

EDITORIAL NOTES

SENATE BILL 4390 NOW ON CONSENT CALENDAR.

The *Calendar* of June 18th reports that S. 4390 has been placed on the "Consent Calendar," and it is reasonable to assume that the Bill, which provides commissions for 16 pharmacists, will be enacted before the close of Congress. This is a forward step in the advancement of pharmacists for which the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION has been working for years. See April JOURNAL, page 380, May number, pages 477, 478 and 479.

The Sheppard Bill was finally passed on June 19th. It provides, as stated, for commissioning 16 graduate pharmacists as second lieutenants.

The Robinson-Patman Bill was passed and signed by the President.

In the closing rush of Congress (June 20th) the Food and Drugs Bill was killed when the House refused to agree to the conference report. The battle for passage of the legislation was led by Chairman Rayburn (Texas) of the Interstate Commerce Committee.

The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION restated its belief at Portland that the present food and drugs act is too limited in its scope to afford the public the proper protection in the matter of food and drugs and cosmetics, and that the ASSOCIATION endorse the bill now before Congress known as S-5 substantially in the form in which it passed the Senate and urge its prompt enactment, and its officers are instructed to cooperate as fully as possible with all other agencies having this end in view, and that a copy of this resolution be immediately sent to the chairmen of the committees having the bill in charge. Every effort in that direction was made by the ASSOCIATION to secure enactment which failed as stated above, after favorable action had previously been taken by the Senate and House on this important legislation.

VISIT TO CITY OF MEXICO.

G. G. Colin, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, in Mexico, writes that if any pharmacists wish to visit Mexico he would like to be advised of the names of the visitors, the number and approximate date of their arrival. He will be glad to help in securing hotel reservations. Those wishing to drive by the Mexico-Laredo Road may obtain

information at the border from Association Automovilistica Mexicana.

UNDER SIX FLAGS.

"Beautifully impressive is the ceremony first staged June 6, 1936, at the Texas Centennial Central Exposition, where the six flags under which Texas has served were flung to the breeze. Wisely the Centennial management has elected to maintain the flag raising throughout the period of the exposition. With the formal retreat and guard mount ceremonies of the military and naval units, the flag-raising will become a colorful remembrance for every visitor.

"The six flags play an important and attractive part in the decorative plan of the entire exposition. The huge banners floating in the breeze on the esplanade remind every spectator that here is a State that was once a colony of two great nations, part of Mexico, an independent Republic and a commonwealth in two Republics."

THE ADDICTION TO CODEINE.

In a comprehensive article in the *Medical Record* for May 20th, Iwan Ostromislensky places codeine among the group of opiates causing addiction. He concludes his article by saying: "The symptoms of withdrawal in codeine and in morphine addicts are substantially the same." Terry's report and Himmelsbach's recently published observations show the symptoms do not differ materially, not only in their nature, but also in their intensity. Comment is made because the report differs from that quite generally accepted. In the body of the paper, it is stated, that "in moderate doses codeine can be injected daily in the organism of a man over a much longer period of time than can morphine without creating the danger of addiction."

STOLEN ORDER FORMS FOR NARCOTICS.

Narcotic Circulars report on lost and stolen order forms. They advise, if such forms are presented, that they be forwarded to the Treasury Department, office of the Commissioner of Narcotics, or advise the Commissioner of the names on the forms and the name and quantity of each item of narcotic drug requested.

Pharmacists desire to be helpful in exposing illegal vendors.