

able to unbutton the time lock at any hour in the 24, he may know how to jimmy the latest model vault and scale the tallest porch on the boulevard, but if he ever breaks into the committee room and gets the Pharmacy Bill out, he will have established a precedent and should be pensioned for life.

There's another feature of the legislative chairman's dealings with the State Legislature that is just as pleasant to him as a bone felon on his trigger finger, and that is to have a druggist howl himself hoarse because the legislative committee didn't accomplish anything. This druggist went right on making suppositories in a very tranquil and unconcerned way while the legislative committee was sitting up nights, sweating blood and begging him to help. He shows his gratitude like a foot-pad who beats his victim unmercifully because he didn't have more money. Probably so many sins would not be laid at the door of the State Legislature if the pharmacists of this country would help the legislative committee. Owing to the presence of ladies, I am unable to express fully my views of certain State Legislatures.

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#### CHEMICAL WARFARE SERVICE TO CONTROL GAS OPERATIONS.

The following statement is authorized by the Secretary of War:

The organization of the Chemical Warfare Service has been completed. Henceforth all phases of gas warfare will be under the control of the Chemical Warfare Service commanded by Maj. Gen. William L. Sibert.

Heretofore chemical warfare has been carried on by divisions in the Medical Department, the Ordnance Department and the Bureau of Mines. All officers and men who have been connected with offensive or defensive gas warfare here will be responsible to the Chemical Warfare Service. The field training section at present is under the Corps of Engineers.

#### DEFENSIVE WARFARE.

Defensive warfare has been under the control of the Medical Department. This work has consisted of the designing and manufacture of masks both for men and animals and the procurement of appliances for clearing trenches and dugouts of gas.

Offensive gas warfare consists principally of manufacturing gases and filling gas shells. The work has been under the direction of the Ordnance Department.

The new department will take over the work of chemical research for new gases and protection against known gases which has been carried on by the Bureau of Mines. All testing and experiment stations will be under the direction of the Chemical Warfare Service.

The responsibility of providing chemists for all branches of the Government and assisting in the procurement of chemists for industries essential to the success of the war and Government has been intrusted to the Chemical Warfare Service.

All chemists now in the Army will be removed from their units and placed under the authority of the Chemical Warfare Service. Newly drafted chemists will be assigned to the Chemical Warfare Service.

Authority to assign enlisted or commissioned chemists to establishments manufacturing for the Government has been granted to the new section.

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#### A. PH. A. MEMBERSHIP PRIZES FOR MISSOURI PHARMACISTS.

Henry D. Llewellyn, of Mexico, gave two prizes of A. Ph. A. membership during his administration as president of the Missouri Pharmaceutical Association. He now offers an additional two for the year 1918-19. These prizes are open to all members of the Mo. Ph. A. In order to obtain one, it is necessary to get in on the honor list with a large number of new members for that association. Each Llewellyn prize pays one year's dues in the American Pharmaceutical Association. If the winner is not a member, he will be recommended for election. If he already belongs to the A. Ph. A., his dues will be paid by Mr. Llewellyn for one year.