

URGES PASSAGE ONLY OF BILLS MOST NEEDED

Far Too Many Statutes on
Books Now, Beverage
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Special to The Times.
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Whether the American public will be benefited or injured by legislation enacted during the new administration will depend on the good sense, honor, courage and industry of members of State Legislatures and Congress, according to the declaration of Albert J. Beverage of Indianapolis, in an address to the faculty, students and alumni of the University of Pennsylvania and the Bar Association of Philadelphia here last night. He denounced legislators who do not "live up to the rules of parliamentary government," and the professional lobbyist.

"Lawyers, judges and students of government are agreed that we have too much legislation," he said. "The number and variety of statutes is confusing. The law that every man is presumed to know the law and that no man may plead ignorance of the law is, of course, absolutely necessary; yet the truth is that none but skilled and vigilant lawyers can fill this indispensable requirement—and even these legal practitioners cannot do so offhand and without research. Legislators ought to pass only those bills that are clearly needed. Unnecessary legislation is always bad legislation. At times like the present there is, unfortunately, a tendency to spend the public money on a powerful pressure on Legislators to appropriate immense sums for a multitude of purposes."

Mr. Beverage declared that full and adequate explanation of the proposed bill should be presented by the committee to which it was referred, and only the case of a pressing emergency should a measure be passed under suspension of constitutional rules.

He condemned the practice of railroad bills labeled "administration measure" and stated that the "greatest possible weight" should be given to all formal and official recommendations by the executive.

Branding the private pleading of votes for a measure, before consideration, as "outrageous" and "dishonest," Mr. Beverage declared that the method has been developed until legislators are actually paying to support measures before they are even drawn.

TO HONOR MEMORY OF ROOSEVELT

Churches to Hold Exercises—
Club Event Planned.

Roosevelt Memorial Sunday will be observed in many churches throughout Indiana tomorrow, according to announcement by the officers of the Indiana branch of the Roosevelt Memorial Association. Tomorrow is the Sunday following the second anniversary of Colonel Roosevelt's death, which occurred, Jan. 6, 1919, and the Roosevelt Memorial Association has launched a national movement for memorial services this year on the second Sunday in January.

Many churches will give an entire service to Mr. Roosevelt's memory while others will pay tribute to him in the course of their regular services. Special services will be held at Franklin, Terre Haute, Jeffersonville, Marion and Anderson. No effort is being made to raise funds, the entire undertaking being a desire to pay tribute to the former president, and to lay public emphasis upon his Christian citizenship.

At the Columbia Club on Monday noon Roosevelt Memorial day will be observed in connection with the inauguration ceremonies, and a luncheon will be held in honor of Governor-elect Warren T. McCray and the retiring Governor, James P. Goodrich. The special guests will be members of the Indiana Society of Chicago.

John C. Ruckelshaus, president of the Columbia Club, has announced the following program:

Welcome address, John C. Ruckelshaus, president of the Columbia Club.

Response, Lucius Teter, president of the Indiana Society.

Response, James P. Goodrich, Governor-elect.

Address, Joseph H. De Frees of Chicago, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Remarks, Albert J. Beverage.

Those who will be hostesses of the ladies' table will be Mrs. Warren T. McCray, Mrs. James P. Goodrich and Mrs. Winnett F. Branch.

The reception committee will consist of the following: Judge Albert B. Anderson, Emmett F. Branch, James A. Collins, Charles W. Ford, J. H. Hamilton, William T. Durbin, Joseph B. Keating, Fred C. Gardner, L. G. Rothschild, Richard Smith, Ernest W. Ross, Arthur E. Bradshaw, Charles O. Roemer, Ed Wasmuth and Harry Wasmuth.

Fifty members of the Indiana Society of Chicago will attend as special guests.

Meeting to Be Held at College of Music

The fortnightly discussion meeting of the Little Theater, usually held at the central library, will be held next door at the College of Music, owing to the re-decorating of Cropper auditorium, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, at 8 o'clock. Two plays are to be interpreted and discussed. A short musical program will be presented and the program is to be followed by a half hour of dancing.

The first play, "The Widow's Veil," comedy in one act by Alice Rosseter, will be read by Mrs. Clarence C. O'Connell, Arthur Beaufort will direct the reading of "The Burden," a tragedy. With him in the cast will be Miss Luella Grace, Dale Cox and Arleigh Waltz.

The musical numbers will be contributed by Miss Catherine Leonard, soprano, and William Gage, violinist.

Plans on to Revive Library Club Here

The revival of the Indianapolis Library Club which was discontinued during the war will take place next Wednesday night, Jan. 12, in the Cropper auditorium of the Indianapolis Public Library, at 5:30 o'clock. Miss Maymas Simpson of the public library commission, Miss Esther McNitt of the State Library and Miss Frieda Woerner of the Central Public Library, make up the committee in charge of the first program. Charles E. Rush, city librarian and W. J. Hamilton of the public library commission, who started the movement, believe the organization should include all those in libraries, immediately surrounding Indianapolis.

It has been proposed that a Saturday afternoon annual picnic in May and a summer frolic at Butler in July be features of the organization.

Republic Declared by Island of Veglia

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The population of the island of Veglia, in the Adriatic Sea, has revolted and proclaimed a Croatian Republic, according to a Central News dispatch from Rome today.

Three soldiers were killed in fighting following the proclamation.

Store Distributes \$10,000 in Bonuses

Bonuses aggregating \$10,000 have been distributed by the People's Outfitting Company, 135 West Washington street, among fifty employees.

In celebration of the event the employees will give a dance and card party in the store tonight. The management will be guests at the occasion.

STATE AND CITY TO WORK IN PARK

Plans for Beautifying River-
side Taken Up.

The State department of conservation will cooperate with the Indianapolis park board in the beautifying of Riverside park by planting flowers and shrubbery about the State fish hatcheries, located in the park, it was decided at a meeting of the conservation commission today.

A fish landing station and home for the superintendent of the hatchery will be built by the commission. It was announced following the meeting. The landing station will be used to keep the fish after they are taken from the ponds, preparatory to being sent to other streams of the State.

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As the result of a careful canvass he has made of the situation in the Senate, he is convinced, Senator Underwood said, the bill would:

1. Be favorably reported by the Republican-controlled Senate Finance Committee, probably in an amended form.

2. Be discussed at length on the Senate floor, although its Democratic opponents would not engage in any "organized filibuster" against it.

3. Be passed by the Senate, probably in an amended form, and sent to the House of Representatives.

4. Be accepted by the Senate and sent to the President.

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DOUBTS TARIFF MEASURE WILL SURVIVE VETO

Underwood of Alabama, Mi-
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Chances for Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Senate probably will pass the emergency tariff bill, but it is equally probable the Senate will not pass the measure over the President's expected veto, Senator Oscar Underwood of Alabama, Democratic minority leader of that body, predicted today. Senator Underwood declared emphatically he was certain the bill, even in an amended form, would not become a law.

He ridiculed the reported possibility of enough Democratic Senators from agricultural States dropping to the supporters of the bill to change the final result of the bitter fight being waged to put it through.

He estimated the bill would not receive more than eight Democratic votes in the Senate, or far from enough to overcome the Republican majority, with their present slim majority, to jam it through over the President's veto.

GIVES RESULT
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Officers Elected by Harrison Club

New officers were elected last night by the members of the Harrison Club, a Republican organization, that meets at 1401 and 1403 West Washington street, George O. Russell was chosen president; Walter W. Wynn, first vice president; Frank Hawkins, second vice president; John J. Pickens, secretary; Carlton Eden, treasurer.

The directors of the club are Joseph L. Howe, Edward H. Varrick, Albert R. Snyder, Robert N. Harding, Thad S. Gurby.

Club members pledged their aid to National Republican Better Business Association to assist in obtaining improvements in the northwest section of the city.

AID URGED IN BACKING UP LAW

Optimist Club Hears Address
by Church Federation Man.

In an address to the Indianapolis Optimist club, which met last night at the Claypool Hotel Dr. C. H. Winders, secretary of the Indianapolis Church Federation, appealed to his hearers to give every possible assistance in the enforcement of the laws of this State and Nation. Not only were ex-

posed of all forms of law violations urged, but also the importance of prosecution and the giving of time and money to the State in convicting malefactors, even though the cases be carried to the highest courts.

It was stated that a crime wave has broken all American records, the number of crimes of all kinds in Chicago and New York and other big cities being several times that recorded in London and in other European centers. In discussing the reasons for this delinquency, Dr. Winders included a lack of enforcement of the laws by the constituted authorities, a lack of observation of the Sabbath and a disregard of the State in convicting malefactors, even though the cases be carried to the highest courts.

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