MELLON'S ASSISTANT IN OFFICE CAPABLE

UNDER SECRETARY MILLS

H. O. Bishop in National Republic Tells Something of His History and Acomplishments in Career

Serving as right-hand man to Secretary Andrew W. Mellon is a pretty important job. Fortunately however, the man who fills the place measures up to the position, according to H. O. Bishop, who writes interestingly in the current issue of the National Republic concerning Ogden L. Mills, the present Under-Secretary of the Treasury. Few men, Mr. Bishop states, have ever gone into a position better qualified to hold it than Mr. Mills. During his six years in Congress he was known as an expert on economic affairs, and Speaker Longworth said of him, "He has the best knowledge of the fundamentals of national taxation of anyone in either house of Congress."

Hard Worker

Mr. Mills has been a hard worker, in school in the law and in politics and he has never been afraid to pull his share in the harness. He served in the American army in the World war and during two terms in Congress was chosen to lead the fight for the Mellon tax bill. Continuing Mr. Bishop says:

"So quickly did Mr. Mills obtain a grasp of Treasury operations and policies, that within a month after his induction into office, Secretary Mellon left him in charge of the department as acting Secretary during a three weeks' visit which Mr. Mellon made to Europe. Perhaps no better summary of the estimation in which Mr. Mills is held in Washington can be made than by quoting a letter which Secretary Mellon wrote to be read at a testimonial dinner recently given to Mr. Mills in New York. In speaking of him, Secretary Mellon said:

Mastery of Problems

"He brings to the Treasury not only his great ability and untiring energy, but also a thorough mastery of many of the problems with which he has to deal. His profound knowledge of the fundamental principles of taxation was shown in his debates and in his work on the Ways and Means committee during his service in Congress; and, in the passage of the Revenue Act of 1926, he played a most important part in securing the enactment into law of many needed reforms of the tax system.

"Throughout his public career, Mr. Mills has shown a conspicuous ability to master not only the large outlines but all the intricate details of the most complicated problems. It is this quality, plus a capacity for hard work, that has enabled him, in a comparatively few years, to accomplish so much in a constructive way and has made him such a force in public life."

WARDS OF STATE ARE GROWING IN NUMBER

IN MANY INSTITUTIONS

Extensive Provisions Are Made to Take Care of Them; What Has Been Done in Recent Years

Steady increase in the number of inmates in the charitable and penal institutions of the state required a steady expansion on the part of the Department of Public Welfare.

In 1921 wards of the various state institutions numbered 27,764. With the gradual increase in dependency, delinquency, and deficiency these now number 35,076. Of this number, 22,164 are males and 12,912 are females.

There is every reason to indicate the ratio of increase will be maintained, and it may be expected the coming five years period will see an increase of 7,200 in the 26 institutions of the state under the supervision of the Department of Public Welfare.

Facilities Are Increased

To take care of the increase in the number of state wards during the past two years material improvements have been made in a number of the institutions, looking toward the healthfulness and comforts of these charges. Among these improvements are:

Dixon State Colony—Completion of hospital building, 25 beds.

Elgin State Hospital—Vocational training building, with 220 beds, and completion of ex-service men's ward building.

Illinois School for Deaf — Gymnasium building.

Illinois State Penitentiary — Cell House "C," 450 cells, furniture factory, dry kiln, track scales and barn.

Illinois School for Blind — Kindergarten girls' cottage, 52 beds.

Illinois Soldiers' Orphans Home — Two cottages with 108 beds, and the remodeling of the old power plant into a cold storage and general store.

Illinois State Reformatory — Addition of 240 cells.

Lincoln State School and Colony — Store house and root cellar.

Southern Illinois Penitentiary — 200 additional cells.

New Improvements Under Way

Co-operating with the Department of Public Welfare in meeting present day problems, as well as looking toward the future, the Department of Purchases and Construction has completed plans and specifications and has under contract or is preparing to let contracts for a number of buildings and improvements at the same institutions.

H. P. Terrell of Atlanta received a 2-year sentence, suspended during good behavior, for beating his wife with a stick after accusing her of hiding his wooden leg.

On his way to call on Miss Ruth Fenton at Cripple Creek, Colo., James Murray was caught in a bear trap set by the girl's father.

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