

FINANCING OF BONUS
IS STILL INDEFINITEProponents of Sales Tax to
Force Fight.

BIG SAVING ESTIMATED

Use of \$200,000,000 Cut From
Army, Navy Supply Bills Pro-
posed for Soldier Payments.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The soldiers' bonus situation continued today to be a nebulous one. The House leaders still were unprepared to venture even a guess as to what plan of financing ultimately would be agreed upon. It was understood to be their disposition to let the question simmer a while longer in the hope that sentiment would so shape itself as to facilitate the task of those who will arrange the measure.

It developed today that beneath the surface of the storm which has raged around President Harding's suggestion that the bonus be financed by a sales tax there has been a lot of quiet talk in support of the proposal advanced by some leaders last week that the legislation be made a general charge against the treasury with expected savings through cuts in regular appropriations bills relied upon for the financing of a portion of the initial cost.

\$200,000,000 Saving Estimated.

When first suggested by Representative Mondell of Wyoming, this proposal seemed to meet with considerable favor in the house, but the idea became all but dead after the president's letter to Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee had reached the capital.

Irrespective of the bonus, there apparently was a determination in the house to reduce sharply the estimates for both the navy and the army, and that possibly \$200,000,000 would be cut out of the supply bills for these departments alone. Such a sum, it was said, would go a long way toward meeting the first year's cost of the cash payments to the ex-service men.

Views of the majority members of the ways and means committee on this plan have not yet been publicly developed. These members will meet tomorrow to go into the whole bonus question, but an immediate decision as to how the bonus will be financed is not expected. Proponents of a sales tax, however, are understood to be prepared to force their fight on the committee at the earliest opportunity.

Opponents of the sales tax levy concede that there are sufficient votes among the majority members of the committee to report out such a tax, but declare the question of expediency must enter into the final decision. The first consideration, they said, is the probable effect of such a tax on the minds of people generally, and the second the known effect that will be produced among republican members of the house.

If such a tax is proposed to a party conference, the opponents assert that they will renew the fight, which was waged successfully in a similar conference in 1919, when the first bonus bill was presented with a similar tax attached. Failing to win in the caucus, they declare their fight would be carried to the floor or the house with the expectation of almost solid support from the democrats.

MOST FARMERS DO WELL

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In, perhaps, the immediate provocation of the rivalry between the harvester company and Ford, they want to get rid of their product. The extent to which these extra vehicles have been placed in the hands of all classes of people is shown by an estimate of a responsible company that the number in the United States is large.

Improvement Is Shown.

An evidence of the improvement among the farmers is found in the recent expansion of the railroads of the northwest, which show considerable increases in the gross. The Burlington reports for the first half of February 68,000 tons handled, compared with 58,736 for the corresponding period a year ago, and the other roads of this part of the United States are faring similarly. The shipment of wheat on the Chicago & Northwestern last week were the largest in the road's history.

The reports of all the railroads of the United States having gross earnings of \$1,000,000 or more a year, issued for some months past, have given many people a false impression. These reports show increases in net earnings. It is the gross that indicates the condition of business. The net has increased through a restriction of ordinary maintenance and repairs. There will not be much of a revival in business until it is found necessary to buy supplies on a larger scale.

Buying Continues Stagnant.

The buying continues stagnant, and the west is going to have much benefit from the relaxation in the money market. Lending of money in this part of the country by New York banks has been a rare incident for many years but it is now reported that a leading bank in that city has entered this market with tenders of funds at 3 1/2 per cent on mixed collateral.

All these things affect the financial interest of Chicago. We have today an event which throws the minds of some of our best citizens into confusion—that is the resignation by Keneaw Mountain Landis of his judgeship for the northern district of Illinois. The career of Judge Landis is known to the whole country and a withdrawal from all activities by him would be a calamity. It was he who showed the way out of the troubles of building industry in Chicago by arbitrating the wage scale. His action has not fully cleared the situation because of the unions' refusal to abide by it, but it has gone a long way in that direction and has set up a standard for wages in other parts of the country. His leadership in that industry and his remarkable acumen in the study of cases that have come before him in court have placed him on a high pedestal among the good citizens of this city.

Although price movements in securities this week have reflected a degree of hesitation, thus leading to a fair amount of profit taking, there has been a well-maintained feeling of confidence and a general undertone of steadiness. The professional character of trading has imparted an aspect of irregularity, but this churning up and down of various issues has not interfered with a further display of strength by dividend-paying stocks in such groups as the steel equipments, oils and a wide range of specialties.

For one thing, the market seems to

have adjusted itself to the receipt of poor equipment statements for 1921. Evidently anticipations have been gloomy enough to avert the possibility of shock from the eventuality. The tremendous shrinkage disclosed by United States Rubber, for example, brought forth no selling and the stock actually advanced on the day. Although this may be considered a negative factor of strength, it is important as an evidence of the strong technical position of the market and the extent to which unfavorable influences have been discounted.

Money Situation Better.

The money situation continues to improve as a result of the factors that have been operative for so many months—the slowing up of business and the liquidation of loans. The moderate gain in the reserve ratio to the basis of 74.4 per cent is not perhaps as important as the betterment in the position of the regional banks in the agricultural districts. The figures for the federal reserve bank at Atlanta make a most favorable comparison against a year ago.

The analysis of the resources of the national banks of the country, issued by the comptroller of the currency, reveals a condition that may well be declared gratifying. The formal statement characterizes the situation as the most satisfactory that has been registered since 1919. Trade conditions, however, continue to show irregularity. Readjustment is still going on with recoveries where the liquidation has been most pronounced and liquidation where readjustment has not been thorough.

Conditions Generally Better.

It may be stated without qualification that general conditions are better. Farm products have shown an upward tendency, thus cutting down the disparity between returns from agriculture and other lines of industry. The rise in the price of wheat, corn and other foodstuffs has been sufficient to make a material difference in the purchasing power of the farmer.

Meantime labor has been taking its loss grudgingly, it is true, but has been forced to submit to the inevitable economic tendency. Strikes have been called at numerous mills in the textile district of New England, but the outlook at present is for an adjustment of differences within the next two or three weeks.

The most significant development in the labor situation has been the change in front by the bituminous coal miners. There has been much talk of strike for higher wages and a coalition with the railroad brotherhoods to aid in enforcing demands. Of late there has been a change of attitude and it begins to look as if the mine workers, who constitute one of the most strongly organized and recalcitrant labor bodies of the country were beginning to see the light.

Steel Industry Still Lags.

The steel industry continues to lag, with little reliance placed on replacement orders and railroad buying. There are signs, however, of price improvement. Most steel products are being sold at a profit, and in some branches it looks as if liquidation was over. It is possible that this week's advance in pig iron prices marked the beginning of turn.

Evidence continues to accumulate that the explanation for the rise in sterling set forth in this column a week ago was founded on sound premises. Undoubtedly international speculators, expecting a flood of cotton bills during the movement of the crop, went short to an enormous extent and were forced to cover because the bills did not come upon the market.

Great Britain has benefited materially by the policy pursued. It acted as a two-edged sword that cut both ways. Cotton and also grain declined because of the slack demand and the covering movement by speculators advanced sterling to within less than 50 cents of par.

In all probability purchases of commodities by the United Kingdom will be on a larger scale in the near future, and it would be reasonable to look for some recession in the quotation for sterling.

G. HAROLD POWELL DIES

Head of California Fruit Growers'

Exchange Stricken at Dance.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—G. Harold Powell, general manager of the California Fruit Growers' exchange, died last night a few minutes after being stricken at a dinner dance in a hotel at Pasadena, Cal.

Powell and several friends were seated at a table, engaged in conversation, Mrs. Frank J. Burdette asked Powell about the reports that he would run against Senator Johnson on the republican ticket, and he said "I will tell about that later." As he said this he head dropped and he fainted.

The stricken man was removed to a store near the hotel and he died before the arrival of a physician. He apparently had been in the best of health and his death appeared to be due to a sudden disorder of the heart. He was born in Ghent, N. Y., February 8, 1872.

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Broker Killed in Auto Smash.

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in Alexandria Scandal.

PERJURY CHARGE LODGED

Keeper of Boarding House Must
Answer for Aiding Divorcee
With False Affidavit.

BY RALPH BURTON.

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ALEXANDRIA, Va., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—They have arrested Mary Baggett. And the other boarding house "divorce mothers" watched from behind barred shutters as the man from Judge Duvall's court came to tell her that the ex-husband of a recent divorcee charged that Mary testified "falsely, wilfully and feloniously" about the residence claims which bolstered so strongly the woman's case when she was granted "divorce."

Evidently the divorced husband was peeved when the wife who had been living with him in Washington, suddenly announced she had been divorced across the river.

Mary's arrest came suddenly. It was the first court action taken bearing upon anyone who has been gossiped about so much since investigation disclosed Alexandria's "divorce mill."

Divorce Mill Runs Smoothly.

For many months the mill ran on quietly, quickly and unobtrusively. The adoption of the American manufacturing principle of "big production, low unit costs."

Many have been the whispered charges of who fathered the plan by which the hanging of a small "rental fee" could get evidence that the person seeking divorce had been established residence, join in conference with the lawyers and attend the court hearing without once stepping out of the shade. It was what might be called the progressive system of manufacture—"you proceeded in a straight line from one operation to the next."

Mary Fearful But Confident.

Mary was fearful, yet said she was ready to attend court next Tuesday when the hearing of the charge will be heard.

I know what is being said about me, but in all these years I have never knowingly done anything irregular or contrary to the law," she said.

According to the files of the local corporation court, where the vast majority of the divorce cases in this jurisdiction are brought, the name of Mrs. Baggett appears frequently on affidavits swearing to the compliance with residence and domicile, requirements of applicants for divorce.

Residence Fake Is Specialty.

In other words, she has, in these cases, sworn that the applicant in question has resided at her home for the necessary period required by law. She admitted she had made more or less of a specialty of renting rooms to persons taking up residence in Alexandria preparatory to filing suit for divorce, but said she never had sworn to anything but the truth.

The local divorce evil is attributed by Rev. P. F. Hall, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, chiefly to what he terms the "low standard of public morals."

CAMPAIGN ON WITH RUSH

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halls of congress and without. Party lines have been drawn and partisan clashes are imminent.

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Engineer and Fireman Escape

With Serious Injuries in Accident Near Loop, Colo.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 19.—Four employees of the Denver & Salt Lake railroad were killed when a snowslide struck an engine belonging to that road near Loop, Colo., early this morning. The men were swept down a canyon 700 feet deep.

Their bodies were not recovered. The slide swept the engine and locomotive, a section laborer, George Karnabas, a section laborer, and A. S. Cane and Thomas Conway, engineer and fireman, respectively, off the tracks and into the canyon. The engine and locomotive were taken to their homes in Tabernash. Attending physicians said they would recover.

The engine had helped an eastbound train over the continental divide and had started back to Tabernash. Eight miles west of Corona, Colo., the station on the continental divide, the engine ran out of water as a result of the hard work of bucking snow that had been piled on the tracks by previous slides. The engine was stopped and the four men who later were killed got out to shovel snow into the tank. The engine and locomotive were inside the tank to distribute the snow and it was this that railroad officials attributed their escape.

CONVICTS DIG TUNNEL

Prison Break at San Quentin Is

Nipped by Guards.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Feb. 19.—An attempt of convicts to escape from San Quentin penitentiary was frustrated today when authorities discovered a nearly complete tunnel from the machine shop in the jail to the outside.

The slide swept the engine from the tracks and into the canyon. The engine turned over twice on the way down, but the men inside were protected by all peoples and respected by none.

Officials here tonight said it was probable neither the bodies nor the engine could be recovered before spring. The road is commonly called the Moffat.

CHURCH ROBBED OF WINE

Vase, Tea Kettle and Table Cloths

Also Taken by Burglar.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—One quart of sacramental wine, a vase, a tea kettle and three table cloths comprised the loot obtained by a burglar who early today robbed St. Mark's Episcopal Lutheran church.

The robber gained entrance to the edifice by prying open a basement window.

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