

FIVE DISTRICT BILLS PASSED IN HOUSE; LONG DEBATE BEGUN

Measure Prohibiting Fraudulent "Ads." and That Regarding Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds in Number.

Three Hours Allowed for Juvenile Court Proposal, and Lengthy Dissertation Starts on Dye Duties.

Five District bills were quickly passed by the House today and extended debate begun on a sixth measure, which probably will pass before adjournment.

The House devoted itself today to District business for the first time this session, and there was little of the debate which has heretofore caused business to drag on so-called District days. The committee bills were accepted without question, and the five measures were disposed of in less than an hour.

An important sidelight on the legislation approved today was the fact that the House approved of the contention that District officers should be residents of the National Capital.

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The five bills approved by the House, without a dissenting vote, are as follows:

The bill to prohibit fraudulent advertising in the District, a measure advocated by the Retail Merchants' Association.

The Commissioners' bill authorizing the Supreme Court of the District to appoint the Register of Wills and providing that the appointee shall be a bona fide resident of this city.

The Commissioners' bill authorizing the Commissioners to appoint the Recorder of Deeds, with the same restrictions regarding residence.

A bill providing that no judgment or conviction against a child in the Juvenile Court shall operate as a disqualification against any such child for jury duty or for holding office or for any other public service after the convicted child shall have reached maturity.

The Carlin bill providing that only that part of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company situated in the District shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission.

Three Hours Debate.

After passing these five bills an agreement was reached that there should be three hours of general debate on the bill amending the laws relative to the Juvenile Court and broadening the scope of the work of that institution.

Under the general debate rule a member may talk on any subject, and Congressman Hill of Connecticut began a long speech in favor of protective duties on imported dyestuffs. A vote on the Juvenile Court bill will come late this afternoon, unless the time for debate is extended further.

DR. O'CONNOR WILL SUPERVISE BUREAUS

Named By Secretary Lane As Sanitary Officer For the Interior Department.

Mardi Gras—New Orleans. Mobile. Pensacola. March 2-7. Low round trip fares. Through sleeping cars. Southern Railway. No 135-31 G. S. N. W. Adv.

374 Perish on Warship Sunk by Submarine

PARIS, Feb. 14.—Three hundred and seventy-four lives were lost when the French cruiser Admiral Charner was sunk off the Syrian coast. Dispatches confirming the loss of the cruiser today said that only one man out of 375 aboard was saved.

The ministry of marine gave out a statement last night expressing fear for the safety of the Admiral Charner, a 4,680-ton cruiser. The last word was received from her on February 8 in a German report that a French warship had been torpedoed by a German submarine.

NAVY CODE THEFT LEADS TO JAPANESE

Department of Justice Sets Dragnet for Stewards of Destroyer Hull.

Every agency of the Department of Justice on the west coast is at work on the trail of a Japanese spy believed to have been guilty of the theft of a secret naval code of the United States navy, which disappeared from the destroyer Hull at San Diego.

Two naval officers have already been court-martialed for the loss of the code but the court has suspended action on the case pending the outcome of the search for the Japanese.

At the time the code disappeared a Japanese and a Filipino were employed as stewards on the destroyer. After the loss became known the two disappeared. The naval authorities have called in the aid of the Department of Justice.

Possession of the code would give any nation possessing it the innermost secrets of the cipher used by the American navy in time of battle. The Navy Department is already preparing a new code. It is understood that a Japanese and a Filipino were employed as stewards on the destroyer. After the loss became known the two disappeared. The naval authorities have called in the aid of the Department of Justice.

BRITISH CRUISER HITS EAST COAST MINE

The Arethusa, Dare-Devil of Navy, Is Believed to Be Total Wreck.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The British cruiser Arethusa, which has figured in some of the most thrilling English naval exploits of the war, has struck a mine off the east coast. The admiralty announced this afternoon that it is feared she is a total wreck. Ten of her crew were lost.

The Arethusa, a light cruiser built in October, 1913, had several encounters with German torpedo boats and other warships early in the war, and became known as the dare-devil of the English fleet. Her exploits inspired several English poets to write poems in her honor, and the Arethusa's crew were popular heroes in England.

The Arethusa displaced only 3,520 tons, and as armament mounts only two six-inch and six four-inch guns. She carried also four torpedo tubes. Her length was 460 feet.

U. S. Submarine Bids to Be Opened Wednesday

Bids will be opened by the Navy Department Wednesday for the construction of fleet submarines Nos. 3 and 3, which are planned to be the largest submarines afloat. Congress has fixed the limit of cost of the new submarines at \$1,500,000, exclusive of arms and armament.

The new boats will surpass even the submarine Scoby, now under construction at the Fall River shipyard, Quincy, Mass. The boats will have a cruising radius far beyond that of any other submarines now in service in the American navy and a greater speed.

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ROUMANIAN ARMY NOW MOBILIZED

Danube and Carpathian Defenses Complete, Says Report From Paris.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Belief that Roumania is drifting into the war on the side of the allies is strengthened today by official dispatches from Paris, reporting Roumanian mobilization complete.

Paris also reported that the construction of Roumanian works along the Danube and in the Carpathians to guard against possible invasions by the Bulgars and Austro-Hungarians, have been finished. Work on these fortifications, according to recent Rome reports, has been in progress throughout the winter.

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British Make First Draft Under Conscription Act

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The first proclamation calling unmarried men eligible for military service under the conscription act was posted at Wallasey, near Liverpool, today.

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D. C. BOARD OPPOSES PAUPER LABORATORY

Commissioners Declare Investigations Should Be Conducted by Federal Authorities.

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Canada to Build \$500,000 Home for Her Veterans

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 14.—Plans for the erection of a home on 100 acres, at a total cost of \$500,000, for soldiers returning from the war, were announced today by the Manitoba Soldiers' Association.

Foes of Gen. Smith Open Fight to Keep Him Off Excise Body

Sheppard Says Wilson Would Not Have Renamed Him if He Had Known Facts.

ANTI-SALOON HEAD HEARD Joins Pastor of Randle Heights Church in Attacking Reappointment.

Senator Morris Sheppard, author of the District prohibition bill, today told a subcommittee of the Senate District Committee that he did not believe President Wilson would have reappointed Robert G. Smith member of the Excise Board had he been familiar with the facts brought out by the special Senate committee which investigated the Excise Board.

The subcommittee, which has under consideration the confirmation of General Smith, was told by Senator Sheppard that President Wilson told him he had not read the report of the investigating committee. Senator Sheppard was chairman of this committee.

Attacks Heard.

The hearing was given over today to those who oppose the reappointment. Andrew Wilson, president of the District Anti-Saloon League, and the Rev. E. M. Ramsey, of the Randle Heights Baptist Church, asserted the record of the board of which General Smith is a member does not merit his reappointment.

Senator Sheppard assailed the Excise Board for granting a license to a saloon in the vicinity of the Government Printing Office after the Postmaster General had protested against it, and for granting a license to another saloon near the Central High School after the teachers had protested.

Much of Senator Sheppard's testimony consisted of reading from the summary of the report of the special committee made last year following its investigation of the Excise Board.

Phelan in Charge.

Senator Phelan of California, chairman of the subcommittee, conducted the hearing today, and Senators Sausbury and Jones were present. Senators Martin and Weeks also are on the committee, but could not attend today. The hearing will be resumed at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. General Smith was present this morning, but took no part in the proceedings.

After Mr. Wilson had told about the refusal of the board to heed the protest from Postmaster General Burleson, Senator Sausbury inquired whether he knew of any actual violation of the law. Mr. Wilson said that he contended that in seventeen cases there has been such violation. He was interrupted to allow

U. S. TO OVERCOME TUNGSTEN SHORTAGE

Substitute Will Be Used for Tolls in Carrying Out Naval Program.

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The United States Government and shipbuilders to whom it awards battleship contracts use tungsten for nothing but tool steel, it was declared at the department. Ordnance officials said tungsten is used for nothing but tool steel, if they are not able to get tungsten for the manufacture of tools they will use something else.

AUSTRIANS DROP BOMBS ON MILAN

Aviators Attack City of Magnificent Churches and Museums.

ROME, Feb. 14.—Six persons were killed by Austrian aeroplanes in a raid on Milan last night, according to dispatches received here today.

Milan is the third largest city in Italy, having a population of more than 500,000. It lies twenty miles from the Austrian lines in the Trentino region, and is the capital of the province of Milan. Magnificent churches, museums, and educational institutions are located there.

WILSON GIVES PERMISSION TO PUT HIS NAME ON OHIO TICKET

President Formally Expresses Willingness That He Appear as Candidate in Letter to State Official.

No Opposition to Renomination Expected by Buckeye Leaders—Chief Executive's Action Necessitated by Law.

President Wilson today threw his hat in the ring. In two letters written to Charles Q. Hildebrand, secretary of state of Ohio, the President expressed his willingness to permit his name to go on the ballot in the Ohio Presidential primary.

According to Ohio leaders, there will be no opposition among the organization Democrats of the State against Mr. Wilson, who is expected to receive practically the unanimous indorsement of the party in that State.

TWO LETTERS.

My Dear Sir:
I am inclining to you a letter the occasion of which I dare say will be quite obvious. Friends in Ohio have called my attention to section 4541 of the General Code of Ohio, as amended in 1914, with regard to primary elections, and have requested that I indicate my willingness to have my name used. I accordingly take the liberty of ending you the enclosed in order to permit the use of my name that the Democratic party in Ohio may make known their preference in regard to that nomination. I am, of course, without the technical requirements of the statutes of the State of Ohio, I hereby consent to the use of my name as a candidate for the Presidency in June next. Respectfully,
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Action Necessitated.

Under the Ohio law the actual balloting is for delegates to the national convention, but candidates for delegate are required to file before February 25 to file their names stating their first and second choices for the Presidential nomination. Under no circumstances can the name of a man be entered as the first or second choice of a candidate unless he has obtained the written permission of that man.

Several weeks ago the Democratic State committee of Ohio met, and, after considering various ways of securing President Wilson the endorsement of a premature announcement of his candidacy, the committee finally decided to put the matter squarely up to the White House. The President's letter, given out today, are the result.

Mayflower Battled Way Up Potomac in Fierce Snowstorm

Having battled through a fierce snowstorm which swept the Potomac river, the yacht Mayflower, with the President and Mrs. Wilson aboard, steamed into the navy yard dock here at 6 o'clock this morning.

The Mayflower left Old Point Comfort about 2 o'clock yesterday. It was snowing hard at the time. During the late afternoon the storm became a blizzard. The cutting snow and wind swept over the deck of the vessel, but the President and Mrs. Wilson, in their cabin, were undisturbed.

Serious Damage Reported to General Electric Works at Sohenectady.

Sohenectady, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Serious damage is reported to have been done by a mysterious fire in the munitions factory of the General Electric Company early today. Although a report from the company declared the property was but slightly damaged owing to oil bins becoming overheated, the plant is reported from outside sources to have been put out of commission.

Report on E-2 Explosion Filed by Inquiry Board

Captain Bullard, chairman of the board that investigated the recent explosion on the submarine E-2 at New York navy yard, reported to Secretary of the Navy Daniels today.

The report was referred to Brigadier McLean, judge advocate general of the navy. Details of the report were withheld by Secretary Daniels.