

Mellon's Recommendations On Bonus Are Attacked by Congressman Patman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—While Secretary Mellon Thursday was voicing again his objections to cash payments on veterans' compensation certificates, his recommendations were attacked by Representative Patman as being tempered by personal views. The Texas Democrat in testimony before the senate finance committee, said, "We all know Secretary Mellon has been against veterans' legislation."

"His feelings naturally cause him to make estimates in accordance with his opinions," Patman said. "His feelings are such that his mistakes are always against veterans."

Patman added he did not mean to imply Mellon "is dishonest or there is any corruption."

"Speaks Before Committee The secretary, who appeared Wednesday before the senate committee reiterated before the house ways and means committee his objections to cash payments now."

Under Secretary Mills followed and said the treasury is very much concerned over an anticipated \$375,000,000 deficit for the year.

Mills added, however, "We are not recommending an increase in taxes at the present time."

The treasury official made the statement in an argument with Democratic leader Garner of the house over interpretation of the provisions of the veterans compensation act.

In reply to a question by chairman Hawley as to the amount of money available in the treasury for payment on the certificates, Mills said: "Not a penny."

J. Thomas Taylor, legislative representative of the American Legion, said before the senate committee his organization had taken no stand of whether the full face value or the current value of the certificates should be paid.

Taylor presented the resolution passed by the national executive committee of the legion at Indianapolis last Sunday.

Members of the committee asked what the resolution meant by endorsing "the principle of immediate cash retirement" but Taylor said he could not interpret the phrase.

"It means it rests with congress what method should be adopted," Taylor said.

"Calls Resolution a 'Straddle'" Representatives Conroy, Democrat, Massachusetts, described the resolution as a "straddle."

"Like the Wickersham report," Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, injected.

Thomas Kirby, national legislative chairman of the Disabled American Veterans, told the committee cashing the certificates would not only benefit the veterans but would be "an extremely valuable method of meeting the national depression."

German Pronunciation In Germany there is no standard of pronunciation that is acknowledged and absolutely followed by the mass of intelligent people. The so-called standard of some people is the pronunciation of the stage, which again is divided into the pronunciation of tragedy and comedy.

In the latter, of course, is heard the more natural pronunciation of everyday life. The sectional differences are very marked, but in general there is a North German and a South German pronunciation.

Elephant Population Big Large figures were used by estimators of Ceylon in computing the elephant population recently. They placed the number of pachyderms on the island at 2,500. Of these 1,000 are said to be tamed for use in plantation work or religious ceremonials.

Elephants still in the wild state are carefully protected, and are captured and tamed only when there is a market demand for the beasts.

Bobcat Killed In Chicken House By Promise Man

By Mrs. Bertha Carper (Observer Correspondent) PROMISE, Ore. (Special) — Last Tuesday when Wilbur Hescoek, who is staying at the Garrett home, was saddling his horse preparatory to going to the post office he heard a great commotion among the chickens. Upon investigation he found a large bobcat in the chicken house, which had just killed a chicken. He rushed to the house for his gun and killed the cat just as it started to leave with the chicken. Wilbur saved his pet which was large and in good condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carper spent Tuesday at the Henry Snuffer farm. Howard was having some wheat chopped and Mrs. Carper was visiting.

Ralph Carper went to Palmer Junction Wednesday returning Friday. The Misses Ruby and Willis Burnett and Vernon Burnett returned with him. Willis and Vernon are visiting at the C. P. Carper home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carper visited Thursday night at the W. W. Carper home.

Mrs. Mary Roby and son, Richard, visited Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Howard Carper.

One Swearingen had the misfortune to lose a good milk cow Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett and daughter, Fern, went to Wallowa Friday. Mrs. Garrett went to La Grande to visit her father who is ill there. David returned Saturday to his home here.

Ivan Garrett, who has been working at Seneca, returned to Promise Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Teel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, Harvey McDonald, Lillian and Ralph Carper, Ivan Garrett and Willis and Vernon Burnett were at the Grange hall Sunday evening practicing for a play to be given some time next month.

Mrs. Charles Moore returned home Wednesday from Wallowa where she had been visiting for several days. Fred Trump is confined to the

house with a lame back from rheumatism.

I. S. McDonald butchered a large hog last week which resulted in 210 pounds of sausage, 70 pounds of lard, 1 1/2 gallons of head cheese, besides the ribs and backbones.

Immediately after the noon hour Saturday, Jan. 24, at the regular grange meeting Harry Carper and Ruby Burnett were united in marriage. Rev. F. G. Potter performing the ceremony. The wedding came as a surprise to their many friends.

Henry Carper is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Carper and has lived most of his life here. Mrs. Carper is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Burnett of Palmer Junction.

Saturday evening their many friends gathered at the grange hall to congratulate them and enjoy a social evening together. After the younger set had played games, refreshments were served to all. Then the young folk enjoyed two hours of dancing before going to their homes.

The couple left Sunday for Maxville where Mr. Carper has employment. At present he is driving stage from Maxville to the Cox place and return, but later will assist Bill Mathes in the store and postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. McDonald and son, Harry, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Teel and Mrs. Allie Smith.

Maurice Teel bought 13 head of ewes from his father in Eden and was bringing them home last Friday. He crossed the river on the ice instead of going a little farther down and crossing the bridge. He stepped on thin ice and went through into the river up to his waist. He succeeded in getting out and making his way to his Uncle Ort's place, built a fire and dried his clothing, and then proceeded to his home.

Famous Cumberland Deputy Passes On

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ist and the fearless mountaineer became fast friends and Wright's experiences as drawn out by Fox furnished much of the color for the novel. In addition to modeling "Devil Judd" after the officer, Fox is said to have named the book after a tall pine on a hillside of the Cumberland near Wright's home not far from Pound, Va.

As a young man Wright had participated in the famous Wright-Hall feud in which a large number of men were killed. Whether he actually sided with the Halls in helping fight his own relatives' battles was always a matter of conjecture. When the feud was raging the participants were too busy to talk, and Wright in later years never discussed it publicly.

In fact, he would never say how many lives he took after he joined the forces of law and order. He regarded the slayings, however, as a black mark against his character. Officers of the law took their lives in their hands when they went into the mountains to get a man. The outcome usually depended upon which

had the quicker eye and hand. Wright would sometimes tell of individual experiences but with his dry, mountain humor, that never left him, he evaded a direct answer as to the number of notches on his gun.

"How many men have you killed, Uncle John?" he was asked years after he had retired to his little cabin in Letcher county.

"Don't just remember." "I've heard you killed thirty outlaws during your heyday," the visitor persisted. "Is that correct?"

The old man rubbed his chin. "Now, I don't know," he returned. "Hardly think I killed thirty. But I took a lot of fellows to board in jail and starved 'em to death. The people might be countin' them."

Whatever the actual number he killed it was greatly exceeded by the number he rounded up and put in jail. He was a noted pistol shot and quick on the draw. His marksmanship was described by J. P. Marrs, a former judge of Pikeville, Ky., who was prosecutor when "Bad John" was a Pike county law officer.

"I've heard you were a good shot," said the aged jurist. "Why, John could shoot a coon out of a tree and riddle it with bullets before its body hit the ground." Judge Marrs avowed he had witnessed the feat.

Grim Prosecutor That grim determination that made him feared by lawbreakers served him in good stead when time came to prosecute them.

"No attorney ever shook the testimony of that officer," Judge Marrs said. "And after he had testified the opposing lawyer might as well dismiss him from the stand because he never got John to change his testimony on cross-examination."

John Fox portrayed "Devil Judd" Tolliver as turning to religion in his later years, and put into his mouth the words, "well, I've always laid out my enemies. The Lord's been on my side all I gets a better Christian every year." It was a true prophecy for in the summer of 1928, long after the book was famous, "Bad John" was converted, and was baptized in Blue Camp creek while hundreds of relatives and friends looked on.

Wright spent his declining years in a little cabin near Pound, a mecca for the lawless. He was born in 1843. Some of his friends insisted he was at least ten years older than that.

Fortlike Klips By Him He had little more than the cabin and enough to meet his simple wants, yet as a young man he sold for \$10 an acre property near Jenkins, Ky., that later was worth millions because he had fought in the Civil war. He was born in Letcher county, Ky., near the Virginia border, the son of Joe Wright, a pioneer.

Although the most active quarter of a century of his life was that in which he had served as a law officer, Wright had had early experience in fighting. Prior to his feudist days he had fought in the Civil war. He entered the war in the Confederate army, he said, but was captured and

Farmerette Juggles Jobs To Study Poultry

BALTIMORE (AP)—So she can learn more about farming, Mrs. M. Ricci does these things among other things. Flows a straight furrow, milks the cows, judges poultry, and holds down a clerk's job in Washington in order to pay her way through George Washington university.

She also teaches a class of 500 boys and girls at the University of Maryland and the fine points of poultry-raising and judging—this in her spare moments.

This 21-year-old girl, daughter of a Maryland farmer, has become a nationally known judge of poultry, having worked many times in Baltimore

and Madison Square garden fowl shows.

While she was on the farm she did some plowing and harvesting, attended to the stock and specialized in the care of poultry.

But she wanted more education on the scientific business of farming as she has taken the job in Washington and attends school.

"Farming really requires one to be a specialist now," she explained. "That is why I am taking so much college work. I know the practical part of it and considerable of the science of poultry, but I feel the need of more education."

SHEEP CREEK ROAD HEARING FEBRUARY 19

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day noon to use what pressure it could to have the appropriation made.

All of those interested in the road seem to be very optimistic about its chances of finally going through. The county court has definitely assured the state highway commission that rights of way will be secured by the time of the special meeting. A number of persons holding property along the proposed route have signed agreements already and it is understood that one or two will offer any opposition to give their consent. All opposition so far has come from in-

dividuals who own property both in sheep creek canyon and on the east between Oak gulch and Trail creek canyon evidently fearing that the present road would be abandoned if the new one were constructed. If a majority of owners sign the agreement the rest of the right of way can be condemned.

Wires Sent McNary "Telegrams have been sent to Senator Charles H. McNary and Representative H. R. Butler as congress asking that they get in touch with forest department officials and urge the necessity of the new road. This they have promised to do. Supervisor Fred Furst of the Wallowa national forest has written top regional headquarters in Portland telling of the desirability of the new route from the forest's standpoint and no trouble is expected from this score.

Most of the state highway commission's reluctance to begin operations on the road before was due to its high estimated cost, which is figured as more than \$5000 a mile. County Engineer J. D. Walker's estimate of \$50,000 for the 20-odd miles is considerably below this estimate, however, and it is thought that a satisfactory road can be built for considerably less than \$5000 a mile.

Residents of the Impaha have worked themselves to a white heat over the proposed road, and are doing everything they possibly can to further its interest.

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