

PRIMARY ELECTION MEASURE RECEIVES DIVIDED REPORTS

Majority Favors Passage, Mi-
nority Advises House to
Postpone Indefinitely the
State-Wide Primary.

[BY LEASED WIRE.]

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10.—Two reports on the Jones primary election bill were presented to the house today by the committee on elections. The majority report favored the passage of the measure and was signed by Representatives Kemp, Drago, Erny, Dibble, Griffith and Yoho. The minority report was signed by Representatives Southard, Scott, Foster and Nichols, who recommended indefinite postponement. Representatives Kinder did not attend the committee session.

To Fight Krau Bill.

Anti-saloon workers who have been studying the Krau senate bill on the subject of wet and dry elections, came out today with a statement that the Krau bill is a bad measure. The Anti-Saloon League will fight the measure because it places the cost of local option elections on the dry advocates.

They declare also that the bill in providing that after two elections have been held on the wet and dry issue, no election shall be held for six years, is framed to fit conditions in Elkhart and Goshen, where an election was held two years ago, and another is to be held this spring. If the wets win again, the Krau measure would make the two cities wet for six years, according to the interpretation placed on the proposed law by the saloon foes.

Investigations by the geological survey of the erosion of numerous drainage basins of the United States show that the surface of the country is being worn away at a rate of about an inch in 760 years.

RACES TO COLLECT
BIG LOTTERY PRIZE



Wants Real Neutrality

Observer Suggests U. S. End War by Refusing to Ship Munitions.

The great German and Irish mass meetings being held in larger cities in behalf of neutrality, are beginning to take on larger proportions every day. Fifteen thousand people gathered at the coliseum on last Sunday in Chicago and in one accord placed resolutions, that if carried out, will keep the country out of the war. Every one knows by this time, the neutrality stand Mr. Bryan takes. He has long ago fell in the eyes of many real honest advocates of justice and peace.

If Mr. Bryan really means well with this country's destiny, how can he favor the shipment of war material to warring countries? Mr. Bryan knows that when all supplies are cut off from warring nations, that such countries are then forced to stop fighting. Now, if the United States wants to keep its respect and honor as a neutral nation, it must take an absolute stand against anything that prolongs war.

U. S. Holds Power.

The United States has it in her power to prevent the slaughter of thousands of precious lives, and still for the sake of dollars, she allows our capitalists to take advantage of all the misery caused by this awful tragedy. \$17,000,000 worth of material for soldiers are ordered out of Cleveland, Ohio, alone.

The writer is an advocate of universal arbitration, also has to some extent helped the Red Cross work and other charitable causes concerning this war, but he believes in realism and not hypocrisy, such as is being practiced in our country.

Why not first of all help stop the war and then send out the help that will be needed in keeping out brothers over the seas? Good intentions sometimes lead to abuse. The longer we send anything across the water that sustains the life of the armies, the longer this war will last, the longer we will keep on sending money and provisions of all kinds. What a terrible farce. The shocking indifference shown by many of our Americans in this war is appalling.

Calls for Neutrality.

Other countries can misuse our flag, hold up our ships and insult us whenever they please and then beg our pardon and say they are sorry.

If we are neutral in spirit we would keep our hands off and then not burn our fingers, and we also will preserve our National honor. It is better to die for truth than peace based on the short coming false pretension, and we want our National Honor based on solid truth alone. Indifference, greed for

gain, and mad love of pleasure are our great ugly sores. Let us realize that we have a grand republic, if we help hold it up to the standard.

The warning we wish to convey is to be Neutral in spirit and keep our hands off all things that help prolong this war bred from Hell.

An Observer.

Some "Hoppers"

[BY LEASED WIRE.]

PETERSBURG, Ind., Feb. 10.—Spring has arrived in Petersburg. Elsie Shous, a farmer living $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from here, has captured fifteen grasshoppers, each of them more than an inch in length.

ATTORNEY DIES AT CONNERSVILLE

Benben Conner, a well known Connorsville lawyer, died suddenly at his home there yesterday. Mr. Conner was in his apartments dressing when an attack of heart disease caused his death. During his many years at the bar, Mr. Conner had figured in a number of cases in Wayne county court. Services will be held at the Presbyterian church in Connorsville Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SAM HOLDEN DIES AT EATON HOME

EATON, O., Feb. 10.—Samuel Holden, about 35, died about 7:45 o'clock Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ella Monomith on East Wadsworth street, after having been ill for a year from the effects of tuberculosis. His condition lately had been critical and

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