

DETAILS OF BONUS ARE COMPLETED

Redrafted Measure To Be Offered Committee On Tuesday

IMPORTANT CHANGE IS MADE IN BILL

Cost of Adjusted Compensation May Be Cut to One Fourth of that Estimated.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—Working out of the details of the compromise bonus bill was completed today by the special sub-committee of Republicans. The redrafted measure is to be presented to the entire committee Tuesday. The measure may not be reported to the house for ten days or two weeks so as to give the members ample time to study it.

One important change in the adjusted compensation certificate play was made today which may ultimately reduce the bonus cost perhaps half a billion dollars. Under the change the face value of the certificate would be the sum of adjusted service pay plus 25 per cent instead of 40 per cent plus interest at four and a half per cent, compounded annually.

If all the men took certificates and held them 20 years, until maturity, it was estimated the bonus would cost the government four billion dollars. It was figured, however, that by borrowing and forfeiture through defaulting on payments to banks under loans the cost would be reduced to about a billion dollars.

Chairman Fordney and other committee members said they believed the new plan would meet with general favor, in and out of congress, for three reasons. They were summarized as follows, in a formal statement issued by Representative Green of Iowa, ranking republican on the committee:

"One—the needy veteran can obtain money as soon as his certificate is issued and in greater amount than is provided by the cash plan of the original bill.

"Two—No large drafts to be made on the treasury until the expiration of three years.

"Three—No new taxes required."

Mrs. Frank Carpenter Passed Away Thursday

Nora May Carpenter, the wife of Frank Carpenter, passed on at their home at 1426 Monroe street, yesterday afternoon at about five thirty o'clock at the termination of a two weeks' illness. She was forty-four years old at the time of her death and is survived by her husband, her mother, Mrs. Al Good, one daughter, Mrs. Emmett Walker, two grand children, one brother, Grover Good, and four sisters, Mrs. Harvey March, Mrs. E. E. Carpenter, Mrs. Dan Phillips and Mrs. Charles Hoak, all residents of La Grande.

No definite funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

Signs Being Prepared for Use in Forests

Forest Ranger Floyd Kendall announces that upwards of 150 signs are being prepared for use in the forest reserves in this vicinity. They will be erected on the roads and trails for the purpose of directing those who use the forests for camping, fishing, or any other purpose.

"The forest service will appreciate the co-operation of the people in taking care of the signs and refraining from mutilating or destroying them in any manner," says Mr. Kendall.

MODERN JOVE HURLS THUNDER BOLTS AT WILL

Inventor Finds Means of Making Artificial Lightning Using Energy of Million Horse-power.

(By Associated Press) SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Mar. 3.—Schenectady has a modern Jove who sits on his throne in a laboratory of the General Electric company and hurls thunderbolts at will. He is Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, electrical wizard, who announced today he has succeeded in producing and controlling an indoor thunderstorm, with all the characteristics of its natural brother except the thunder clouds.

At a demonstration of his lightning generator a few days ago the familiar forked tongues flashed through the laboratory with a deafening crash, splintered a large block of wood, hurled the fragments 25 feet, and ripped a miniature tree from tip to base. The bolt carried the energy of 1,000,000 horsepower—about one five hundredth of the energy of natural lightning bolts—Dr. Steinmetz estimates, and lasted for the one hundred thousandth part of a second.

Dr. Steinmetz hopes his apparatus will contribute largely to the development of lightning arresters, as it provides an opportunity for the study at close range of the phenomenon that Benjamin Franklin began to investigate years ago with his kite, string and key.

His experiments have convinced him, however, that there is little likelihood of man's realizing his dream of harnessing thunderbolts and making them work. Despite their tremendous energy, he says, their life is so short that, harnessed, they would be worth only a few cents each.

The inspiration to produce artificial lightning came to Dr. Steinmetz two years ago when he arrived at his summer camp on the Mohawk river to find the heavenly visitor had preceded him by a few hours and left the camp in sad disarray.

The lightning had struck a tree overhanging the camp, and after tearing some of its bark it had jumped to the camp, where it divided. One branch passed to the ground through a post, while the other tore its way through a window, jumped to the lightning circuit and made a tour of the house, splintering a screen, a looking glass and a bed in which Dr. Steinmetz might have been sleeping had he arrived 24 hours earlier.

Instead of bemoaning the damage, Dr. Steinmetz got busy with a camera, a tape line and a notebook, and collected "evidence" which he says was of inestimable value in the production of his lightning generator.

MAY ASSESS ON UNIFORM BASIS

PENDLETON, Mar. 3.—That county assessors in Oregon will fall into line with the suggestion of the Oregon Wool Growers association which is to the effect that valuations for the sheep owned in the state be kept at a uniform basis in the different counties, is the belief of Mac Hoke, secretary of the association. The local man has received replies from letters he sent to the assessors of Crook, Malheur and Sherman counties. This trio of assessors declare their readiness to keep the valuation of sheep within the limit of between three and four dollars a head suggested by the association. Last year there was a great difference in the assessed valuation of sheep in the different counties, the valuations ranging from three to seven dollars in different counties. Other counties are expected to fall into line on the stabilizing of values.

OKLAHOMA'S GOVERNOR IS GIVEN REBUFF

Tries to Force Himself On Grand Jury Without Success

COUNTY ATTORNEY REFUSES REQUEST

Oil Man Slaps Governor Robertson In Face and Half Dozen Blows Exchanged by the Two Men.

OKMULGEE, Okla., Mar. 3.—Gov. J. B. Robertson arrived here today declaring that he intended going before the grand jury, present an immunity waiver and demand that he be heard in the jury's investigation of the failure of the Bank of Commerce here last November.

Recent statements by County Attorney James Hepburn intimated that the governor was under investigation in the case. Hepburn refused in a dramatic scene to permit the governor to appear before the jury, declaring that the governor could not supersede him in conducting the probe. The governor insisted he had a right to do this. As the governor left the office of Hepburn, James G. Lyons, an oil man struck the governor in the face, the governor struck back and they exchanged half a dozen blows before they departed.

McAdoo Will Make His Home In California

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Mar. 3.—William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury under President Wilson, announced Wednesday night that he soon would leave New York, his home since 1892, and settle in Los Angeles, California.

With Mrs. McAdoo, he will leave for the Pacific coast on Friday. His son, Francis H. McAdoo, will succeed him as a member of the New York law firm of McAdoo, Cotton & Franklin, of which he was senior member.

Asked whether he meant to retire from the practice of law, Mr. McAdoo said:

"No, sir. I intend my new life to be the beginning of greater activity than ever before."

Replying to further questions he flouted the suggestion that he might be going west to become head of any part of the movie industry, or that he was making a political move.

ASK MILLIONS FOR RIVER AND HARBOR WORK

House Committee Makes Report Today Which Includes Number of Appropriations for Oregon.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—River and harbors improvements of approximately thirty-one million dollars would be authorized under a bill reported today by the house river and harbors committee. The bill includes an appropriation of three million three hundred thousand dollars for Coos Bay harbor and the isthmus slough, a million seven hundred and fifty thousand for the Columbia and lower Willamette rivers, twenty-three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars for the Willamette slough and four thousand six hundred and twenty dollars for the Clatskanie river.

WHEAT IN VALLEY MOST ALL GONE

Probably Only Twenty Per Cent Remains Unsold—Last Raise Sent Thousands of Bushels to Buyers

The Grande Ronde valley still has some wheat, but the amount on hand has shrunk heavily under the selling which accompanied the last advance. Frank Conley turned in thirty thousand bushels a few days ago to Kiddle Bros., selling it to the grain firm at \$1.05 per bushel. Gradually the wheat on hand has been finding a market due to the advanced price, until now it is estimated by good authority that less than twenty per cent of the wheat crop remains in the hands of the growers.

QUARANTINE ORDER ISSUED

(By Associated Press) BOISE, Ida., Mar. 3.—To protect Idaho's white pine forests, said to be the largest in the world, from blight rust, which is prevalent in Western Washington and British Columbia, the state commissioner of agriculture has issued a quarantine order, forbidding shipment into Idaho of all white pine, stone pine, limber pine, or any other five-leaved pines, cypresses and gooseberry plants, from the territory said to be so infected. Horticultural inspectors have been given authority to condemn all shipments.

MASKED MAN SHOOTS INTO CHOIR ROOM

Seventeen Year-old Girl Wounded In Portland Last Night

MEMBERS THOUGHT IT JUST A JOKE

Police Questioning Man Today Who Appears To Know Something About the Affair.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Mar. 3.—The police today questioned a man giving the name of Elmer Weatherford regarding the shooting last night of William Faller, 17, during choir practice at St. Stephens Pro-Cathedral.

Weatherford was detained after making a remark at a newsstand indicating that he knew something of the affair. Miss Faller was shot but not seriously wounded when a masked man entered the choir practice room and ordered "hands up." The singers thinking it was a joke refused and the man fled.

LOCAL TEAM LOST TO BAKER

The Clarke's basketball team returned from Baker without the much-coveted scalp of the Water Front Five. Although the locals had the full personnel of their team, the final score was 23 to 13 in favor of the Bakerites.

The game was hard fought and full of thrills, the score being close at all times. Garrity and Theisen were the outstanding stars on the Clarke's five and "Red" Blakely and Roy Stoddard were the Baker luminaries. Blakely's playing was a feature in itself.

The line-ups were: La Grande—Garrity, Barnes and Woods, forwards; Proctor, center; Lindley and Theisen, guards. Baker played Blakely at center; Roy and Parley Stoddard as forwards, and Rapp and Bates at guard.

If the Baker team defeats the Stoddard Brothers here Saturday they will have a clear claim to the Eastern Oregon independent basketball championship.

SALE OF CITY HALL TO BE DISCUSSED

Agreement Reached Between City and County Commissions to Meet Next Wednesday.

The special committee appointed by the city commission several days ago to meet with the county court in order to draw up a contract for the sale of the city hall building met with the court late yesterday afternoon and discussed the proposed sale, no decision being reached, however.

The county is standing pat on the figure of \$20,000 at which the building was offered several years ago while the city is asking for \$37,500, the value according to the city's books. The county's attitude at the meeting yesterday was that the price asked by the city was less than the value of the building but that it could not explain to the people of the county an expenditure of more than \$30,000.

At the meeting the county authorities intimated that an effort would be made to have some taxpayers petition the city asking that the building be sold for \$30,000 but the county refused to put itself on record as being willing to pay the price asked by the city commission if the taxpayers of the city back up the men elected to handle city affairs.

The county court expects to meet with the city commission next Wednesday at the latter's regular meeting to further discuss the matter. The committee appointed by the city commission is composed of President W. D. Grandy and City Manager O. A. Kratz.

Mr. Kratz this morning issued a statement addressed to the taxpayers of La Grande in which he explains the attitude taken by the city commission and himself. His statement follows:

To the Taxpayers of La Grande: At the meeting of the City Commission held March 1st, 1922, it was decided to offer the County the City Hall building or present Court House for \$37,500.00 which is the City's present book value.

The matter was taken up with the County Court, March 2nd, but they took the stand that in as much as the city once gave them an option to buy the building at \$20,000.00 that the city should not ask more than that now.

The City explains the matter in part in this way, that the County was given the use of the building for two years at \$200,000 per month instead of \$500.00 with the understanding that the County would purchase the building at \$20,000 which the County did not do.

The difference between the rent the County paid and what they should have paid during the two years amounts to \$7,200.000 which added to \$20,000 makes \$37,200.00 or nearly our book value.

The County Court admits that in their opinion the building is easily worth \$37,500.00 or more and say that under ordinary circumstances

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Baseball Plans To Be Completed Next Sunday Afternoon

The representatives of the baseball teams in the Intermountain League will meet in the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon to arrange the schedule and complete plans for the 1922 baseball season.

Representatives from Elgin, Baker, Cove, Union, Imbler, Haines and North Powder are expected to be present, although it is not certain whether all of the above towns will enter a team in this year's league.

The league will at least consist of six teams and it is hoped to have eight teams entered as last year. Baseball is one of the best supported sports in Eastern Oregon and the local fans are anxious to see as large a schedule as possible.

FASCISTI IN CONFLICT IS REPORT TODAY

Croatians Are Also At Odds With the Italians

TROUBLE STARTED WHEN POLICE KILL

Torpedo Boat Captured, Postoffice and Government Palace Bombarded by Machine Guns and Grenades.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 3.—The Italian Fascisti in Fiume today occupied the postoffice and surrounded the government palace, attacking it with hand grenades and machine guns, says a Rome dispatch.

Civil war between the Italians and the Croatian elements is also reported. The Fascisti are also reported to have captured an Italian torpedo boat. The trouble started when the Fascisti accused the local police of killing one of their members.

INVESTIGATE AN OVERHEAD BRIDGE

Elgin Road Calls Officials From Capital to Determine What Is Best To Do and How To Do It.

La Grande was last evening the meeting place for a number of prominent state officials who were called to Eastern Oregon to determine the facts pertaining to a highway overhead crossing which is to span the O.-W. tracks near Elgin.

As to the merits of the case there will be threshed out by the officials after the data is all secured and personal observation is made. Among those who were here last evening on their way to Elgin were J. M. Dwyer, of the attorney general's office; M. W. Rosecrans, of the bridge building department of the state highway commission; H. H. Corey of the public service commission and several railroad officials.

ELK ARE HUNGRY

(By Associated Press) LIVINGSTON, Mont., Mar. 3.—Heavy snows in Yellowstone park have driven hundreds of hungry elk and deer to the lowlands near the northern entrance of the reserve. Government employes started feeding hay to the animals Tuesday. Reports that scores of the animals are dying of starvation are denied.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) WAUPUN, Wis., Mar. 3.—Three women were burned to death and one factory building and two residences destroyed and many buildings damaged by fire early today.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—The state department today notified bankers to report fully regarding foreign loans.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—General Pershing today conferred with the president regarding the proposed reduction in the army. It is understood that Pershing approved the reductions.

Elks Hold Their Annual Election of Officers

At the annual Elks election held last night, were initiated into the mysterious following officers for the year of Elkhorn. The officers that were elected were: Repro-elect will be duly installed during the first meeting held in the month of April.

At the close of the election two Tonsils and Saturday occasional men, John O'Connell and W. A. Gilrain with moderate southerly rains.



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