

PENSIONING OF AGED FAVORED BY LARRABEE

Representative of Indiana Backs Dill-Connelly Bill for Federal Aid.

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Indiana and other states that herd their aged poor into almshouses might be persuaded to discontinue the barbarous practice and provide old-age pensions if assistance is offered by the federal treasury.

Such is the belief and hope of Representative William H. Larrabee (Dem.) New Palestine, Ind., who has joined with other liberals in an attempt to force a showdown in this session of congress on the Dill-Connelly bill.

The Dill-Connelly measure, recently approved by the house labor committee, would appropriate \$10,000,000 annually for federal aid to be apportioned among the states that provide pensions to aged and indigent citizens.

Poorhouses Assailed

"This bill," said Larrabee today, "will provide federal aid for old age pensions up to one-third of the cost, and I believe will bring states like my own into line. I hope it will help to banish disgraceful poorhouses from the land."

Citing the Marion county poorhouse as a "horrible example," Larrabee said:

"In the county in which our state Capitol is located, conditions have prevailed in years past that would not be permitted in institutions for the punishment of criminals. Crowded into quarters that would not be considered fit institutions of correction and punishment, the poverty-stricken aged of this county have lived among conditions that are an utter disgrace to a civilized state. I have no doubt that there are conditions equally as bad, or worse, in the homes for poor in many other states and many other communities."

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JAPAN SEEKS GOLD IN CONQUEST

Sixty Million Persons Crowded in Island Empire

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BEHIND Japan's vast war machine is a tiny cluster of islands, constituting Old Japan, whose area in square miles is slightly smaller than that of the state of Nevada.

There are 91,000 people in Nevada. There are approximately 60,000,000 people in overcrowded Old Japan, or just about half the population of the United States by comparison.

These principal islands of Old Japan are three in number, plus their fringes of small adjacent islands. There is another large island to the north, but it is cold and sparsely inhabited.

The figures tell the fiscal story:

United States
National Debt—\$16,800,000,000.
Per Capita Debt—\$125.
Per Capita Tax—\$26.25.
Nat'l. Wealth—\$300,000,000,000.
Per Capita Wealth—\$2,400.
1932 Budget—\$3,595,000,000.

Japan
National Debt—\$1,000,000,000.
Per Capita Debt—\$16.
Per Capita Tax—\$6.50.
Nat'l. Wealth—\$50,000,000,000.
Per Capita Wealth—\$860.
1932 Budget—\$740,000,000.

But while figures are statistically correct, they hardly present the whole picture, for Japan proper—meaning Old Japan—enjoys a rich commercial return from its profitable domains in Manchuria, Korea and Formosa. In Korea, for example, Japanese merchants control 85 per cent of the business and Japanese farmers own one-half of the cultivated land. In Formosa, the Japanese government has a monopoly on the world's chief source

This is the fifth of six stories on "Japan's Skyrocketed Rise."

of camphor. All three domains were acquired by war.

The Japanese have their own way of doing things. From a tax collecting standpoint, Korea has been a drain on the Japanese treasury for many years. But the commercial profits pay handsomely.

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The Japanese Empire at a Glance—The black portion belongs to Japan, the shaded portion in Manchuria—in the vicinity of her leased South Manchuria railway concession—is dominated by her troops. The original empire consisted of the four grouped islands, though cold Hokkaido always has been sparsely populated. Formosa was acquired from China by the war of 1895; Korea, Japanese Sakhalin, the Kwantung peninsula at Port Arthur, and also the South Manchuria railway concession, were acquired from Russia by the war of 1904-05. As the densely populated island kingdom must draw on the Asiatic mainland for its food, it could be starved by a naval blockade; hence, Japan's powerful navy.

she bought in the same period last year. Strangely enough, these huge purchases come at a time when Japan's textile mills are suffering heavily from the Chinese boycott, many mills being closed.

That cotton fiber, in its other uses, is an essential in the manufacture of many kinds of explosives may explain something. Simultaneously, there has been a big recent increase in lead exports to Japan.

IN view of Nippon's situation, there have long been two conflicting trends of thought in Japan.

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Overturns in Water

After striking the bridge guard, the auto skidded down an embankment, overturning in shallow water. Deputy sheriffs sent Smith to the city hospital. Others injured in accident:

Miss Sarah Gray, 33, of 1045 High street; and bruises; Edward Glore Jr., 14, of 1528 North Gal street; arm cuts; George H. Miller, 16, of 1520 High street; face cuts and bruises; Miss Anna Schr., 18, of 1020 Bradford, 58, of 1354 West Vernon street; left hand cut; Willard Burtner, 26, of 1520 Franklin; shoulder bruises; and Joseph Parrott, Negro, 31, of 2028 Columbus avenue, head cuts.

COLLEGES CONTROLLED BY CHURCHES LAUDED

Bishop Hughes, Chicago, Speaks at Athearn Inauguration

Indiana Cares for 18,733 at 79.2 Cents a Day.

Indiana cared for 18,733 persons daily in its twenty state charitable and correctional institutions during 1931 at a cost for the year of \$6,929,126.53, it was disclosed in a report today by Secretary John A. Brown of the state charities board.

The amount was divided between \$418,463.45 for maintenance and \$1,510,699.08 for land, buildings and improvements. New construction caused an increase in expenditures of \$600,000 over the 1930 figure, Brown said.

Maintenance increase was \$26,000, but the daily average attendance for 1930 was but 17,922. Average expense an inmate in 1931 was \$289.24 and \$302.14 in 1930.

Total per capita expenditures in 1931 were divided as follows:

Salaries and wages, \$122.98; food, \$53.68; clothing, \$13.51; repairs, \$21.41; and other items, chief of which are heat, light and household equipment, \$77.66. The total of \$289.24 a year amounted to 79.2 cents a day per inmate.

YEGGS BATTER SAFE

Take \$54 From Strongbox in Office of Downtown Commission Firm.

Yeggmen knocked the combination from a safe in the William Schaub commission house, 138 South Delaware street, Sunday night, and took \$54 from the strong box, police were informed.

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