

REPORT ON BONUS FILED BY FORDNEY

Conference of House Republicans Sought.

PETITION IS CIRCULATED

More Than Enough Names Already Reported Obtained—To Bring Bill Up Monday, Is Aim.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—There were two developments today in the bonus muddle.

One was the filing by Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee of the majority report on the compromise bill, which was estimated to cost the government \$4,038,715.38.

The other was the circulation of a petition by Representative Lineberger of California, an ex-serviceman, for a conference of house republicans for next Tuesday night to discuss the bonus legislation.

Mr. Lineberger announced tonight that there were 60 signatures to the petition, or 10 more than the number required under the rules for a conference call.

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RELEASE OF 113 SOUGHT

Report on Resolution Asking President to Take Action Is Requested at Meeting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—In the face of apparent and outspoken opposition, lawyers and representatives of various liberal organizations pleaded with the house judiciary committee today to report a resolution asking the president to give "careful consideration" to the propriety of granting immediate amnesty to 113 political prisoners, serving long terms for violation of the espionage act.

Committeemen indicated that the resolution never would be adopted, insisting that congress has no right to direct the president in such matters, especially because of the lack of opportunity to review the cases.

Mr. E. R. Ros, an attorney of New York, who advocated the general principle of amnesty, said when questioned that he saw no impropriety in requesting the president, the attorney-general and the secretary of war to look into the appeals because "the resolution seems as harmless as the four-power treaty."

Speaking for the American Federation of Labor, Edgar Wallace declared that war laws were necessary, but that they should have been enforced, but in peace times there was no good reason for keeping war-time offenders in jail.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—An outbreak of rabies is raging in the eastern section of the state of Washington, according to the department of agriculture. Reports from field agents were said to indicate a similarity of the epidemic with that of 1915, during which 2100 persons were bitten by rabid animals in five Rocky mountain states before it was curbed.

Spread of the disease was attributed in the department's reports to infected coyotes. In a number of cases, it was said, these animals have attacked people in their door yards and in the streets of the smaller towns.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 16.—The epidemic of rabies in eastern Washington counties that has caused some alarm to state officials during the last six months has been "practically well brought under control," Dr. Paul H. Turner, state director of health, said today.

"There was some alarm," Dr. Turner said, "when it was recently reported that rabid coyotes had crossed the Columbia river eastward into Whitman county. Hunters are rapidly slaughtering the coyotes, however, and there seems to be little danger of the epidemic's spreading."

During the six months, he said, three persons were bitten by rabid animals but they were given the Pasteur treatment promptly, and there were no deaths. The state directors of health and agriculture are working with the federal department of agriculture to stamp out the epidemic.

LEGION TO HEAR TALKS

Open Meeting for Monday Called by Vancouver Post.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 16.—(Special).—An open meeting has been called by Smith-Reynolds post, American Legion, for next Monday night, C. D. Cunningham, Washington state commander of Centralia, and Henry Wise, Washington state adjutant of Seattle, will speak. A musical program will be given. All legion posts in this county have been invited.

HOT BONUS FIGHT FACED

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good at the expense of some sacrifice among those in the ranks. The present republican majority is so big as to be unwieldy and unmanageable. A two-to-one majority makes for looseness, for schisms and blocks. A narrower majority would make for compactness, team work and willing assent to leadership. That may conceivably be the thing that Harding is not unwilling to see come about. In any event there may be some real politics in this town next week.

The bonus bill in its present form isn't any nearer to ready money in the soldier's pockets than it ever was. The bill in its present form will never go on the statute books. But if the bonus isn't any more nearly in sight the row in the republican party is leaping swiftly and joyfully over the horizon.

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FATTY'S JURY COMPLETED

COURT IS READY FOR THIRD ARBUCKLE TRIAL.

Prospective Juror Tells of Being Approached Regarding Her Convictions on Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—The jury in the Roscoe Arbutke case was finally completed and sworn at the conclusion of the court session today.

The film comedian is facing his third trial on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of Virginia Kappa, film actress. Four women are on the completed jury.

A sensation was caused in the trial late this afternoon when a prospective juror under examination, Miss May C. Sharon, stated that she had been approached regarding her convictions on the case since becoming a member of the panel.

She said that several days ago a woman representing herself as a member of the Women's Protective league had called her on the telephone, asking her opinion as to Arbutke's guilt or innocence. Her reply was as follows: "If he is guilty, they are all guilty." She said that her questioner did not give her name, but appeared anxious to keep up the conversation, volunteering the information that the trial of the comedian was costing the people of San Francisco a lot of money.

Attorneys for both sides interrogated Miss Sharon carefully with the apparent hope of getting a clew to the woman who had approached her, but she was unable to enlighten them further. She had no fixed opinion and was temporarily passed.

FARM BUILDINGS BURNED

Loss Is About \$4000 on Baker Alfalfa, Grain and Stock Ranch.

HAINES, Or., March 16.—(Special).—Fire on the 1200-acre Baker alfalfa grain and stock ranch, seven miles east of Haines, yesterday afternoon damaged ranch buildings and property to the extent of about \$4000.

The large dairy barn, hog house and blacksmith shop were the buildings lost. Ten head of valuable hogs were lost in the fire and about 20 tons of feed.

All hands were employed at a distant point on the ranch and neighbors managed to save the machinery building, which housed a large combine and other machinery only by tearing down several small structures between the burning shop and the larger building. The property was owned by Cornelius & Cornelius. The origin of the fire has not been determined. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

GHOSTS FLEE TO SAFETY

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straightforward, was spoken to this afternoon by long-distance telephone. He was apparently much surprised at Dr. Prince's report.

"He is wrong," said Leo, "and I would tell him so if I had a face there and saw and I know that Mary Ellen did not set those fires, either of her own accord or actuated by an invisible force. She just didn't. She couldn't have; I was standing right beside her when many of the fires occurred. I am not a fool and I have had enough experience out of the world to realize the significance of such things."

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