand with old Mr. Moral Support, Estrada figures that he can not fail. It is only a question of time when his resources will triumph over those of the Zelaya or Madriz forces. The situation is not at all changed. Estrada, instead of fighting Zelaya, is fighting Madriz, who is the servant of Zelaya. Consequently, he is as determined as ever to overthrow the government at Managua and make his own forces the rulers of the country.

So far, matters have come to pass as Mr. Knox planned them. He figured (Continued on Page Thirteen.)

Will Sit on Belgium Throne



KING ALBERT, HIS QUEEN, AND THEIR CHILDREN.

PRESIDENT FAVORS INAUGURAL CHANGE

Advocates of the Measure Are Confident of Its Passage.

The President is using his influence in a quiet way in favor of the bill now pending in Congress to change the date of the inauguration of Presidents of this country from March 4 to the last Thursday in April.

With the aid of the Administration there seems to be little doubt that the measure calling for an amendment to the Constitution to accomplish the change will be adopted by both the House and the Senate.

Both the House and the Senate committees in charge of the measure are friendly to it.

Members of the Senate and House believe that there will be no trouble at all in having the date changed. It was laughingly pointed out today that Mr. Taft's experience last inauguration day was enough to convert him to the plan. Commissioner Macfarland, who is the leader of the movement, is confident that it will meet with ultimate success.

LIQUOR LEGAL PROPERTY.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 17.—The supreme court has finally established what is known as the locker club decision, wherein it is held that a person may own and store liquors where he pleases and as much as he pleases if acquired legally. Liquors, the court says, are legitimate property. Application for hearing was denied.

COURT SENTENCES SEVEN PRISONERS

William Johnson Gets Four Years and a Half on Shooting Charge.

Seven convicted prisoners were sentenced this morning by Justice Gould, in Criminal Court No. 1.

William Johnson, convicted of the shooting of another negro, named Burhill Johnson, was given four years and six months in the penitentiary.

Leonard Cumberland, the young white boy on whom sentence was suspended by Justice Gould, following his conviction of robbing a drunken man in Smithsonian Park, was again before the court on another charge. On the previous conviction Justice Gould sentenced Cumberland to a term of eighteen months.

The other cases disposed of were: Isalah Byrd and James Barnes, negroes, convicted of robbery, ten months each in jail; John Watson, convicted of mistreating a seven-year-old girl, six years and six months; Edward Chase, convicted of violating the United States revenue laws, six months in jail and a fine of \$1,000, which was suspended, and Charles Richards, who was accused by a fourteen-year-old girl, and who withdrew his plea of not guilty, and entered a plea of guilty to a lesser offense, was given six months in jail.

OWN SERMON AT FUNERAL.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 17.—At the funeral of James Hurley, a wealthy rancher, his wife read the funeral sermon written by the dead man, his own sons were pallbearers and his grandchildren sang. He left a request that no one but his own family should attend the funeral.

COUNT BONI DENIED TUTOR CENSORSHIP

Court Gives Divorced Wife Free Hand in Educating Children.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Count Boni de Castellane's petition to the court to force his divorced wife, the Princess de Sagan, formerly Miss Anna Gould, to choose tutors for her children who would be acceptable to himself, and to compel the tutors to report to him every week, was denied today.

Boni was also condemned to pay the costs of the court proceedings.

WRECK REPORTED ON GEORGIA ROAD

COLUMBUS, Ga., Dec. 17.—A serious wreck on the Central railroad of Georgia some distance north of this city is reported here. According to the report several were killed. No details are available.

OFFICERS GUARDING BODY OF THEIR KING WITH DRAWN SWORDS

Funeral Wednesday Will Be Followed Thursday by Albert's Accession.

HEART EMBOLISM CAUSE OF DEATH

End Came on Forty-fourth Anniversary of His Formal Accession.

RUSSELS, Dec. 17.—The funeral of King Leopold, who died at 2:35 this morning, will take place next Wednesday. Prince Albert will take the oath of office as King on the following day.

The public feeling against Leopold, intensified by the disclosure of his marriage in 1896 to Baroness Vaughan, found vent today in a demonstration against the baroness by a mob outside the Laeken palace.

The mob jeered and hooted the baroness and displayed such an ugly temper that police hastened to the palace to protect her against violence.

Guard Body.

Officers with drawn swords guard the body of the King, pending its removal to the palace in the city proper. The body lies in state, dressed in a general's uniform, with a sword across the breast.

Only the family, ministers, diplomats, and newspaper men have as yet been permitted to see the body. The public will be admitted later.

The Official Monitor announces today that pending Prince Albert's assumption of the throne, to succeed King Leopold, who died at 2:35 this morning, the affairs of Belgium will be administered by a regency consisting of the council of ministers.

Physicians' Statement.

Dr. Thiriar, chief physician to King Leopold, issued the following statement today:

"King Leopold's death was due to embolism of the heart. We were most apprehensive when we operated upon him because we were aware of his heart disease, but the operation was absolutely necessary to prevent terrible suffering. Thanks to the operation, the King's death was painless."

Leopold's death occurred on the forty-fourth anniversary of his formal accession to the throne, though his kingship dated from December 10, 1895.

Belgium is officially in mourning for her dead King and all Belgian papers appeared today with black borders.

Weeps Over Body.

The Princess Stephanie, now the Countess Lonyay, arrived in the death room twenty minutes after the King died. She kissed his lifeless lips and wept bitterly over the body.

"Oh, why couldn't I have had just a few moments with him while he was yet alive," she sobbed. The princess remained on her knees at the bedside for nearly half an hour, when the physicians led her away.

Prince Albert, who will shortly take up the fallen scepter, and the Countess of Flanders, also arrived after the King had died.

Leopold's death followed quickly upon the strongest rally he had made since he was operated on Wednesday. This rally gave the physicians the first real hope of the day and at 10:30 last night they issued an official statement that the King's condition was most encouraging.

The aged monarch shared in this optimism and during the evening he discussed with his physicians the best place for him to go to recuperate. He seemed so certain of his ultimate recovery that he was planning to have a conference today with several of his ministers. At times Leopold grew almost boastful about his great strength and once remarked that there were few men of his age, seventy-four, who could go through with what he had.

Vitality Undermined.

The King's vitality had, however, been undermined in a far greater measure than he understood. Toward midnight he fell into a light sleep. At 2:30 one of the nurses who had been nursing him heard a groan from the King. She hastily summoned Dr. Thiriar, who was asleep in an adjoining room. As Dr. Thiriar entered the royal chamber, Leopold recognized him and cried out: "I am choking."

Dr. Thiriar gave Leopold an injection of morphia, the only effect of which was to ease his last moments, death ensuing ten minutes after the drug was administered. The only persons present at the time of death were Dr. Thiriar and Depage, two priests, and the Baroness Vaughan. The latter was greatly moved and begged the unconscious monarch to speak a last word to her.

As soon as it was announced that Leopold was dead, there was a rush to "The Palace" of the ministers of state and the King's relatives, and the Baroness Vaughan, the King's private secretary, was one of the first to arrive. It was his duty to notify the royal family of Leopold's death.

The confirmation of the report that Leopold secretly wedded the Baroness Vaughan greatly complicates Leopold's death.

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LOAN SHARK BILL GAINS SUPPORTERS

Number of Members Will Advocate Measure on Floor of House.

It was learned today that several members of the House are preparing to take up on the floor of the House the bill against the "loan sharks" in the District of Columbia. The House District Committee, of which Commissioner West sent his bill, will consider the matter at its next regular meeting.

In view of the fact that Congress will adjourn for the holidays next Tuesday, there is no chance of getting a report from the committee before January. During the recess, however, the citizens of Washington who are interested in the legislation recommended by Commissioner West will be engaged in collecting evidence which, it is believed, will demonstrate conclusively that there is urgent need for legislation regulating the practice of usury.

Immediately after the adjournment in January, Chairman Smith, of the House District Committee, will arrange hearings, and will endeavor to report a bill within a few days after the hearings close. Mr. Smith is in entire sympathy with Commissioner West in his efforts to protect the citizens of Washington from the "loan sharks," and said today that he was confident that his committee would do its utmost to have the West bill enacted into law as an early date.

Representative J. Hampton Moore, a member of the District Committee, declared today that he would fight for the West bill.

Mr. Moore has given considerable thought to the manner in which loans are made in the District.

He says that his personal knowledge that a number of Government employees are engaged in the business of loaning money to Government clerks for which they charge rates of interest fully as high as the "loan sharks" against whom complaint is being made.

SUGAR TRUST CASE IN HANDS OF JURY

Prosecutor Makes Stirring Address in Summing Up for Government.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Stranding an untrue the allegations of the attorneys for the former employes and officials of the Sugar trust that he desired to protect officials of the trust while prosecuting mere "wage workers," Henry L. Stimson, special Government prosecutor, closed the Government's summing up today, and the jury ventured to deliberate upon a verdict.

"It is not proper for me to express an opinion," he declared to the jury, "whether there are any persons 'higher up' who may have been responsible for the frauds. But in view of what counsel for the defense has said, I want to say that their opinion of the moral guilt of the officials of the company are the same as my own."

"I regard it my duty to take all possible steps to punish all men, no matter what position they occupy, who were guilty of the frauds, and I believe that the lawyers who argued the cases for the checkers not on trial were hired to do that by the 'men higher up.'"

The Government finally admitted that Ernest Gerbraich, former superintendent of the Havemeyer and Elder dock of the American Sugar Refining Company in Brooklyn, had been secretly arrested on an indictment charging him with defrauding the Government, and that he is now out on \$10,000 bail.

Prosecutor Stimson declared the arrest was kept secret so that would not influence the jury that is now trying former Cashier Bendoric and other employes for alleged conspiracy to defraud.

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JUMP IN WHEAT CAUSES BIG STIR

Wild Excitement Follows Move in the Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Amid the wildest excitement December cash wheat scored an advance of 1/2 cents a bushel, selling at \$1.16 1/2, as compared with \$1.14 yesterday at \$1.14 1/2.

The shorts were decidedly scared at the condition of the market. The price has advanced 4 cents a bushel in two days and the bulls seem to have the market well in hand and capable of continuing the advance.

Natural gas deliveries were higher and the close was near the top and attended with wild efforts on the part of the shorts to get out of their trouble.

PULLEY CRACKS SKULL.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 17.—By the bursting of a pulley Joseph Moser sustained a fracture of the skull at the Norristown Pattern Works.

READ THE Cleverness of Cardillac (BY ROBERT BARR) It's an entrancing love tale of olden France, which begins tomorrow in The Washington Times Picturesque, thrilling, absorbing---it's a story you'll read from first word to last, and enjoy every bit of it. Read the Opening Chapters in Tomorrow's Times

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