

THE NATIONAL DRUG TRADE CONFERENCE

The meeting of the National Drug Trade Conference convened in Washington, D. C., December 16, 1915. The following members of the Executive Committee met on the day previous:

J. C. Wallace, New Castle, Pa.; Charles M. Woodruff, Detroit, Mich.; Prof. James H. Beal, Urbana, Ill.; C. Mahlon Kline, Philadelphia, Pa.; Samuel C. Henry, Philadelphia, Pa.; R. C. Stofer, Norwich, N. Y., and Dr. A. R. L. Dohme, Baltimore, Md. The Executive Committee decided to report to the Conference a resolution prepared by Dr. J. H. Beal, Samuel C. Henry, and Charles M. Woodruff, outlining the position of the Conference if the resolutions were adopted with reference to preparations, remedies, and prescriptions; also another resolution that no amendments be now considered by Congress to the Harrison law, and another resolution asking that whisky and brandy be restored to their former place of recognition in the Pharmacopœia.

The following attended the Conference:

Representing the A. Ph. A.: John C. Wallace, New Castle, Pa.; S. L. Hilton, Washington, D. C., and J. H. Beal, Urbana, Ill.

Representing the N. W. D. A.: Charles A. West, Boston, Mass.; C. Mahlon Kline, Philadelphia, Pa.; and George W. Latimer, Columbus, Ohio.

Representing the N. A. R. D.: Samuel C. Henry, Philadelphia, Pa.; James F. Finneran, Boston, Mass., and Frank T. Stone.

Representing the A. A. of Ph. C.: George C. Hall, W. C. Abbott, Chicago, Ill., and R. C. Stofer, Norwich, N. Y.

Representing the N. A. of M. of M. P.: Adolph Rosengarten, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. A. R. L. Dohme, Baltimore, Md., and Charles M. Woodruff, Detroit, Mich.

Representing the P. A. of A.: Fred K. Fernald, Elkhardt, Ind.; Philip S. Heuesler, Baltimore, Md., and Harry B. Thompson, Chicago, Ill.

The resolutions of the Executive Committee were adopted and approved of the following statements as expressing the sense of the National Drug Trade Conference respecting T. D. 2213:

"1. That the word 'preparation' as commonly understood and employed in pharmacy is a generic term which includes and covers compositions and mixtures prepared in accordance with the formulas of physicians'

prescriptions, as well as those prepared in accordance with the formulas of the United States Pharmacopœia and National Formulary, and that when it is desired to distinguish between the preparation of these two classes the term 'magistral' is applied to those which are prepared in accordance with the terms of physicians' prescriptions.

"2. That the word 'remedies' as commonly employed and understood in pharmacy covers and includes all medicinal mixtures and compositions dispensed in accordance with physicians' prescriptions as fully as those prepared in accordance with the formulas of the U. S. P. and N. F.

"3. That the word 'prescription' as commonly employed and understood in pharmacy applies both to the written document issued by the physician and to the article, composition or mixture dispensed in accordance with the directions of such document.

"4. That the word 'dispensing' as commonly employed and understood in pharmacy covers and includes the operation of weighing, measuring and mixing of ingredients and all of the other manipulations involved in the preparing and delivering of preparations in accordance with the terms of physicians' prescriptions.

"Therefore, it is the sense of the National Drug Trade Conference that compositions and mixtures prepared in accordance with the directions of physicians' prescriptions are 'preparations and remedies' clearly within the meaning of section 6 of the Harrison Act, and exempt from the provisions and requirements specified in the remaining sections of said act."

The Conference also adopted a resolution asking that the first paragraph of T. D. 2244 be abrogated as being burdensome to the drug trade and without any effective use in furthering the purposes of the law.

Secretary C. M. Woodruff presented a resolution expressing the sense of the Conference that if any revision and modification of the taxing arrangement under internal revenue laws, by which it is meant with respect to the emergency revenues, that the Conference protests against the continuation of schedule B in such a revised taxing arrangement.

A committee appointed to confer with the officials of the Internal Revenue Bureau, and consisting of Messrs. J. H. Beal, C. M. Wood-

ruff, and Samuel C. Henry, secured the following order from the department:

"Pending consideration of briefs to be submitted by representatives of the drug trade regarding the first paragraph of Treasury Decision No. 2244, which was suspended until January 1, 1916, requiring the quantity of narcotic drug to the ounce, or, if ordered in tablet form, the total number of tablets and the quantity in grains per tablet, to be indicated on official narcotic order forms, you are directed to withhold reporting any person violating this ruling until further advised by this office."

Chairman A. R. L. Dohme reported for the Committee on Patents and Trade-marks, indorsing the so-called Paige bill, with the following proviso: "That no patent shall be granted on any application filed subsequent to the passage of this act upon any drug, medicine, medicinal chemical, coal-tar dyes or colors, or dyes obtained from alizarin, anthracene, carbazol and indigo, or for any process for the preparation thereof for a longer period than five years, unless the patentee or his assigns shall agree that after five years from the granting of said patent he or they will grant a license to any responsible applicant to manufacture said product or use said process upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon; or in the event of failure to agree within thirty days after such applicant shall apply in writing to such patentee or assignee: then upon such reasonable terms as the Federal Trade Commission may determine at or after a hearing appointed by said commission upon due application and

due notice in accordance with such rules and regulations as said commission may prescribe."

This was adopted by the Conference.

An amendment to the Stevens bill was discussed. The Conference decided to secure coöperation with the wholesale organizations in the country with a view to obtaining the assent of the department to an extension of the time for the discontinuance of the guarantee legend or such modifications as would protect outstanding labels.

The Conference went on record as reaffirming a resolution adopted at the session of a year ago, requesting the Postmaster-General to revise and liberalize the postal laws and regulations relating to the transmission in the mails of poisons.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, John C. Wallace, New Castle, Pa.
First vice-president, Samuel C. Henry, Philadelphia, Pa.

Second vice-president, Wallace C. Abbott, M.D., Chicago, Ill.

Third vice-president, C. M. Kline, Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary and treasurer, Charles M. Woodruff, Detroit, Mich.

Executive Committee, John C. Wallace, New Castle, Pa.; Charles M. Woodruff, Detroit, Mich.; Prof. James H. Beal, Urbana, Ill.; Geo. W. Latimer, Columbus, Ohio; Samuel C. Henry, Philadelphia, Pa.; R. C. Stofer, Norwich, N. Y.; Dr. A. R. L. Dohme, Baltimore, Md.; James E. Finneran, Boston, Mass.; Fred K. Fernald, Elkhart, Ind.

WAR DEPARTMENT

List of changes of stations covering period ending December 31, 1915, in the cases of Sergeants First Class and Sergeants Hospital Corps.

SERGEANTS FIRST CLASS.

G. Bruno Weber, from Ft. Sheridan, to Ft. Riley.

Thomas P. Davison, from Ft. Dade, to Ft. Sheridan.

Daniel W. Robinson, from Field Hospital Co. No. 6, to the Remount Depot, Ft. Reno.

George E. Vass, from the Remount Depot, Ft. Reno, to Ft. Dade.

Richard F. Hare, from the Transport "Summer," to Ft. Leavenworth.

Hugh R. MacCleery, from Ft. Sam Houston, to Ft. Clark.

Francis W. Wickett, from the Presidio of

Monterey, to the Hawaiian Department, on the February transport.

Samuel J. Koon, from Ft. Canby, to the Hawaiian Department, on the February transport.

Milton T. Esterly, from Ft. Winfield Scott, to Ft. Stevens.

Charles C. Young, from Ft. Stevens, to Ft. Sam Houston.

Quentin J. Barker, from the Walter Reed General Hospital, to Ft. Constitution.

Robert R. Linden, from Ft. Constitution, to the Walter Reed General Hospital.

Martin D. Mims, from the Hawaiian De-