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#### ALABAMA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Alabama Association members are going to have an outing this year, including a trip to Havana, Cuba, June 9th-13th. The cost for single passenger is \$100.00, which includes railroad and steamer round trip; Pullman round trip; meals enroute in both directions (but does not include meals while in Havana) includes hotel accommodations at Sevilla-Biltmore, four nights in Havana; transfers to and from steamer in Havana; includes Cuban head tax, which is \$3.00 per passenger.

#### LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The *Scranton Times* of February 7th gave an interesting account of the Lackawanna County Pharmaceutical Association meeting. There were 175 in attendance. The artist of the *Times* displayed skill in sketching quite a number of the officers and others present.

Officers of the Lackawanna county group in attendance were: Frank P. Kelly, *President*; William W. Watkins, *First Vice-President*; Henry Brown, *Second Vice-President*; Thomas Evans, *Treasurer*, and Louis Gardier, *Secretary*. Credit for the success of the banquet went to the following comprising the arrangement committee: Henry Brown, Sr., *Chairman*; Andrew Brown, Louis Gardier, Mrs. Lula Morgan DeLucy, Thomas Evans, William Jenkins, John J. Davies, William W. Watkins, D. J. Thomas, William H. Knoepfel, Peter F. Lally and John J. Mullen.

Andrew Brown acted as toastmaster. President O'Connell was among the speakers, also Henry Brown, D. J. Thomas, John J. Davies, William Knoepfel, A. P. Brown, Louis Gardier, Henry Brown, Jr., Percy M. Davis and Col. Frank P. Kelly. Ladies were in attendance and added greatly to the occasion.

#### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JAPAN PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.

The first general meeting in this year of the officials of the Japan Pharmaceutical Society was held on January 19th and was attended by the following persons: Dr. Takahashi, vice-president, Drs. Ikeguchi, Keimatsu, Uyeno, Nishizaki, Watanabe, Isono, Ogata, Tanii, Kinugasa, Nakao, Hattori and Mr. Hosoi. The proposal for holding a memorial ceremony at the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the society was discussed.—The *Weekly Druggist* (Japan), January 26, 1930.

### LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE.

H. R. 10561, BY MR. HAWLEY, DISPLACES H. R. 9053, BY MR. PORTER.

H. R. 9053 and comments thereon were printed in the February JOURNAL A. PH. A. (see pp. 205 and 165). The bill presented by Mr. Hawley has been accepted by Mr. Porter; it has the same title "To Create in the Treasury Department a Bureau of Narcotics, and for other purposes." This Bill does not provide for a Commission, but makes the Narcotic Division of the Public Health Service responsible for determining the quantities to be imported for medicinal purposes. Mr. Porter will not ask for consideration of H. R. 9054 until after a conference with pharmacists and others interested has been held. Hearings were held by the Ways and Means Committee on the Hawley Bill on March 7th and 8th; indications

are that the Bill will be favorably reported by the Committee.

The Bill follows:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there shall be in the Department of the Treasury a bureau to be known as the Bureau of Narcotics and a Commissioner of Narcotics who shall be at the head thereof. The Commissioner of Narcotics shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall receive a salary at the rate of \$9000 per annum. The commissioner shall make an annual report to Congress.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of the Treasury may, without regard to the civil service laws, appoint one deputy commissioner, and subject

to the provisions of the civil service laws and in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, appoint such other officers and employees as, in the judgment of such Secretary, are necessary to execute the functions vested in such bureau. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to designate any officer or employee of the Treasury Department to act as Commissioner of Narcotics during the absence or disability of the Commissioner of Narcotics, or in the event that there is no Commissioner of Narcotics.

(b) In order to aid in the detection and prevention of the unlawful importation of narcotic drugs into the United States, the Commissioner of Narcotics may designate certain officers of the Bureau of Narcotics for assignment to duty at ports of entry or other places specified by such commissioner. Such officers shall, during the period of such assignment and at such ports and places, have the same power and authority as custom officers have in the enforcement of the narcotic drug laws of the United States.

SEC. 3 (a) The Federal Narcotics Control Board established by the Narcotic Drugs Import and Export Act, as amended, is hereby abolished, and all the authority, powers, and functions exercised by such board are hereby transferred to and shall be vested in and exercised and performed by the Commissioner of Narcotics.

(b) All rights, privileges, powers and duties conferred or imposed upon the Commissioner of Prohibition or any officer or employee of the Bureau of Prohibition in respect of the taxation, importation, exportation, transportation, manufacture, production, compounding, sale, exchange, dispensing, giving away or possession of narcotic drugs are hereby transferred to, conferred and imposed upon, the Commissioner of Narcotics.

(c) All the officers and employees in the Bureau of Prohibition who are exclusively engaged, on the date this Act takes effect, in the administration or enforcement of any laws relating to narcotic drugs, except the Commissioner of Prohibition, are hereby transferred to the Bureau of Narcotics without change in classification or compensation.

(d) All the official records, papers and property (including furniture and office equipment) in the Bureau of Prohibition pertaining to or in use in the administration or enforcement of any narcotic drug laws are hereby transferred to the Bureau of Narcotics.

(e) All unexpended balances of appropriations under the control of the Bureau of Prohibition for the enforcement of any laws relating to narcotic drugs and available on the date this Act takes effect shall be available for expenditure by the Bureau of Narcotics in the same manner and to the same extent as if the Bureau of Narcotics had been directly named in the laws making such appropriations.

(f) All orders, rules and regulations in respect of any laws relating to narcotic drugs which have been issued by the Commissioner of Prohibition and the Federal Narcotics Control Board and which are in effect on the date this Act takes effect shall, after such date, continue in effect to the same extent as if the transfer had not occurred, until the Commissioner of Narcotics, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall modify, supersede or repeal the same.

(g) All proceedings, investigations and other matters pending in or before the Bureau of Prohibition and the Federal Narcotics Control Board in respect of the administration or enforcement of any laws relating to narcotic drugs shall be continued and brought to final determination before the Bureau of Narcotics.

SEC. 4. The Narcotics Division in the office of the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, Treasury Department, as created by the Act approved January 19, 1929, shall be known as the Division of Mental Hygiene; and all the authority, powers and functions exercised by such Narcotics Division are hereby transferred to the Division of Mental Hygiene, and the medical officer of the Public Health Service in charge of said division shall hold the rank and receive the pay and allowances of Assistant Surgeon General while so serving. The Surgeon General of the Public Health Service is authorized and directed to make such studies and investigations as may be necessary of the abusive use of narcotic drugs; of the quantities of crude opium, coca leaves and their salts, derivatives and preparations, together with such reserves thereof, as are necessary to supply the normal and emergency medicinal and scientific requirements of the United States; and of the causes, prevalence and means for the prevention and treatment of mental and nervous diseases; and shall report to the Secretary of the Treasury not later than the 1st day of September each year the results of such studies and investigations. The results of such studies and investigations of the quantities of crude opium, coca

leaves or other narcotic drugs, together with such reserves thereof, as are necessary to supply the normal and emergency medicinal and scientific requirements of the United States shall be made available to the Commissioner of Narcotics, to be used at his discretion in determining the amounts of crude opium, coca leaves or other narcotic drugs to be imported under the Narcotic Drugs Import and Export Act, as amended. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to appoint such professional, technical and clerical assistants as may be necessary for carrying the provisions of this section into effect.

SEC. 5. Any person, corporation, association or partnership aggrieved by any order, rule, regulation, ruling or decision of the Commissioner of Narcotics or by his failure to rule upon or decide any matter presented to him by proper application, may appeal therefrom to the Secretary of the Treasury, who may affirm, reverse or modify such action or failure to act of the Commissioner of Narcotics in such manner and to such extent as to the Secretary of the Treasury may seem equitable and just. Such appeal shall be taken within thirty days after the appellant shall have received notice of the action of the Commissioner of Narcotics from which the appeal is to be taken, or in case of the failure of the Commissioner of Narcotics to act no appeal can be taken until after the expiration of thirty days from the time said Commissioner of Narcotics is formally requested to act.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Treasury shall cooperate with the Secretary of State in the discharge of the international obligations of the United States concerning the traffic in narcotic drugs.

S. 3367.

Senate Bill 3367 by Mr. Thomas seeks to amend Section 1 of "An Act to establish two United States narcotic farms for the confinement and treatment of persons addicted to the use of habit-forming narcotic drugs who have been convicted of offenses against the United States, and for other purposes" (Public, Numbered 672, Seventieth Congress), approved January 19, 1929. It follows:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Section 1 of "An Act to establish two United States narcotic farms for the confinement and treatment of persons addicted to the use of habit-forming narcotic drugs who have been convicted of

offenses against the United States, and for other purposes" (Public, Numbered 672, Seventieth Congress), approved January 19, 1929, to be amended to read as follows:

"That when used in this Act—

"(a) The term 'habit-forming narcotic drug' or 'narcotic' means opium and coca leaves and the innumerable alkaloid derived therefrom, the best known of the alkaloids being morphia, heroin and codeine, obtained from opium, and cocaine derived from the coca plant; all compounds, salts, preparations or other derivatives obtained either from the raw material or from the various alkaloids; Indian hemp and its various derivatives, compounds and preparations, and peyote in its various forms: *Provided*, That peyote for sacramental purposes may be grown, sold, purchased, bartered, transported, imported, exported, delivered, furnished and possessed; and the commissioner may, upon application, issue permits therefor.

"(b) The term 'addict' means any person who habitually uses any habit-forming narcotic drug as defined in this Act so as to endanger the public morals, health, safety or welfare, or who is or has been so far addicted to the use of such habit-forming narcotic drugs as to have lost the power of self-control with reference to his addiction."

#### MEDICINE SALES ONLY ON PRESCRIPTIONS PROPOSED.

An amendment to the penal law introduced by New York Assemblyman Lefkowitz reads as follows: Any person except a duly licensed physician or physio-therapist who shall hereafter sell, retail or furnish to any person any medicine, instrument or appliance, or other commodity of a therapeutic nature or designed to give therapeutic relief without requesting and receiving from such person the written order or prescription of a duly licensed physician or physio-therapist authorizing the use of the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

#### CHANGE OF DATE OF ARIZONA BOARD OF PHARMACY EXAMINATION.

The Arizona Board of Pharmacy has found it necessary to change the dates for holding examinations from April 9th to April 16th, the examination will continue until the 18th. Applications for registration, or inquiries for information should be addressed to Secretary Arthur Lee Phelps, 725 East Fillmore Street, Phoenix.