

A meeting of the committee was held at the Hartford Club at 6:30 o'clock on the evening of February 20th, 1917.

Present: Messrs. Goodwin, Alcorn, Alsop, Cheney, Clark, Holbrook, and White. Governor Holcomb was present as the guest of the committee as were also Messrs. Luddy and Ferrer of the headquarters staff. After dinner, Mr. Holbrook, the Treasurer of the committee, submitted a preliminary report of the finances up to date, showing that \$700.00 had been received from the State Treasurer, of which \$392.13 had been expended for postage, clerical work, etc. leaving a balance of \$307.87 on hand. He further reported the following unpaid bills: Rent, \$208.34; Badges, \$1040.00; PayRoll to 24th inst. estimate, \$500.00; Office supplies estimate, \$250.00; Furniture, \$200.00; Printing estimate, \$3500.00; Total \$5698.34. Mr. Holbrook reported that it was yet too early to make accurate estimate, but that the expenses incurred and in sight were about \$6000. The report was accepted and ordered on file.

Mr. Clark submitted a proposed form of census blank to be used in making a census of the women of the State. After a general discussion, it was referred back to Mr. Clark to amend in accordance with the concession of opinion of the committee, and to submit as amended to Mrs. Bissell for the consideration of her committee.

A form of census blank to be submitted to the graduate nurses of the State, which had been referred to the committee, was after discussion as to its form referred to Mr. Alsop with the request that he confer further with the nurses concerning it.

Mr. Cheney, on behalf of the special committee on the census of industrial concerns, submitted a final draft of the questions to be submitted. There was an extended discussion as to what should be the policy of the authorities in charge of the census with reference to the imposing of penalties upon those who should refuse to answer questions which would have to be secured by a special act of the legislature, as no penalty is at present provided for. It was suggested in favor of such proposal that some refusals have already been

met with, and that these are likely to increase in the big Cities, especially when the census takers start the house to house canvas among the foreign elements of the population, and that there are many important industrial plants in the state which are subsidiaries of great corporations owned outside of the state, and that the local managers of these subsidiary plants will be unable to give the answers requested without authority from the outside owners of the corporation, which may be difficult to get unless the penalty is attached. On the other hand, it was urged that this census is distinctly a patriotic volunteer movement and that to now go before the legislature and ask for a penalty would immediately change the character of the census and to appear to the outside world as a reflection upon the patriotism of the state; that the refusals up to date have been negligible and that it would be better to see what we can do on the volunteer basis and not ask for any penalty unless it eventually proves to be necessary. It was finally decided upon the suggestion of Governor Holcomb that we proceed as we have commenced to take the entire census as a voluntary matter, and that if we then see fit to ask for power to enforce the answering of the census questions, we go before the legislature, state what refusals have been met with and ask for whatever power may be necessary. Governor Holcomb further suggested that census agents meanwhile refrain from making personal threats and that while it would be advisable to use such tactful means as are possible to persuade those who have refused to sign to re-consider that the census takers need feel under no obligation to do so.

In accordance with those suggestions a final draft, as submitted by Mr. Cheney, was amended to exclude any reference to a penalty, but in lieu thereof, there was substituted a phrase to the effect that failure to answer the questions within 10 days would be construed as a refusal. The form thus amended, with certain minor changes made necessary by this amendment, was then approved and was referred back to the special committee for printing. The special committee was further requested to prepare a mailing list of the important

industrial concerns in the state, using the State corporation income tax list as a basis, with such additions as seemed best to the committee.

The matter of the classification of the return was referred to Messrs. Moray and Ferrer.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 11:30 P. M.