SECRETARY LOVE TELLS OF WAR RISK BUREAU

Phenomenal Work Done by Government in Insuring Lives of Soldiers.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS MEET

Representatives of Various Insurance Companies of This Country in Annual Session at Jefferson Hotel—Officers Are Elected.

Thomas B. Love, assistant secretary of the treasury, and former commissioner of insurance for the State of Texas, was the principal speaker at the morning session yesterday of the eighth annual meeting of the medical directors of the various insurance companies of this country, now in progress in the Jefferson Hotel. His subject was "The Work of the War Risk Insurance Bureau."

Mr. Love described in detail the provisions of the war risk insurance act of 1917, and spoke of the tremendous tasks imposed upon the War Risk Insurance Bureau even before it was created. Before the bureau could begin to carry out the allowance and allotment provisions of the law, signed statements from the 1,800,000 soldiers and sailors scattered throughout the country at training camps and stations, had to be obtained.

A section of insurance underwriters from the bureau crossed the seas to France to write insurance for the men in the service there. Because of domestic changes of address many of the check allowances were returned and the new problem of the location of the proper address had to be met with.

TELLS OF WORK OF WAR RISK BUREAU

In part the speaker said: "When the war risk insurance act became effective on October 6, 1917, the War Risk Insurance Bureau was confronted not only with the task of immediately providing with the disbursement of allotments and allowances to the families and dependents of 1,830,000 soldiers and sailors, and the additional problem of making immediate provision for the adjudication and payment of death or disability claims arising from a group of 2,000,000 individual risks, but also the problem of writing not less than $1,000 and not more than $10,000 of life and permanent total disability insurance upon a possible 2,000,000 men, all of whom must be canvassed and insured if at all within a period of four months.

"I think that it will be agreed that this presented the largest and gravest problem of 'getting the business on the books,' as insurance men say, that ever confronted an insurance organization, and it should be remembered that this emergency task was imposed upon an organization not then in existence, but which must be created and organized. Before the work of writing the insurance could be begun, it was necessary to determine and publish the terms and conditions of the insurance contract and promulgate the premium rates. This was done six days after the act became a law."

STEADY PURCHASES MADE BY SOLDIERS

Mr. Love then reviewed the steady purchase of insurance through the war risk bureau. "By January 18 last, 473,000 men were insured for more than $4,000,000,000, and by the 29th, 604,000 men were insured for more than $5,000,000,000, and on February 6 more than $8,000,000,000 had been written on the lives of 734,000 men. More than a billion dollars were written in the week from January 18 to January 29. Since the extension of the sixty-day period from February 12, when applications for insurance were fixed by the original law to come to an end, the volume of insurance has increased steadily until to-day there is more than 14,000,000,000 of insurance in force, and more than 1,700,000 out of a possible 2,000,000 have been insured, and the end is not yet."

MEDICAL DIRECTORS TO HEAR DR. FOSHAY TO-DAY

The meeting of the medical directors comes to a close this afternoon. This morning at 9:30 o'clock among several addresses will be that of Dr. P. Maxwell Foshay, inspector of risks, of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. There are about 125 medical directors attending the sessions who represent a considerable number of States in the Union.

Officers of the convention were elected last night as follows: Dr. G. V. Woollen, chairman, of the American Central Life Insurance Company, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. C. N. McCloud, vice-chairman, of the Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company, St. Paul, Minn.; Dr. F. L. B. Jenney, re-elected secretary, of the Federal Life Insurance Company, Chicago; Dr. J. H. Florence, of the Great Southern Life Insurance Company, Houston, Texas; and Dr. Frank L. Truitt, of the Reserve Loan and Life Insurance Company, Indianapolis, Ind. The five men elected constitute the board of managers of the organization.

SELL PIZZINI'S HOME

Court Order Entered for Disposition of Property of Defaulter.

The residence of William B. Pizzini, valued at about $20,000, located in William Byrd Park, will, by order of Judge of the United States District Court Edmund Waddill, be sold at public auction. The court order for the sale of the house was entered last Monday. The house will be sold to meet obligations placed on it by Mr. Pizzini before he left the city.

The interior decorations and furniture have been sold, and no one knows exactly how many claims are against the property of the $100,000 defaulter, who made a clear escape from Richmond. The commissioners who qualified in the clerk's office of the District Court yesterday under a $10,000 bond were John Howard, John T. Lewis, Brockenborough Lamb and James E. Cannon. The date of the sale will be announced later.

Apartment Plans Filed.

Plans were filed yesterday in the Building Inspector's office by Davis Bros., Inc., for the erection of two three-story brick apartments on the north side of Monument Avenue, between the Boulevard and Sheppard Street, the total cost being estimated at $50,000. The new buildings will be up-to-date in every detail and will accommodate six families each. The dimensions of the buildings are given as 38x99 feet two inches.

Saul and David in Pictures.

A specially interesting service of moving pictures and music has been planned to be given in the auditorium to-night at 8:15 o'clock. The program is specially for children, although the two beautiful films depicting the spectacular and romantic story of Saul and David and "The Sword of the Cross," a story of the Crusaders, would be of commanding interest to an adult. This exhibition of pictures is free, and the public will be cordially welcomed.

Charlie Chaplin to Speak Here April 11

City Auditorium Engaged for Famous Movie Star---Boosting Third Liberty Loan.

It was learned yesterday that admirers of Charlie Chaplin will be afforded an opportunity of viewing this famous comedian at close range within the space of a few short weeks, for permission was granted yesterday through the Building Inspector's office to the committee in charge of the third Liberty loan campaign for use of the City Auditorium on the night of April 11, at which time Mr. Chaplin will deliver the main address in support of the government's canvass for funds.

The Times-Dispatch is unable to state at this time whether the public will be able to arrive at a satisfactory solution of Mr. Chaplin's puzzling walk, or whether the famous cane and derby will be in evidence on this momentous occasion.

TRUST FUNDS HELD IN OTHER STATES TAXABLE

If Held for Benefit of Residents of This State, Must Pay Here, Holds Supreme Court.

Trust funds held in other States for residents of Virginia, even when the trustee is a resident of another State, are subject to taxation by the State of Virginia, it was yesterday decided by the Supreme Court of Appeals, ruling in the case of Wise, trustee, against the Commonwealth.

The case involves a trust fund held in New York for Mrs. Clara H. Booth, a resident of Williamsburg. Her trustee held that the fund was not taxable here, but in New York. It was not taxed in New York. Executive Assistant to the State Tax Board Shumate, because of the principle rather than the sum involved, fought the case in the Circuit Court of the city of Williamsburg for several months. Yesterday he was rewarded.

The trust fund is only about $30,000, and the tax upon it is relatively small. There are many similar cases, however, and the decision opens the way for the collection of much revenue which has hitherto not come to the State.

Writ of error was refused in the case of G. J. and J. J. Cawley against Mary Rider, from Chesterfield.

GOVERNOR NOMINATES THREE FOR FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

Either S. L. Lupton, Thomas S. Winston or Egbert G. Leigh, Jr., to Be Chosen by Hoover.

S. L. Lupton, of Winchester; Thomas S. Winston and Egbert G. Leigh, Jr., of Richmond, were yesterday nominated for State food administrator by Governor Westmoreland Davis. From the three, Federal Food Administrator Hoover will choose one, whose name will be forwarded to the President for appointment.

The man chosen will succeed Colonel Elija B. White, whose recent resignation will soon become effective.

The office pays no salary, but requires practically the whole time of its holder. Colonel White has served since the office was created in this State, last November. He resigns to enter the race for Congress against C. C. Carlin, in the Eighth Congressional District.

FORGERY CASE CONTINUED

Mamie Bowman, in Training as Nurse, Accused of Signing Other's Names.

In the case against Mamie Bowman, of 909 East Clay Street, arraigned yesterday morning in Police Court on two charges of forgery, Justice Crutchfield allowed a continuance until April 13. The girl, who is only nineteen years old, is said to be in training in a local hospital.

She was arrested Wednesday afternoon when she was pointed out by a member of the firm of Dreyfus & Co., 201 East Broad Street, as being the person thought to have passed two worthless checks, one for $50 and another for $20, on the company. The checks were signed by J. O. Scott, of the Richmond Dairy Company, and indorsed by Miss Frances Scott, of 712 West Franklin Street.

Mr. Scott in court yesterday testified that the signatures on the checks were not his, and Miss Scott also testified that the indorsement on the checks were not hers.

It is said that friends of the family have come to the assistance of the girl and offered to make good the checks.

Pardon for Henry Palmer.

Henry C. Palmer, a negro convicted of violating the prohibition laws and sentenced to jail, was yesterday pardoned by Governor Davis on petition from many court officials and prominent citizens of Norfolk. The pardon is conditioned upon his future good behavior. Prohibition Commissioner Peters opposed the pardon, but the Governor and the court officials believed that the fine imposed upon the man was sufficient punishment.

Louis von der Miller, convicted of murder in Alexandria and sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment in 1912, was denied a pardon.

Suffrage Knitting Bee.

Among the interesting current events discussed at the "knitting bee" held at suffrage headquarters yesterday afternoon, the item which recorded the granting of primary suffrage to the women of Texas stood out in the minds of league members as especially significant of victory for full suffrage in the South at no very distant date. As Texas is practically a one-party state, primary suffrage ranks a close second to full suffrage. Current events were brought quite up to date when the candidates for the City Council in the April primary were mentioned and their political records discussed.

GOVERNOR DAVIS SIGNS NORFOLK ROAD BILL

Allows That County to Issue $1,000,000 in Bonds for Highway Improvement.

OTHER MEASURES APPROVED

Provision Made for Future Growth of Cities by Requiring Subdivisions in Outside of Corporate Limits to Conform to General Law.

The bill permitting Norfolk County to issue $1,000,000 in bonds for road-building purposes became law yesterday, when it was signed by the Governor. Seventeen other measures were signed by the Governor. They follow:

House bill 31—An act to amend act to provide for State money aid, in addition to convict labor, for the improvement of public roads.

House bill 119—An act to amend act to establish a public free school on the grounds of the Prison Association of Virginia, at Laurel.

House bill 177—An act to amend act to prescribe the mode in which clerks of courts shall keep a record of all taxes and other public moneys collected by them, and to require them to pay the same into the Treasury.

House bill 380—An act for the prevention of blindness from opthalmia neonatorum, designating certain powers and duties otherwise providing for the enforcement of this act, and making appropriation to carry it into effect.

House bill 127—An act to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act to amend act to license and regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animal power.

House bill 32—An act to amend act to license and regulate the running of automobiles.

House bill 174—An act to provide whole family protection for members of fraternal benefit societies.

PROVIDES FOR FUTURE GROWTH OF CITIES

House bill 365—An act to prohibit the recordation of plats for the subdivision of land into lots, showing on said plats streets and alleys within, or within fifteen miles from, the limits of any city having a population of not less than 60,000 nor more than 110,000 inhabitants, except in conformity with the plan provided by such city.

House bill 314—An act to amend an act to provide for the consolidation or annexation of cities.

House bill 241—An act to amend an act to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery.

House bill 150—An act making it a misdemeanor for a husband to desert or neglect his wife or for a parent to desert or neglect his children, prescribing the penalty therefor and making provision for the apprehension and punishment of persons charged with or convicted of nonsupport; providing for the taking of recognizances and for the forfeiture and enforcement of the same; providing for the appointment of probation officers, prescribing their duties and powers, and repealing certain acts.

House bill 348—An act to amend the charter for the city of Bristol.

House bill 85—An act to amend an act to regulate the hours of labor in factories and manufacturing establishments where females and children under fourteen years of age are employed as operatives.

House bill 450—An act to amend an act to establish a court of law and chancery for the city of Roanoke.

House bill 6—An act to provide, in certain cases, for the compulsory attendance of children between the ages of eight and twelve years upon the public schools.

House bill 125—An act to amend an act to establish a general road fund for the permanent improvement of roads and bridges in Dinwiddie County.

House bill 254—An act to authorize, empower and direct the Board of Supervisors of the County of Norfolk to borrow money, by the issuance of bonds, a sum not to exceed $1,000,000, for the purpose of purchasing, building and improving roads and bridges in said county; to sell said bonds, to provide for their payment, and to authorize the commission of roads and bridges for said county to dispense the funds so obtained.

House joint resolution—A resolution proposing an amendment to section 136 of article 9 of the Constitution of Virginia, and providing for publishing said amendment and certifying the same to the next session of the General Assembly.

SCENIC PRODUCTION

"The Days of '49" Spectacular Attraction at Grays' Armory Easter Week.

The big drill hall at the Grays' Armory is fast being converted into an appropriate setting for the scenic production, "The Days of '49," to be staged throughout Easter week under the auspices of Sands Grotto, Veiled Prophets.

Extensive preparations are being made for amusement features, which will be in addition to dancing each night from 8 o'clock until midnight.

Hour for "Sing" Advanced.

Walter C. Mercer, director of the Sunday "sing," announced last night that the meeting for this week would be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This will be at the same hour as formerly, but since the clock is moved forward one hour on Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, the hour for the meeting in the City Auditorium will be 4 o'clock instead of 3, as previously.

In keeping with Easter Sunday, the music and songs for this week will be of a sacred nature, so far as possible. The usual orchestra will be supplemented by a number of additional pieces.

FOOD PRICES ARE AGAIN REDUCED TO CONSUMERS

Cut of 30 Cents Per Bushel in Cost of Potatoes on Local Market.

BEANS AND ONIONS PLENTIFUL

Food Administration Urges Consumption of Potatoes, Which Are Plentiful, and if Not Eaten Are in Danger of Spoilage and Loss.

With the price of potatoes cut 30 cents on the bushel and their being abundant, the food administration thinks the way to save bread has been discovered. They are, by the last official price list, selling at 2 and 2 1-2 cents a pound. The surplus of beans, which are of an exceptionally high food value, is also regarded by the administration as a help toward bread saving, if the people will only eat more beans. Eating of potatoes and beans and other commodities is being urged for bread conservation.

The food administration issued yesterday the following official list of prices, applying to the Richmond market only. The prices quoted are considered fair and equitable by the food administration for the Richmond grocers. The most important change in prices is the cut of 30 cents a bushel in the retail price of potatoes. This should greatly encourage the consumption of potatoes, which are in great danger of spoilage and loss. They now represent the most plentiful and one of the cheapest foods on the market, and should be consumed in every possible manner. Potatoes in large measure take the place of bread, and since the flour situation is very grave the consumer can do nothing more patriotic than "eat potatoes and save bread."

A number of the prices are again reduced. The great majority of Richmond grocers are doing their best to meet the demands of the food administration in this respect, and their consumers should reciprocate by being less exacting in their requirements for service. It should be a matter of pride with the housewife that she can so plan her work as to require only one delivery a day.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SUGGESTED PRCES

	Retailer pays.	Consumer should pay.
Sugar—		
Granulated, 2 to 5-lb. cartons	@ 5¼c	@ 2¼c
Flour—	sack.	sack.
Flour, 12-lb. sacks	@72c	78 @80c
	pound.	pound.
Cornmeal	4¾ @ 5c	6 @ 6½c
Beans—		
Navy	15 @16c	17 @20c
Lima	15½ @16c	17 @20c
Blackeyed peas—		
Virginias	9 @10c	12 @14c
Californias	10 @11c	12½ @15c
Lard—		
Pure	28½ @30½c	31 @35c
Compound	23¾ @24½c	26 @28c
Cheese—(American full milk)	27 @29c	34 @38c
	package.	package.
Rice—Package	11 @12½c	12 @14c
	pound.	pound.
Evaporated Fruit—		
Peaches, unpeeled	12 @15c	14 @20c
Prunes, 30s to 90s	10 @15c	15 @20c
Raisins, seeded	11 @11½c	12½ @15c
Raisins, layer	8½ @10c	12 @14c
Potatoes—White—		
Virginia	1¼ @ 1¾c	2 @ 2½c
Cabbage	3 @ 3½c	5 @ 6c
Onions	@ 1c	@ 3c
Evaporated Milk—		
16-oz. cans	12½ @13c	15 @16c
8-oz. cans	5½ @ 6c	7 @ 8c
Canned Salmon—		
Alaska Reds, 1-lb. tall cans	24 @26c	28 @30c
Alaska Pinks, 1-lb. tall cans	17 @19c	20 @25c
Butter—		
Creamery, extra fresh in cartons	47½ @50½c	56 @58c
Oleomargarine, uncolored, in cartons	23 @33½c	35 @40c
Salt Pork—		
Bellies	27 @30c	34 @36c
Plates	24 @25c	29 @32c
Butts	21½ @22c	27 @28c

ABUNDANCE OF BEANS, POTATOES AND ONIONS

There is an abundance of potatoes, onions, beans, cabbage, prunes, raisins and fish on the market at this time.

The surplus of beans throughout Virginia is almost as acute in a smaller way as the potato surplus. Beans constitute one of our richest and cheapest foods and are an excellent substitute for meat, and should be consumed in far greater quantity than is now the case.

James River shad are now coming in, and make a delightful addition to the market list of plentiful foods.

Garden Lectures Postponed.

Lectures by Maurice Fuld, lecturer, writer and gardener, of New York, scheduled for to-day and to-morrow at the Y. W. C. A., have been indefinitely postponed, it was announced last night by Mrs. Malvern C. Patterson, chairman of the James River Garden Club.

Mr. Fuld was to appear under the auspices of the club and in the interest of home gardening. His inability to reach Richmond for some time occasioned the postponement.

Rate Decision Postponed.

No decision was reached yesterday in the Virginia-Carolina Railway Company's rate case, being heard before the State Corporation Commission. President George P. Johnson and Superintendent E. P. Kinsey appeared before the commission with the request that action be postponed until they could submit further facts to bear out their contention that the road deserved the 15 per cent increase desired.

TWO MENINGITIS CASES ARE UNDER OBSERVATION

No Clue as Yet to Source of Infection, Reports Dr. Lofton.

MATTHEWS CHILD IS DEAD

Thorough Survey of Localities on South First Street and in Barton Heights Is Being Made by Officials of the Health Department.

Two cases of spinal meningitis have been uncovered by the City Health Department, it was reported by Dr. Lucien Lofton, medical inspector, last night. There is no clue to the source of infection. The only large gathering of persons in which either of the two children now infected have been present was the thrift parade of Saturday. Both attended that.

Frank Zacharias, an eighteen-month-old child, of Moss Side Avenue, Barton Heights, was reported to the department Wednesday night, while the second case, that of Hattie Bridges, a six-year-old child, of 100 South First Street, was placed under quarantine last night. The quarantine is most strict, and was made immediately by the health authorities. The fact that the cases are isolated as they are, being nearly three miles apart, adds to the problem which the department is facing in reaching some definite history by which they can fix the outbreak of the meningitis.

THOROUGH SURVEY OF NEIGHBORHOOD

A thorough survey of the surroundings in both cases was made at once after it was definitely determined that the children were afflicted by the contagious spinal disease. No source of the infection was discovered, and the investigation is being continued. A warning is issued that every care be taken in the use of public drinking cups, towels and in contact with other persons by sneezing and coughing, lest germs be spread in this way.

Meningitis serum has been administered to both the children, and they are in a favorable condition.

Ten-year-old Pocahontas Matthews, the daughter of an employee of M. C. Patterson, of Westhampton, who was brought to the City Home suffering with the disease, died there last Saturday. Dr. Lofton said last night that there was no connection which could be traced between the Matthews case and those arising within the past two days. He also stated that the two new cases are the only ones existing here at present.

Sues for $20,000 Damages.

Alleging that he sustained serious injury due to the negligence of its employees, J. J. Rada instituted a suit for $20,000 damages against the Virginia Railway and Power Company yesterday in the City Circuit Court.

Survey for State Highway.

Engineer Charles H. Scott, of the State Highway Commission, returned yesterday from King George County, where he did work preliminary to making surveys for one of the first of the State highway system roads to be built with the aid of Federal funds.

The road through King George will form a part of the main highway through the Northern Neck. Work upon it will begin soon, it is understood. On April 1 the survey of several roads will be started.