

D. C. HEADS SUBMIT PLEAS TO CONGRESS

Need of New Municipal Hospital and Disposal Plant Emphasized in Report.

TAX LAW CHANGES URGED

New Method of Committing Insane to Asylum Also is Suggested.

Need of a new municipal hospital and a plant for the municipal disposal and collection of city refuse is emphasized by the District Commissioners in their annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, submitted to Congress today.

Attention is directed to the annual report of the Board of Charities, in which reference was made to opposition to placing the hospital on the site owned by the District building at Fourteenth and Upshur streets northwest, and to the statement of the board that in its opinion such opposition was not well founded.

A new institution for the care of the indigent sick, the Commissioners say, is "one of the most urgent of all needs of the District."

Urged Appropriation. At the last session of Congress the Commissioners recommended an appropriation of \$300,000 toward the purchase of a site and the construction of a plant for the disposal of city refuse.

The total cost of such plant was estimated at \$555,000. The appropriation was not made.

The contracts for the disposal of garbage, refuse and dead animals expire June 30, 1918. The Commissioners say, "and unless municipal collection and disposal is authorized by Congress in time to contract for a plant before the expiration of the present contracts, either new long-term contracts must be made or some other plan adopted to carry on the work by contract during the construction of the municipal plant."

The Commissioners have included in their estimates for the ensuing year a modified plan providing for the construction of a reduction plant on land owned by the District of Columbia at Blue Plains, D. C., to take care of garbage and dead animals. The question as to whether the municipal plant is to take care of the city refuse or to continue the method of collection and disposal by contract should be settled at an early date.

Changes Recommended. Several important changes in legislation governing collections of taxes are recommended.

"One," says the report, "is a law substantially as recommended by the Commissioners at the last session of Congress, permitting the holder of tax to sue to recover the tax, or to sue for equity and seek settlement where all parties concerned may present their claims and have them properly adjudicated.

"Ample time should be given the owner of the property to settle these claims, but when the time has expired, any further delay on the part of the holder of the property, who, perhaps, during all this time has enjoyed the profits of the property, and who is evading his share of its financial burdens. There are a few conspicuous examples of such delinquency, which render it imperative that such a law should be enacted, not only for the additional revenue it will bring to the treasury, but for the specific purpose of preventing such evasive property holders from settling a bad and unpatriotic example for others.

Tax Change Urged. "Another change that should be immediately effected, for the furtherance of proper accounting and the placing of administrative responsibility where it directly belongs, is the enactment of a law transferring the posting of the accounts of all tax ledgers from the office of the assessor to the office of the collector of taxes. That proposition was also favorably recommended by the Commissioners during the last session of Congress, but failed of enactment.

"An annual registration or license tax on automobiles, motorcycles, and other motor vehicles, is again recommended. The present system of perpetual license tag is susceptible to many kinds of abuse. It furnishes no basis of correct information as to the actual number of automobiles owned in the District, while a personal tax levied must always depend upon many contingencies. Such a change deserves careful consideration.

"A similar registration of motorboats, launches, and other water craft, requiring the owners thereof to register the boats, with name and complete description, and to obtain an identification number, would facilitate efforts in this office to collect personal taxes levied on them."

Total Tax Collections. The total tax collections for the year ended June 30, 1916, were \$10,130,191.93.

The assessment of real estate for the fiscal year 1917 was as follows: Land, \$207,355,359; improvements, \$194,743,377; total, \$402,098,736; tax, \$6,021,484.87.

Legislation providing for biennial instead of a triennial assessment, which was included in the current District Appropriation bill, the Commissioners say is a step in the right direction. The board, for a number of years has recommended annual assessment.

Legislation requiring the owner when as sale of real estate is made to file with the assessor for use only by the board of assessors the true consideration is recommended. It has been found impossible, the Commissioners declare, to collect all taxes that are due, and the facts bearing on them even with a large force of assistants.

Change in the law governing the commitment of the insane is recommended. The Commissioners say that many cases exhibit mental symptoms which leave no doubt in the mind of their friends and relatives that they need care and treatment and the only advantage in requiring their presence in court is to conform with legal requirements.

Done Against Protests. "This is done," the board states, "in many instances against the protests of their friends and relatives and of the patients themselves. It would seem that unless there is some reason, attendance at court is an unnecessary hardship to the patient and family as well as an expense to the District of Columbia."

Residents of the District during 1915 paid for premiums on all classes of insurance \$7,589,545.07, according

to the report. The losses paid on risks amounted to \$3,193,354.05, and the risks written exclusive of casualty amounted to \$403,019,811.33. Reference is made to the work of the Department of Weights, Measures and Markets in the testing of gasoline pumps.

The work will be prosecuted, it is stated, until all such pumps have been tested and in the future each pump will be tested once a year. It is the intention during the year to take up the work of testing druggists' prescription scales and jewelers' scales.

New Positions Needed. Attention is called to the need of the creation of the positions of traffic captain, lieutenant and three traffic sergeants to be in command of the traffic branch of the police department.

The great increase in vehicular traffic with additional traffic problems, makes the creation of a traffic branch more and more urgent, the Commissioners say. Legislation providing for the sale of fire arms is again recommended.

"In the work of crime prevention nothing will help the police department more than the enactment by Congress of a law placing a further restriction on the sale of firearms and dangerous weapons," it is declared.

Many crimes result from persons purchasing revolvers and shotguns, others while still in a fit of passion. The total number of arrests for all offenses in 1916 was 39,377, against 37,219 in 1915.

Expresses Regret. Expressing regret that efforts to increase the fire prevention force have been unsuccessful, the Commissioners promise to renew their efforts along this line.

"Fire prevention work in practically every municipality of this country," says the report, "has become recognized as of equal importance with the extinguishing of fires, and the fire prevention bureaus have grown from year to year in proportion as the work has increased in scope, until it is recognized as one of the most necessary branches of public safety."

Fire losses for the year amounted to a total of \$44,825, covered by an insurance of \$6,184,407.

Referring to the work of the Health Department, it is of prime importance, the report states, to equip the department with facilities for a search with respect to the prevention of diseases that appear to be on the increase, and "with means for instilling into the public mind and the mind of the individual such knowledge as is available with respect to the influence of personal habits on these diseases."

"The work of a modern health department," it is added, "is no longer merely that of combating communicable diseases, but it must engage in a general campaign for increased bodily vigor."

Park Purchases. Mention is made of the items in the board's estimates for the purchase for park purposes of the Patterson tract, lying north of Florida avenue and east of New York avenue; the Dean tract, located at the intersection of Connecticut and Florida avenues and Kingsley valley from Woodley road to the Washington Park tract; and last year's \$75,000 has been appropriated for the acquisition of small parks outside the limits of the original city of Washington. It is required that these parks be surrounded by streets.

The Commissioners say they do not believe they should be restricted, but should be left free to select land for small parks anywhere in the District. It is their intention, they say, to submit to Congress a list of parcels they think should be acquired.

Attention is directed to the recommendation to the board that provision be made for the wider use of the playgrounds by the purchase of additional grounds and that they be opened on evenings.

The report adds: Receipts and Expenditures.

"Cash receipts from all sources for the fiscal year amounted to \$14,291,407.20, made up as follows: From taxation, license, and miscellaneous sources, \$8,409,397.58, amount paid by the United States as share of expenses of government, \$1,408,313.82, of June 1, 1915, \$1,875,000.00; trust and special fund collections, including the water fund, \$1,408,313.82.

"Cash expenditures for the fiscal year amounted to \$14,183,016.54, of which there was paid from appropriation, \$14,183,016.54, and from fund, \$12,809,490.73, and from trust and special funds, including the water fund, \$1,373,525.81.

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PENROSE FOR U. S. ELECTION CONTROL

Aims to Enable Colored Men of South to Vote—Has Other Purposes.

The old force bill issue of twenty-six years ago will be revived in the Senate this session.

Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania has announced that he will introduce a bill for Federal control of elections in order to enable the colored men in the South to vote.

In view of the fact that the Democratic control of the Senate, it will be impossible to pass the bill. Nevertheless, a lively controversy is likely to be aroused. Likewise, the Republican leaders who are with Senator Penrose in the matter think it will offset any efforts the Democrats may make to gain political capital out of a campaign contributions investigation.

Senator Penrose says the evil of preventing colored men from voting must stop and that it may be necessary to abolish the Electoral College to reach it.

D. C. MILITIAMEN ON 25-MILE HIKE

Near End of March to Leon Springs Fresh and Strong.

By Staff Correspondent. SOMEWHERE IN TEXAS, Dec. 5.—The District militiamen are on the march today, completing the final stage of their twenty-five mile hike to Leon Springs. Leaving the foot of Nine Mile Hill, where they camped for the night, immediately after a frugal repast this morning, the Washington citizen soldiers resumed their march fresh and strong.

Major Charles H. Luce, chief medical officer of the Third Regiment, said all the men were in excellent condition. He expects the regiment to cover the sixteen miles today without the loss of a man.

The District soldiers and the members of the West Virginia and Mississippi regiments accompanying them have been favored with two days of ideal weather for the long hike.

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EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR SERIAL FILM

Francis Bushman Calculates Exact Time Needed to Show Complete Story.

How much time would be required to show a complete serial film play?

That is a question which an inquirer has asked the photo-play editor of The Times, and for which a rather startling and apt answer has just been given.

The question and answer are very much like that of the boy who asked an ordnance expert on board a battleship how long was the actual life of a 13-inch gun. The expert replied that the gun lasted exactly two minutes and thirty-seven seconds—or a space of time equally as abbreviated.

He then explained that a 13-inch gun was considered good for 100 shots, and that the time he had given was the exact length of time it would require 100 shots to travel through the barrel of the gun.

Like Adamson Law. Francis X. Bushman is the man who answers the question regarding the serial for The Times. Bushman is just now in the throes of making a fourteen part serial called "The Great Secret," which will be the first in which he will be seen with Beverly Bayne. It happened that Bushman elected to spend Thanksgiving on his farm in the vicinity of Washington, so it was natural that he should be asked about the serial.

"It just takes eight hours," he said. The actor laughed when he gave the answer.

"That's funny—just a legal day's work," he said. "I never thought of that angle of it. But I'm not curious. Here we have been working for weeks rehearsing, making pictures, and re-making them. And we will keep on for several weeks to come as we haven't the thing nearly done yet."

"We're in the studio or on location from 8 in the morning until 5 in the evening, and that's all the time. And all that work just to produce eight hours of pleasure for the tired business man. That surely is curious."

Essanay Signs Charlotte Burton. Announcement is made from the Essanay offices in Chicago that Charlotte Burton has been engaged to play leading roles with the regular Essanay company. Miss Burton, who was with the American company, and recently completed the serial "The Diamond From the Sky," is now in Chicago, and will begin work immediately with the Essanay forces.

No announcement is made as to the plays in which Miss Burton will appear, but it is understood that she will be starred by Essanay in a number of especially written plays, taking the place in the Essanay program of Edna Mayo, who has recently severed her contract.

Miss Burton has come very rapidly to the front during the past three years, and is now rated as one of the most thoughtful of the motion picture stars. She is an experienced actress, having started in on the stage when she was a small child.

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TODAY'S BEST FILMS.

Strand, Ninth and D streets: E. H. Sothern and Edith Storey in "An Enemy to the King" (Metro).

Leader, Ninth, between E and F streets: Jack Pickford and Louise Huff in "Seventeen," adapted from the stories by Booth Tarkington (Famous Players).

Low's, Columbia, Twelfth and F streets: Irene Fenwick in "The Coney Island Princess" (Famous Players).

Gaiety, 423 Ninth street: W. E. Hart in "The Return of Draw Egan" (Triangle).

Crandall's, Ninth and E streets: Robert Warwick and Mollie King in "All Men," by Willard Mack (World Film Corporation).

Penn Gardens, Twenty-first street and Pennsylvania avenue: Valentine Grant in "The Daughter of MacGregor" (Famous Players).

Masonic Auditorium, Thirteenth street and New York avenue: Norma Talbot in "Going Straight" (Triangle).

Savoy, Fourteenth street and Columbia road: Gail Kane in "The Scarlet Oath" (World Film Corporation).

Apollo, 624 H street northeast: Robert Warwick and Gail Kane in "The Heart of a Hero," adapted from the play "Nathan Hale," by Clyde Fitch (World Film Corporation).

Avenue Grand, 645 Pennsylvania avenue southeast: Viola Dana in "The Gates of Eden" (Metro).

Circle, 2105 Pennsylvania avenue: Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in "In Diplomatic Service" (Metro).

The matter is due to the fact that there was really a message to Garcia to inspire the essay, and that it originated here.

The message carried the message was Capt. Andrew Rowan, of the army, now a retired officer, who was exceedingly well known in this city, having practically grown up here and lived here many years during his service in the army. The story which the Edison Company has prepared for film circulation based upon Captain Rowan's exploit, tells of the volunteering of a "Lieutenant Rowan" to a dangerous task and of his adventures in Cuba, where he is hunted down by Weyler's soldiers.

COMMERCE DEPT. CHANGES

Promotions, Appointments, and Resignations Are Announced.

The Department of Commerce has announced today the following changes in its personnel: Arthur R. Annett, clerk at \$1,200 in the Census Bureau has resigned.

Templeton Van de Bogert, assistant in the Bureau of Fisheries was promoted from \$900 to \$1,200. Richard J. McCullen, car messenger, was promoted from \$1,000 to \$1,200. Karl W. Hattig was temporarily appointed as a draftsman at \$125 per month, and Arthur Halseth was provisionally appointed as fireman on the steamer Curlew, at \$720. Marjorie L. Franklin received provisional appointment as clerk in the Bureau of Design and Domestic Commerce at \$1,200. August Fiekel received temporary appointment, foundry helper in the Bureau of Standards, at \$720.

"MAIL EARLY" PLEA MADE

"Remember the Mail Man" Advises Postoffice Department.

"Remember the mail man and mail early," was the slogan offered the Christmas shopper today by the Postoffice Department. With requests from postmasters all over the country for additional facilities for handling Christmas mail, indications were that this year's holiday mailings will far exceed all previous records.

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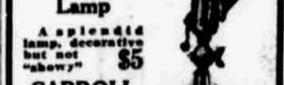
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