

BALTIMORE LETTER.

State House, Annapolis, March 9th, 1922. The strenuous fight which resulted in the passage of the prohibition enforcement bill in the House of Delegates last week, has not been renewed, openly at any rate, now that the bill is in the Committee of the Senate. Both sides are apparently resting this week, making preparations for a renewal of the contest in the upper House next week. At the present time the result appears in doubt. Several of the Senators have not announced their position on the bill, and efforts are being made both by the "Drys" and the "Wets" to gain these apparently doubtful Senators, on whose action the fate of the bill will rest. All sorts of reports are in circulation and both sides are claiming a majority of the matter. In the House, the fight will be for and against a referendum providing for a referendum, to be voted upon by the people of the state at the Congressional election next fall. The Anti-race track bill, is also in doubt. The measures received a large majority in the House, where no serious fight was made against it. The indications are, however, that a vigorous contest will be made to prevent the passage of the bill in the Senate, with the result in doubt. Owing to the fact that the passage of the bill will reduce the revenues of the State Treasury more than three quarters of a million dollars a year, several of the Senators who would otherwise be in favor of the bill, are doubtful as to the expediency of its passage at the present time. The chances are that it will not be taken up until after the enforcement bill is disposed of, which will probably be at least two weeks hence. In the meantime, the budget bills, providing for the appropriation for the next two years, will probably be held up until after the anti-race track measure is settled, owing to the fact that its enactment will necessitate bringing about a scaling down of all appropriations in order to meet the deficiency, caused by the loss of the large amount derived from the tax on the race tracks. Policies, and the prospective candidates to be voted for in the coming fall, are becoming more and more subjects for discussion every day, as the session nears its close. The problem as to who will be the candidates to be voted on in the nominating primaries in September, engrosses the most of the attention of the statesmen among the members of both Houses, as well as the many visitors of prominence from all sections of the State. Day by day the impression is gaining ground, that Governor Ritchie will be in the field for the nomination for the Senate, when the final entries are made, and that he may have as his competitor either former Senator John Walter Smith, Mr. John M. Dennis, Mr. Samuel K. Dennis, or States Senator Orlando Harrison. Not a few people believe that in the end, Senator Smith will be forced to enter the contest for the nomination, in order to prevent a serious primary fight in the Democratic party for it is the general impression that if the ex-Senator desires the nomination, he can have it without any interference whatever. The visit of the Senator to Annapolis on Tuesday gave color to the reports that he is not averse to a re-election, although friends of State Treasurer, John M. Dennis, did not hesitate to say that the former Senator will back the

Treasurer for the nomination, against Governor Ritchie or any other ambitious statesman, who may enter the race. The session, up to the present time has been absolutely free from all trace of partisan politics. There has been no division on party lines on any matter before the race House, and no one would be able to tell whether a member of either House was a Republican or a Democrat, from anything that has happened here in debate or in committee action the members have in the main, been unusually attentive to business, and the usual accusations of hoodlums, and lobby corruption which have been prevalent in all former sessions, have been notably absent. The lobby has been literally stayed out, and the old-time statements of the third House, are here no more. The creation of the Public Service Commission, has taken away the measures which in former sessions brought the corporations down to Annapolis every session and the old days of the corrupt lobby, are apparently some forever. It was expected by many people that the race track people would come down with unlimited hordes to prevent the passage of the anti-race track bill, but up to the present time they have not appeared, greatly to the disappointment of those who expected to reap a harvest for their winters work as law makers of the State. The attention of the General Assembly this week, has been held almost exclusively by the bills to prohibit betting on horse races, known as the Anti-Race track bill, and the prohibition enforcement bill. All other matters have been held in the back ground, and, at times it is difficult to realize that there are other measures of any real importance before the law-making department of the State. Early and late these two so-called moral bills, are the subject of discussion in all parts of the State House, and while the present indications are that both will be passed by substantial majorities, there is never any certainty as to what may be the faith of any measure of importance here until both houses have acted and the Governor finally decided, in the case of passage, what shall be law and what shall go into the legislative scrap heap. The session will end Monday, April 3, just three weeks from next Monday, and all these financial measures are still in Committee, and that notwithstanding the fact that the budget, and all the bills providing for the issuance of bonds and the appropriation of money were presented the second week of the session, now two months ago. The truth is all legislatures are alike in this regard,—for no matter how much the executive offices of the State may endeavor to hasten matters by the early introduction of the administration bills, the committees go on slowly and deliberately, and all measures of importance are crowded, in their final analysis, into the latter days of the session. It was so, it is so, and it probably always will be so, legislatures have always been so, not only here, but in all other States, and all efforts by the newspapers and executive officers to hurry things up have proved to be failures in the past, and will probably be failures in the future, and the general public will be obliged to submit. Governor Ritchie is now able to spend his time during the day and of-ten at night, in his office in the State House, where he is accessible to all those who wish to see him—and his callers are many in number. While the official appointments required to be made within fifty days after the opening of the session have all been sent into the Senate, there are still many office seekers here from day to day,

looking out for places in the various departments,—places which are no under the constitutional requirement of Senatorial confirmation. These positions are those which have been created during the past few years, and are in reality more in number than those which were created by the Constitution of 1867. All these places are subject to the Governor alone, the Senate has nothing to do with them. The plan of creating this large and important official force, was really formulated by the late Governor Groves, and his Attorney General, G. Isaac Lohb Strauss. Both were absolutists in their way, and favored the concentration of power and responsibility in the hands of the executive, without any concurrence or interference on the part of the Senate, and this plan has been followed without deviation by every Governor since that time. Attempts have been made from time to time at every session of the General Assembly to go back to the old system, which required all official appointments to be confirmed by the Senate—but these attempts have been met by the strenuous opposition of the executive, and have failed. The present executive has been no exception to this rule and when an endeavor was made to require all the appointments under the reorganization bills to be confirmed by the Senate, it was promptly voted down, and, under the reorganization, which will go into effect next January, the Governor's power and authority to appoint and remove officials without any serious restriction, will be greater than ever. His Excellency will be, to all intents and purposes, absolute in all that pertains to the State administration, without responsibility to any body of men, except to public opinion. As spring approaches, the politicians are beginning to busy themselves with discussions of candidates for United States Senator, and members of the National House of Representatives. The Republicans will not renominate Senator France and the present Congressman Messrs. Blakely, in the second district, Hill in the third district, Mudd in the fifth district, and Zihlman in the sixth district. The Democrats will renominate Congressman Goldsborough in the first district while the indications are, that there will be a red hot contest for the nomination in the second district, where ex-Congressman Benson will be opposed by State Senator Tydings, of Hartford county. It is reported that ex-State Senator James J. Lindsay, of Baltimore county, will probably enter the fight in the second, and, if he does the battle for the nomination will have added interest for Mr. Lindsay is popular in the field, although there is much talk in regard to Samuel K. Dennis, John M. Dennis, Orlando Harrison, Major Brooke Lee, and last but not means least, very many people believe that in the final round-up Governor Ritchie will be found in the race, and will carry off the prize. PAUL WINCHESTER. The new income-tax blanks are easier to fill out than the old ones, but it is still as hard as ever to fill out the checks to accompany them.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

By Wallace Bassford. (Special News Correspondent) Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—Mr. Jardine seems to feel that it is politically expedient, if not necessary, to provide a bonus for the soldiers. A week ago he was hot-foot for it. Immediately there appeared on the bulletin boards in the stock-brokers' board rooms in all the cities brief wires from the Wall Street section telling how the great money interests were getting together to prevent it, on the ground that it would necessitate laying an additional burden of taxation or the issuing of more bonds. Then paid advertisements appeared in the Washington papers arguing against the bonus proposition. Immediately thereafter the President came forth with a statement that he would not favor either additional taxes or a bond issue for the purpose, whereupon the metropolitan press expressed the view that this meant an end to the bonus, as there was no other way left to raise the money. But at this juncture Mr. Byrnes of South Carolina comes forward with a proposition that should appeal to the President and everyone else. It is simply this: The Republican leaders figure that it will take \$350,000,000 per year to pay the proposed bonus. Chairman Madden of the Appropriations Committee says the Administration, through the new budget system, has saved \$357,000,000 by cutting appropriations. If this is true, the problem is solved and everyone should be happy. Now it remains to be seen if the Administration can locate that \$357,000,000 with sufficient definiteness to lay hold of it, and use it for the bonus. But right there is where the difficulty will begin. Of course there are at least one hundred Republicans who would have thought this money if they really believed it had been saved, but it is like money that you found in a dream. These great savings are fictitious; they result from a juggling of figures and remind one of the prestidigitator who takes rabbit after rabbit from a hat which never contained one. The President makes savings of millions upon millions in the columns of the newspapers while quietly sending up requests for the passage of more deficiency bills for twice as many millions as those "saved." Another year of such economy will force a new bond issue. Senator Lodge, close friend to the President, went before the Massachusetts Legislature the other night and made a statement which proves him to be ignorant of the most important operations of the Government or else guilty of falsifying the facts. There is no escape from this. Mr. Byrnes of South Carolina rose in the House and showed this to be true and no Republican challenged his statements. Lodge said: "Since the present Congress has been in it has reduced the appropriations asked for by the Departments from \$5,337,000,000 to \$4,428,000,000." Not the average citizen, paying high taxes and thinking the condition of the Treasury deplorable, would think the millennium had arrived and that the Republicans are wizards of finance. That statement would be accepted from Lodge on the ground that he could easily get the correct information, and that a United States Senator could not afford to falsify the facts. But what are the facts? Mr. Byrnes held in his hand the official estimates of the Budget Bureau totaling \$5,801,000,000 and then called attention to the fact that while only six of the annual appropriation bills had been acted upon by the House, those six had already reached a figure of \$2,968,000,000. He showed that last year the Republican Congress appropriated \$3,771,900,514.01, being about \$38,000,000 less than was asked for this year, so that in reality the Administration was seeking more money to run the Government instead of less. In the last year before the war (1916) a Democratic Congress appropriated only \$1,114,000,000 to run the Government. Appropriations for the present fiscal year are more than three times as great. Will Rogers, the gentle comedian whose jokes have no sting, has felt the displeasure of what has happened to that great warrior, Senator Borah. It is getting to be pretty well understood in Washington, where political gossip is as nectar and ambrosia to the people, that the Hardings are very thin-skinned, but on the other hand they delight to entertain at the White House that Forbes person who has been publishing articles about the home life of the President. Washington agitators today over the question of what has happened to that great warrior, Senator Borah. It is recorded that Saul of Tarsus was journeying down the dusty road from Damascus to Jerusalem when a great light struck him. Here is Borah's message to the head of the Wilson Foundation. "Difference of view on some questions of method has not, I trust, blinded me in the least to the great policies and principles urged and advocated by ex-President Wilson in looking to a better and more peaceful world."

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NO. 5342 EQUITY.

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