

NAVAL ESTIMATES BEING PARED DOWN

Congress Begins Work on 1919 Appropriations.

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Washington, Nov. 19.—Readjustment of departmental appropriations from war to peace basis was begun today by congress. The house naval committee took up revision of the naval bill for the next fiscal year and members were insistent that expenditures be held to the lowest possible minimum consistent with effective operations and upbuilding of the navy.

As recommended by the navy department, the bill carries a total of \$2,440,000,000, the estimates being made in the belief that the war would continue through next year. Rear Admiral Earle, chief of the ordnance bureau, said before the committee today that the department now is revising its estimates, and his bureau alone had eliminated more than half of the \$400,000,000 calculated as necessary next year under war conditions. Admiral Earle also revealed that the ordnance bureau has canceled contracts amounting to \$12,339,000, practically half of the amount appropriated for the bureau since the war began.

Today's hearing had to do with only one-fifth of the estimates in the bill and after the committee adjourned, members could not hazard a guess as to the final amount that will be recommended for the navy. Secretary Daniels will be called into conference tomorrow for discussion and the committee members hope to get a clearer idea as to the size of the task before them.

Representative Butler of Pennsylvania, ranking republican member of the committee who is expected to become chairman of the committee in the next congress, led today in demanding downward revision, but other members also insisted that now that hostilities have ceased government expenses must be held down sharply.

Mr. Butler criticized Admiral Earle's request for \$53,000,000 for ordnance and ordnance stores next year, saying it was greater than the amount appropriated in war time. He also voiced objection to the completion of the 112 eagle boats at the Ford plant at Detroit.

When asked whether Henry Ford would lose money if the contracts were canceled Admiral Earle said Mr. Ford received no profit for the work.

Appropriations and authorizations for a second year building program are included in the naval bill, but these were not reached today. There was no indication as to the attitude of members on this project, but it is generally expected that congress will approve the plan.

LAND OF GOSHEN IS JUST OUTSIDE OF FAIR BLUFF

Room There For Soldiers Who Are to Be Given Farms of Their Own (Special Star Correspondence)

Fair Bluff, Nov. 19.—It is wonderful the number of coon skins brought here and where they all come from only Fair Waddell, the coon skin man, knows. They bring good prices and the owner of a good coon dog feels like he had real property.

The river is so low on account of the dry spell that it can be waded in most anywhere and fish can hide themselves only in the deepest holes.

So far only six deaths have occurred here as a result of influenza, four white and two colored, and one of the latter was a very old woman, dying from old age.

The death of Miss Mary Wells of Manning, S. C., was extremely sad. She came here about two weeks ago on a visit to her sister, Mrs. E. P. Rogers, who was herself very ill with influenza, and Miss Wells was in the grip of the malady when she arrived, so that she was unable to give any assistance to the family and died on the 14th when her gentle spirit passed away. She was a most estimable young woman. The funeral was at Manning.

Frank Rogers suffering from the effects of influenza, was taken by his father, J. F. Rogers to a Wilmington hospital Monday the 18th.

East of this place seven miles out in the country, is where the land of Goshen begins, a strip of country where cattle, sheep and goats and hogs roam and thrive on the succulent grass that covers the land, untrammelled by stock laws. There is only one enemy—the yaller dog.

Public roads and homesteads are few and far between, but the old primitive cart ways satisfy the denizens of this favored land. Traveling along these roads, we saw some of the wonderfully large flocks of sheep quietly grazing on both sides of the road undisturbed by our passing. Well, it looked good and we thought what great fashions Spencer Richardson and Carey Stockland were, owning between them nearly a thousand sheep. Both of these citizens live at home and on the fat of the land. So the little town man would have thought had he partaken with me the bounteous dinner we enjoyed and then when he thought of the little paper bays the merchants put his daily tears well up in his sad town eyes and course down his pallid cheeks!

PULLMAN SERVICE. Commencing November 16th, all railway Pullman sleeping or parlor cars will be operated by the Pullman Company from Wilmington should be made to C. M. Acker, Ticket Agent, phone 1122-W. pa 12-22.

APPEAL FOR THE ORPHANS ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Homes of the Homeless Little Ones Find It Difficult to Make Ends Meet—Ask a Days Pay.

During the coming week, Thanksgiving week, citizens of the state will be asked to remember the orphans, housed in a number of orphanages in the state. High prices have made the care of these homeless little ones more difficult during the past year, and more funds are needed. The orphanage exist on the donations of the generous. One day's pay is asked for some one of them during this week. The committee on publicity sends out the following appeal:

"The management of our charitable institutions have been making patriotic efforts to adjust their work to the new and imperative needs of the war, which have added materially to the reduced scale, with the decline of normal demands upon them. Some of the orphan homes are finding difficulty in securing funds to continue their present work, even on the same or a reduced scale, with applications accumulating that must be declined for lack of facilities to warrant reasonable expansion.

"It is no little task in normal times to secure sufficient funds to support the orphanage work an important department in a number of our orphan homes have been handicapped on account of this state of affairs. The talk about the needs of these institutions may become tiresome to some, but if the people are to sustain them they must know something of existing conditions. During the present abnormal times, with increasing demands of every sort which the war is making on philanthropy, it becomes necessary to keep our orphanage work before the people. Who knows but that we are actually facing the breakdown and bankruptcy of this—the most important work that develops and sustains the life of the state in a charitable way?"

"The state has taken a large share of the income of her citizens for the use of the government in defense of their rights and ideals; it should also protect and support, in every possible way, those forces and activities which create the ideals and make for the security of the foundation of our government. The spirit of humanity, the enlightened and quickened impulses of education and the regenerative influence of religion are the essential elements of strength and character in our citizenship. We must foster them. We can not afford to withhold the relief and encouragement which the proposal to contribute the amount of one day's income to some one of the 20 orphan homes offers, when a refusal to do so might place the orphanage work in jeopardy.

"The suggestion of a Thanksgiving offering of one day's income is reasonable indeed. Not one person in a

hundred is unable to do that—and all can assist in bringing the matter to the attention of the people. Each of the orphan homes is worthy of any encouragement the people can offer and all patriotic men and women are urged to assist in securing the funds needed to sustain them. Remit through your church, your lodge, or direct to the orphanage of your choice on, or near, Thanksgiving day."

COUNCIL MEETS AT NOON. Special Session to Open Bids For Water Plant Improvements.

There are reasons to believe that the contract for the enlargement of the city water plant to practically twice its present capacity, will be awarded at a special meeting of city council that has been called for noon today to open bids. The specifications, prepared by City Engineer Johnson, call for the doubling of the sedimentation basins and the installation of two new filtration units, and it is estimated the cost will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

The meeting was called merely to open bids for this work and it was expected that it would be only a short session. However, it is understood that there are other matters that will be brought up which may involve a rather lengthy discussion before it is settled.

SCOTTISH RITE REUNION Convened Here Yesterday Morning For A Three Days Session.

The fall reunion of the local Scottish Rite bodies of Free Masonry, convened in the Masonic Temple yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and during the day and evening degrees from the fourth to the 13th were conferred on a very large class. The sessions will continue through today and tomorrow, concluding with the conferring of the Master of Royal Secret or 32nd degree, which will take place Thursday night. There are quite a number of visiting Masons present from points throughout the eastern part of the state, who are taking part in the degree work.

MONOPOLY OF THE GROUND FISH BUSINESS ALLEGED

Boston, Nov. 19.—The price of haddock rose 93 per cent from 1915 to 1917 while increases of from 50 to 100 per cent were recorded on other varieties of ground fish, government authorities asserted today when hearing of the equity suit of the United States against 41 wholesale fish dealers who are alleged to be conducting the fish business of New England in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act was opened here today. It was stated the dealers control the ground fish business at the ports of Boston and Portland and that 99 per cent of the ground fish consumed in the eastern part of the United States is landed here. The government asks that the alleged combination be dissolved.



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THEATRICAL

A. B. Marcus, director general of the Marcus Musical Comedy company, which is playing at the Academy of Music today, matinee and night, does not believe in doing things by halves. The show has been distinguished for years as the most elaborately gowned in America, which of course means the world. It is a veritable fashion show in itself. Another thing about the productions of the Marcus company, there is a delightful variety to all of its performances. In "Pretty Butterfly" which will be the attraction this afternoon and tonight, there is even a sentimental touch. The incident which gives the revue its title is a story in songs, with a spectacular Japanese background, of a Nipponese maiden who falls in love with an American naval officer. The matinee prices will be 25 cents for any seat in the balcony and 50 cents for lower floor seats.

inimitable Chester Conklin in the midst of the devilment.

Grand. Alice Brady, whose earlier Select Pictures, "Her Silent Sacrifice," "Woman and Wife" and "The Knife" have won her such enthusiastic approval, will be seen here at the Grand today in her latest Select Star Series production, "At the Mercy of Men."

In the role of Vera Souroff, Miss Brady portrays a luckless heroine who is wronged by one of three officers of the Imperial Guard in a Petrograd hotel. In the dark, she cannot identify the guilty man. Vera has an influential friend in the Countess Zaptine, who takes the girl's case to the attention of the Czar himself, and forthwith the officers are arrested. Vera cannot pick out the chief offender so the Czar orders Count Nicho, the eldest of the trio, to marry her in the Court chapel. His sisters' scorn leads Vera to return to the Souroff home, where her reappearance serves to aggravate her former fiance, Boris



ALICE BRADY
AT THE MERCY OF MEN

SELECT PICTURES

Today's Big Attraction at the Grand.

There will be no reserved seats for the matinee, "first come, first served." The night prices will be from 50 cents to \$1. Tickets are on sale at Elvinton's.

Royal. The Tokio Girls Musical Comedy Company will make their second strong bid for patronage to the Royal patrons today by the presentation of another one of their big tabloid musical comedy bills, a tabloid version of a big Broadway success that merits attendance of everyone who appreciates a condensed show that has lost none of its good points.

The Tokio Girls present entire of scenic vesture with today's change of bill, new and gorgeous wardrobe matching the famous beauty chorus of the first two days and new dance and song specialties all the way through. New vaudeville specialties will enliven the action of the play by Berg and Berg, Jeanie McDonald and Al Gold, and Miss Eertha Almore, the little dancing dynamo in her famous buck dancing specialty.

The comedy end in the hands of "Hamp" their famous negro comedian, will be well taken care of. The Keystone comedy for today is one of the greatest ever made, "Darling Hearts and Dixie Heights" with the

Litofsky, to wild, revolutionary activity. He forms an "army of the people," headed by Vera's father, a retired Major, and marches on to the jail where the officers are incarcerated.

How Vera attempts to rescue them and finally carries off Count Nicho in a wounded and unconscious condition, how the test of fire awakens his love for her and brings his confession that he is the man involved—all staged in these chaotic days in Petrograd with utmost fidelity to actual conditions make a vehicle in which Miss Brady's dramatic gifts are given full expression and the resulting photoplay thrills and grips the spectator.

Bijou. "Tossed in the Torrent" is the title of the sixth great chapter of the great Pathe serial with beautiful Ruth Roland and George Chesboro, the outstanding attraction on the big five reel bill at the Bijou today.

Action of the most intense kind continues through this episode. The very thing that has put over previous Pathe serials so big seems to have been cornered again in "Hands Up" and every week the crowds are getting bigger and bigger, until near the finish, it is always impossible to accommodate them. Western atmosphere, Indiana

"The Phantom Rider," coupled with great photography, have made of "Hands Up" one of the greatest serial successes ever shown in Wilmington. "Pat Turns Detective" is the title of the last Nestor comedy screen, also an attraction, and among other features will be the regular weekly issue of Universal Screen Magazine, the reel of knowledge.

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