SEEK TO RETAIN D. C. TAX PLAN

Proponents Will Resume Arguments for Half and Half System Tomorrow.

Hearings on the half-and-half plan for District appropriations will be resumed tomorrow morning before the House District committee, members of the citizens' committee on fiscal relations resuming testimony in favor of the plan.

Theodore W. Noyes, who, with Henry B. F. Macfarland, presented figures Friday to show that the District is well taxed, will continue his testimony before the District committee. Chairman Macfarland, of the citizens' committee, said that Congress listened "very attentively" to the arguments advanced by him for retaining the present half-and-half plan.

This provides for an equitable division of expenses for the District between the Federal government and the municipal government, both appropriating equal amounts to cover the indebtedness.

Chairman Macfarland presented statistics in support of his contention that citizens of Washington are not under-taxed, as alleged. It is expected that Mr. Noyes will continue the argument along similar lines tomorrow.

Chairman Mapes, of the House District Committee, has introduced a bill proposing to abolish this equitable system of appropriations and it is not believed that his stand will easily be shaken.

SCHOOLS GIVE $3,300 TO HOSPITAL'S DRIVE

"When the returns from the public schools are all reported the amount will exceed $3,300," said Cuno H. Rudolph, president of the Second National Bank, in whose division of the Children's Hospital campaign for $100,000 they are classed as a team, yesterday. "This contribution is particularly appreciated by the directors of the hospital, as it indicates the deep interest taken in the drive by the teachers and pupils alike, and especial thanks are due the former through whose friendly co-operation the children were aroused to the needs of the institution which is distinctly their own."

Miss M. Woodworth, superintendent of the hospital, announced that $203.10 had been collected from the colored scholars in the Eleventh division of the public schools under the supervision of Miss Marion P. Shadd, supervising principal.

The standing of divisions is as follows: Thomas Bell Sweeney, leader, $25,094; Cuno H. Rudolph, leader, $17,526.79, and Mrs. J. W. Wadsworth, jr., leader, $16,436.42. These sums, together with subscriptions from other sources, bring the grand total up to date of $66,843.76.

Campaign headquarters at the Central Y. M. C. A., 1736 G street northwest, will be kept open until further notice for subscriptions, and the volunteer workers have decided to continue their task for several more days in the hopes of reaching the quota.

VISITING AMERICA

New York, Dec. 13.—Lady Duveen, wife of Sir Joseph Duveen, of London, famed art collector and dealer, has come to the United States to visit the large cities of the country.

CAUSE A-PLENTY TO BE MERRY

Christmas Season Finds Every One Except the Thirsty With Reason to Be Joyful.

Topic: Christmas, 1919.

Question: Merry! or ?

Facts: No sugar. No liquor. Little wine. No real homemade fruit cake. Mine pie minus the tasteful "kick." Very little candy. Brandied plum pudding a memory. Prices still soaring.

But—

No war. Fighters home. No heartsick mothers. No crying sisters. No waiting wives.

Happy kid brothers. Proud "girl friends." Lots of home life. Lots of newlyweds. Lots of bliss.

Lots of ice cream. Turkey. Cranberry sauce. Dressing. Trimmings. Brown gravy.

No slumgullion. No mess kit. No more reveille. No A. W. O. L. worries. No decks for holystoning. No shavetail bosses. No arrogant "skippers."

Christmas?

Merry?

Whee! Merry!!!!! is right—if the thirst is not upon you.

Money for Ships and Men Asked by Geodetic Survey

The Coast and Geodetic Survey is hard up, according to an announcement yesterday by the Department of Commerce.

The survey is the government agency that sends its men and ships into uncharted seas and there by investigation and soundings maps are prepared to guide other navigators.

The survey lacks money, it is pointed out, for modern vessels, for crews and officers, and money to operate its vessels. Commissioned officers, it is said, receive salaries from 30 to 50 per cent lower than those paid by the army and navy to men of similar qualifications.

'JIMMY ARTIST' STILL JAMESING

$1,930 Haul in Connecticut Avenue Home by Crook Who Defies Police.

Washington's "jimmy genius" maintained his record of keeping "one jump ahead of the police" yesterday, by forcing the door to the apartment of Miss Louise Roth, of the Woodward, 2301 Connecticut avenue northwest, and stealing $1,910 in jewelry and $20 in bills.

A platinum ring, set with emeralds, valued at $1,250, was included in the loot.

A 50-gallon barrel of lubricating oil, valued at $62, was stolen from a building under construction at Twenty-first and N streets northwest.

Clothing and jewelry, valued at $114, were stolen from the home of Rudolph Scofield, 613 Sixth street northwest.

Three ash cans, valued at $20, were stolen from the home of Mrs. H. S. Jones, 1623 Rhode Island avenue northwest.

SISSON FOR 8 HOURS BUT BIG MEN WORK 12

"People are looking too much to the government to settle their difficulties and to change the present situation in this country," declared Representative Thomas Upton Sisson, of Mississippi, at a meeting of Mississippians at Thomson School last night.

He says that there is no such thing as making food plentiful by "being resolved," but that in these times, it is necessary for each man to "get out and hustle."

Representative Sisson said he favors an eight-hour day, but that if every person refused to work more than eight hours a day there would be fewer great men in the country, since many of these men find it necessary to work more than twelve hours a day.

T. Raleigh Raines, president of the Mississippi Society, presided at the meeting. Mrs. Aurora Edwards recited scenes from "School for Scandal," and vocal numbers were given by F. W. Scheick, a guest of the society.

Gaby Deslys Near Death After Painful Operation

Paris, Dec. 13.—Gaby Deslys is reported dying. A desperate effort was made today to save her by an operation on an abcess in her side. She was in such a weak condition that the doctors thought it dangerous to administer anaesthetics. She was conscious throughout the terribly painful operation and displayed a gameness and courage that amazed the physicians. Shortly after the operation she relapsed, however, and little hope is held out tonight for her recovery.

Collector Is Held Up At Point of Revolver

Fritz Klein, 915 New Hampshire avenue northwest, was held up at the point of a revolver in Dixon's court southwest, last night, assaulted and robbed of $65 in bills, a $100 victory bond and some business papers.

Klein told the police he was a collector for the Home Furniture Company, and was engaged in his work when the assault took place. He said his assailants were three negroes, but was unable to give any further description.

TO TRY NEWBERRY

C. W. SESSIONS.

Detroit, Mich.—Senator Truman H. Newberry and the 134 other Michigan politicians indicted on charges of fraudulent practices in the Senator's election are to appear before Justice C. W. Sessions to answer the indictments.

GIANT PROVED ODD BATTLER

Diminutive Opponent Complains Hugging, Not Wallops, Featured War Risk Passage at Arms.

For indulging in a hugging match near Lafayette Square, two officials of the War Risk Auditing Department, Arlington Building, were arrested by an unsentimental policeman.

In Police Court yesterday, when Clerk Campbell Howard called the names of the defendants, a little man responded to the cognomen of William Wolverton. The other, man, James N. Anderson, failed to answer roll call and his collateral was declared forfeited.

Wolverton acted as his own attorney and told the court that Anderson, who is "large and an athlete," started the trouble in the office and challenged Wolverton to a fistic combat outside.

"I informed him that I was not in training for a fight, but would not duck the situation if Anderson started trouble. Government guards escorted Anderson from the building. I came across him later near Lafayette Park and he started for me. He was not the fighting man I thought he was, for he just grabbed hold of me and embraced me. Then I embraced him. No blows were struck and we still were hugging, but not lovingly, when the policeman came and arrested us. I was surprised that he did not try out his pugilistic abilities on me as I expected."

The case against Wolverton was dismissed.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

FORECAST FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW.

District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia: Rain, followed by clearing today; much colder today; cold wave by tonight; tomorrow fair and colder; fresh to strong northwest winds.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE.

Midnight, 50; 2 a. m., 50; 4 a. m., 55; 6 a. m., 54; 8 a. m., 56; 10 a. m., 57; 12 noon, 64; 2 a. m., 65; 4 p. m., 62; 6 p. m., 60; 8 p. m., 61; 10 p. m., 57. Highest, 65; lowest, 50.

Relative humidity—8 a. m., 94; 2 p. m., 68; 8 p. m., 86; rainfall (8 p. m. to 8 p. m.), trace; hours of sunshine, 2.3; per cent of possible sunshine, 24.

DEPARTURES.

Accumulated excess of temperature since January 1, 1919, +728; deficiency of temperature since December 1, 1919, —19; accumulated excess of precipitation since January 1, 1919, +006; excess of precipitation since December 1, 1919, +1.69. Temperature same date last year—Highest, 48; lowest, 40.

OTHER TEMPERATURES.

	Highest today.	Lowest previous night.	8 p. m.	Rainfall.
Asheville, N. C.	66	56	60	....
Atlantic City, N. J.	56	46	52	0.01
Bismarck, N. Dak.	6	—16	4	....
Buffalo, N. Y.	42	42	39	0.02
Cincinnati, Ohio	32	22	22	1.10
Cleveland, Ohio	34	24	28	0.16
Denver, Col.	22	—4	16	....
Detroit, Mich.	28	28	36	....
El Paso, Tex.	62	42	56	....
Helena, Mont.	8	—4	—10	....
Jacksonville, Fla.	74	58	72	....
Little Rock, Ark.	26	26	24	1.50
Marquette, Mich.	12	6	8	0.20
Miami, Fla.	80	76	76	....
New Orleans, La.	80	64	72	0.06
North Platte, Nebr.	4	—12	—4	....
Philadelphia, Pa.	60	42	60	....
Pittsburg, Pa.	56	56	32	0.80
Portland, Oreg.	18	4	14	....
St. Louis, Mo.	18	10	14	....
San Antonio, Tex.	58	54	30	0.01
Springfield, Ill.	14	6	10	....
Toledo, Ohio	28	26	26	0.02
Vicksburg, Miss.	68	66	32	2.06

ARMY TRAINING FIGHT LOOMS UP

House Advocates to Resume Battle After Holiday Recess.

House advocates of universal military training will resume their fight to have this olicy made a feature of the nation's permanent military proto have this policy made a feature of the Military Affairs Committee, returns to the Capitol. Mr. Kahn, who is now at his home in San Francisco, is not expected back until after the Christmas recess.

Consideration of the military training subject by the House committee recently was suspended temporarily, that the members might devote all their attention to the army re-organization bill, which the Republican Steering Committee ordered rushed out. It was made plain when this was done, however, that the laying aside of the training feature was not to be construed as an indication that the committee had discarded that phase of the military problem.

Representative Anthony, of Kansas, acting chairman of the committee, said yesterday that it is the purpose of the committee to take up universal training as a separate proposition immediately the army reorganization bill is out of the way. The matter then will be pressed until finally approved or defeated in the House.

The committee is divided on the question. Chairman Kahn is the leader of the enthusiastic advocates of universal training and Representative Dent, Democrat, of Alabama, former chairman of the committee, heads a group of out-and-out opponents of the plan. Republicans and Democrats alike are included in both groups.

Fisher Will Explain His Stabilized Dollar

The board of representatives of Federal Employes Union, No. 2, will hold a special meeting next Friday night for the consideration of the Fisher plan for a standardized dollar.

According to the plan the dollar always will buy the same amount of commodities varying only in the amount of gold it contains.

Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale University, the originator of the stabilized dollar plan, will present his case before a conference of the American Federation of Labor leaders now in session.

ENGLISH ACTOR IS DINNER HOST

Godfrey Tearle, Entertaining Here, Surprised at Dry Law But Impressed by Capital's Beauty.

Godfrey Tearle, a prominent English actor who will make his first American appearance tonight at the Belasco Theater with an all-English company in "Carnival," was the host last night at a dinner given to the dramatic and society editors of Washington.

Mr. Tearle, whose new play is one laid in Venice, has recently closed in London a very successful engagement in "Tiger Rose," in which he played the part of Micheal Devlin, of the Northwest Mounted Police, a role originated by Willard Mack in the Belasco production.

Mr. Tearle and Miss Malone, his leading woman, discussed some of the differences between the theatrical customs of America and England. They seemed overawed at the administration of prohibition in this country and cited the fact that in England it was not unusual to see women smoking in the theater. Both were very much impressed by the beauty of the National Capital and compared it most favorably with New York City.

Machinery Is Nothing In Green's Young Life

All machines and machinery look alike to Clarence Green, he said in Police Court yesterday. He admitted he could not tell the difference between the engine of an automobile and that of a sawmill, that he could navigate a battleship as readily as he could operate a flivver. So when a friend asked Clarence to take his auto to the garage he attempted to do so.

"Ah pulled a iron thing out an' away she went," Green explained. "De car got untrolled, jedge."

"Yes," the policeman added, "and the machine after trying to climb a tree crashed into a brick wall and nearly tore it down."

Judge Hardison evidently concluded Green's fright was sufficient punishment and accepted his personal bonds. He was charged with operating an automobile without having a permit.

D. A. R. Chapter Hears Americanization Report

At a recent meeting of Judge Lynn Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the home of Mrs. Karl S. Fuller, the Sheridan Apartments, H. P. Seidemann gave an account of Red Cross work overseas and of his experiences during the air-raids in Paris. Reports on Americanization work were also made.

The guests at the meeting were W. D. Slaughter, L. W. De Gast, Earl S. Fuller and Edward Fuller.

PICTURES BERLIN KEEN FOR PEACE

Foreign Minister Tells of Concessions to Hasten Return to Normal.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Germany's attitude toward signing the protocol to the peace treaty was formulated without regard to the American Senate's refusal to ratify the pact, Foreign Minister Mueller declared in an interview today.

Substantial concession in the interest of a speedy return to peace conditions, sums up the stand Germany has taken in the present critical situation, Mueller said. As a result Germany has decided to withdraw practically all her objections against signing the protocol, he added.

"The long delay which unfortunately has occurred in the process of putting the peace treaty into operation certainly was not due to any measure or schemes on Germany's part," Mueller declared. "We realize that, in common with the whole world, Germany needs nothing more urgently than establishment of peace. We are prepared to make any reasonable sacrifice to that most important end.

"Consequently, we have decided to withdraw practically all our objections against the signature of the protocol which the allied and associated powers wish us to sign prior to exchange of ratifications of the peace treaty. In particular, our misgivings concerning the final clause of the protocol, entitling our opponents to invade Germany almost at any time, have been waved aside in view of Premier Clemenceau's assurance that this right only holds good for the short period of transitition until the treaty is in force."

Mueller was asked whether the concession decided upon was to be considered the greatest length to which Germany would go.

"Certainly," he replied. "We cannot possibly go any further. If it should be proved that what our adversaries desire is not simply reparation for Scapa Flow, but taking our economic life, then, of course, the German government would be unable to give them satisfaction."

His attention being called to reports from Paris and London that the attitude of the American Senate with regard to ratification of the treaty had encouraged Germany to be recalcitrant, Mueller replied, decidedly:

"Nothing could be further from the mark. To us, the question of whether or not the American Senate will ratify the treaty is primarily an American question. Naturally, we attach the greatest value to American co-operation in the matter of the treaty, but the idea that we intend to draw political capital out of America's present attitude is simply preposterous."

TREASURY DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Mrs. Kate Mason Cooke, of the Register's Office, has returned following a visit to relatives in Charlestown, W. Va.

R. E. Alvord, audit section of the division of loans and currency, has entered the Washington School of Chiropractic. He is busy now studying for the junior year examinations.

Robert Eaton, of the registered bond division of the Register's Office, has resigned to accept a position with the government in England. Young Eaton, during the war, served seventeen months overseas.

George W. Carr, of the audit section of the division of loans and currency, is busy these days filling the post of business manager of the Georgetown Law Journal.

Men in the audit section of the division of loans and currency may form a basket-ball team this year. N. Lamont Pyles, a former star of Shepherd's College, Shepherdstown, W. Va., and a number of other first-class men are available.

Organization of a Glee Club and a Dramatic Club are planned by the recently organized Loans and Currency Club. The success attending the dance and reception given last Saturday evening, the first function undertaken by the club, was encouraging and big things are planned.

Miss K. B. Sperling, of the audit section of the division of loans and currency, was on leave yesterday afternoon.