WASHINGTON SIDELIGHTS

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"The legislation in which the bloc has been most active to date," Capper explains in discussing his plans for the future of this bipartisan agricultural group, "has been in the main emergency measures. We are now facing, however, the task of getting into law matters that more form a great, comprehensive, national agricultural policy.

"Of first importance to agriculture are lower freight rates. We cannot get back anywhere near the normal commerce of pre-war days until this is accomplished. Although we confidently that there is a great deal that congress can do in this line, the matter of rates belongs in the hands of the interstate commerce commission, there are two or three things which would help. Among these are: First: Repeal the recapture clause of the Esch-Cummings act. Second: Reform to some rational commission the power to correct abuses and discriminations in freight rates. Third: Enact the bill, already passed by the

senate, revising the valuation powers of the I. C. C., reducing by about three billions the present recognized value of the railways. There is no doubt that the value now recognized is far in excess of real values.

"Next to the matter of transportation is the question of agricultural credits. We are now getting shaped up a new credit bill. It is based on the findings of the joint agricultural commission, which would set up new machinery for short-time agricultural credit facilities through the federal farm loan board.

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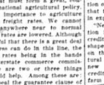


A NEW naturalization and registration bill giving independent citizenship to women and combining Republican pledges for better economic guidance of alien residents has been introduced in the house by Representative Albert Johnson of Washington, chairman of the immigration committee.

It reorganizes the naturalization bureau as the department of labor, changes its title to "bureau of citizenship," extends the powers of the commissioner of naturalization and naturalization officers of the government are designated authorized from citizenship, and the measure requires each resident alien to register annually at some time between August and November, except persons of registration to be held from an annual fee of $1.

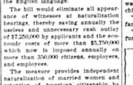
Minors collected are to be put under the control of a naturalization officer, and under control of the secretary of labor. Compulsory education of public school children is required. Illiterate aliens, except citizenship classes organized by the bureau of citizenship by locality, citizenship responsibilities, and the English language.

The bill would eliminate all appearance of witnesses at naturalization hearings, thereby saving annually the unnecessary cost of about $7,250,000 by applicants and the expenditure of more than $1,700,000 which now is imposed annually on more than 200,000 witnesses, employers and employees.

The measure provides independent naturalization of married women and restoration of American citizenship to resident American women who marry foreigners. It gives uniform exemption to veterans of all wars in American history and recognizes those serving in the forces of America's allies during the World war.

Golden Shears for Secretary Hughes

NEWSPAPER correspondents at the capital say they presented to Secretary of State Hughes a pair of gold desk shears to show their appreciation for his "kindly assistance to them in times of stress" during his term in office. Why shears? Because, Atropos, the most interesting goddess of the Three Fates, is the supremely intelligent lady with the shears that is supposed to deal justly with the fate, not only of individuals but of nations.



The gift was presented by Matthew T. Tighe, who has been with the state department for more than forty years. The inscription on the present speaks of its motive as gratitude; but we suspect, on the other hand, it is just as important that suspicion should be allayed. Perhaps Mr. Tighe will hope you will live for many years and will make the use of the golden gift that Alexander made of his sword in cutting the Gordian knot of an international dispute.

"Nothing is more difficult," Mr. Hughes said, "than to navigate the proper course in the part of a publicist. I offer, particularly in the great department with which I am charged, of course, it is essential that nothing should be done that will disturb the administrative work by improper or a personal prejudice."

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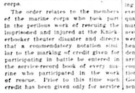

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An apt illustration of the manner in which the corps now points with pride to all matters "on their toon" to its glorious wartime service is afforded in the happenings of the Fourth of July celebration at Quantico, Va. The roof of the 21 by 60-foot officers' mess was decorated with the insignia of the marine corps. A quarter of an hour more than 2,000 marines were broken ranks by 2,000 marine torches and other devices were hoisting their way through the hazy smoke to the scene of the evening's festivities. Their work on the service is to well known all over the country to need retelling. The execution of one of the survivors: "Thank God for the marines!" sums up public sentiment in a sentence.

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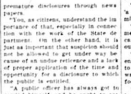

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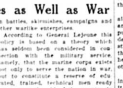
Statements have been made that although the bill was passed, it could not been purchased through condemnation for from $15,000 to $20,000. The original owners have now come into possession of property priced far upon which the government now has improvements, including many buildings and sewing plants and other utilities, and to be utilized. Additions, owners are in a position to demand that the government purchase the utilities if this is refused. In fact, one of the owners has already begun an action involving $100,000, it is alleged.

Of the tracts at Camp Grant to be returned back to their owners, John A. Johnson owns 282.87 acres; Sara J. Bartlett, 102.84, and Charles A. Swanson, 130.00. A few days after the lease passed the bill last year Bernie



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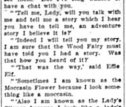

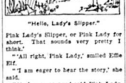

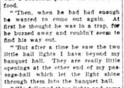

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Down on the sands of the Zoar there buried deep, like the broken

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