

the protection provisions mentioned above, in accordance with the plans and specifications of John Russell Pope and subject to the supervision of his office. We are advised that the George A. Fuller Company are prepared to enter into such a contract and to proceed with the work as soon as this is possible.

"It is estimated that construction and furnishing will require about one year. The contract has been prepared by Mr. Pope's office and approved by my personal attorney as to its legality and as to the bond to be furnished by the construction company. Copies are being furnished to the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and to the Chairman of the Council.

"In my judgment, we have everything to gain and nothing to lose by making the contract now and I strongly recommend prompt action." and the following communication from Chairman Hilton of the Council:

"I have gone over copy of Dr. Dunning's statement you sent me, also copy of the proposed agreement between the A. Ph. A. and the George A. Fuller Company, contractors, for erecting the building to be known as the American Institute of Pharmacy. This com-

pany is the lowest bidder and also has the reputation of being one of the most responsible builders in the country. I know of nothing that I can suggest to improve same and both Dr. Dunning's letter and the agreement have my approval.

"I feel sure that Mr. John Russell Pope will look after the interests of the ASSOCIATION in every possible way."

*(Motion No. 32) It is moved by Dunning that the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Association be authorized to enter into a contract with the George A. Fuller Company to erect the Headquarters Building in accordance with the plans and specifications of John Russell Pope, and with provisions for protection mentioned in his letter of April 13, 1932.*

The Chairman of the Council has approved the request of Chairman Dunning for a vote on his motion at the earliest reasonable date and has authorized the calling for a vote at this time. If there is objection or if any member of the Council desires to have additional information or to submit comments, the vote will be considered as tentative.

E. F. KELLY, *Secretary.*

## BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM MEXICO.

BY G. G. COLIN.

### SYNDICATE OF NATIONAL LABORATORIES OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS TAKES ACTION TO REPRESS CUT-RATE COMPETITION.

During the month of April, the Syndicate of L. N. P. F. (Laboratorios Nacionales de Productos Farmaceuticos) extended a cordial invitation to the largest manufacturers operating in the City of Mexico to discuss measures that will insure price standardization. At the meeting held at the offices of the Syndicate the following firms attended: Esta-blecimientos Colliere, S. A., Laboratorios "Chinoín," Laboratorios Codex de Carlos Stein & Co., Laboratorios Limousin, S. A. These firms attended as non-members of the Syndicate. The following members were present: Laboratorios "El Aguila," Laboratorio Hipodermico Nacional, Laboratorios Grey, Laboratorios Pravaz, Laboratorios Perez Gil, Laboratorios "Ifusa," Laboratoiro Quimico Central.

President Dr. R. Tervino Garza welcomed the guests and gave an address explaining the motives for this conference and the necessity

of standardizing prices. Secretary G. G. Colin then briefly informed those present of the resolutions and discussions held at previous meetings of the Syndicate. All those present offered their coöperation for the purpose.

A committee was appointed to call on other manufacturers who did not attend and who have been following a policy of low prices and long terms, inviting them to coöperate and reconsider their attitude which is detrimental to the industry.

### NATIONALISTIC CAMPAIGN BENEFITS DRUG TRADE.

The nationalistic campaign promoted to stimulate consumption of home-made products has been intensified again in view of the excellent results obtained. As a result of this campaign imports have shown a considerable decrease and both the public and physicians are giving preference to products made in this country.

A large building, centrally located, has been adapted to hold exhibits of all manufacturers in the pharmaceutical industry. Suitable entertainment is offered to visitors who are also given samples and literature.