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Far Too Many Statutes on Books Now, Beveridge Declares.

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PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Whether the American public will be better or injured by legislation enacted by the new administration will depend on the good or bad humor, courage and industry of members of State legislatures and Congress, according to the declaration of Albert J. Beveridge 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 lobbyists.

"Law, judges and students of government are agreed that we have too much legislation," he said. "The number and diversity of statutes is confusing. The fact 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 result is that none but skilled and vigilant lawyers can fill this indispensable function, and even these legal practitioners cannot do their work without research."

"Legislative bodies 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 recklessly the public money, and powerful pressure on legislators to appropriate immense sums for a multitude of purposes."

Mr. Beveridge declared that full and adequate explanation of the proposed bill should be presented by the committee to which it was referred, and only in the case of a present emergency should it be passed under suspension of constitutional rights.

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

Branding the private pledging of votes for or against a measure, before it could be voted on, as "extraneous" and "dishonest," Mr. Beveridge declared that the method has been developed until legislators are actually pledged 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 a permanent service each 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 contributions.

At the Columbia Club on Monday noon Roosevelt Memorial day will be observed in connection with the inauguration of the new government. Between the hours of 12 and 1 p. m. Delegates from the German, French and Spanish delegations will be entertained by the club.

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

Welcome address, John C. Ruckelshaus.

Response, Lucius Teter, president of the Indiana Society.

Response, James P. Goodrich.

Response, Warren T. McCray, Governor.

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

Remarks, Albert J. Beveridge.

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

The program committee will consist of the following: Judge Albert B. Anderson, Emmett F. Branch, James A. Collins, Charles W. Jewett, William E. English, William T. Durbin, Joseph B. Kealing, Fred C. Gardner, L. G. Rothschild, Richard Smith, Ernest W. Bross, Arthur E. Brindash, Charles O. Roemler, Ed Wasnuth and Harry Miesse.

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-decoration of the Crosepy auditorium, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, at 8 o'clock.

Two plays are to be presented and discussed. The musical program will be presented and the meeting is to be followed by a half hour of dancing.

The first play, "The Widow's Yell," comedy in one act by Alice Rossetter, will be read by Mrs. Florence Gudell, Mrs. Edmundine Reed and Miss Willa O'Connell. Arthur Berney will direct the cast.

Mr. Wintermote had been ill more than two years as the result of disabilities incurred while serving in the Navy during the war.

He enlisted in the Navy in May of 1918, at the age of 18, and was assigned to the Great Lakes Training Station, and later to the U. S. R. Lancaster.

In December of 1918 he was discharged honorably from St. Luke's Hospital in New York City and sent to his home in Indianapolis. Later he was sent to the hospital at Whipple Barracks, Ariz., returning to his home last October.

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