

# BONUS. RECLAMATION MERGER IS TRIED

### Mondell Gets but Little Encouragement, However.

## ACTION IS DEMANDED

#### Pressure Being Exerted by West on Majority Leader, Who is Blamed for Delay.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—(Special.)—Pressure brought by residents of the west during the last few days for the early enactment of Smith-McNary reclamation bill is beginning to arouse leaders at both ends of the capitol.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming, house majority leader, who is blamed for the failure of the bill to be put before the house, took the trouble this afternoon to walk the full distance of the long corridor which leads from one end of the capitol to the other to confer with senate leaders on his plan to have the Smith-McNary bill made the land settlement provision of the soldier bonus bill.

Mr. Mondell talked with Senator McCumber, chairman of the finance committee, who has the bonus matter in charge, and with Senator McNary, and also with a hearing before a sub-committee of the finance committee, which is to report to the full committee on the advisability of incorporating the reclamation measure in the bonus bill.

Encouragement is small. It is understood that Mr. Mondell received but little encouragement from senate leaders, their position being that the reclamation bill should stand on its own merits and that leader Mondell if sincerely interested in its passage, should clear the way without further delay for action upon it in the house. There is little doubt that favorable action in the house would be followed by similar action in the senate.

It has been pointed out by friends of reclamation legislation in the senate and house that Mr. Mondell apparently has been opposing the Smith-McNary bill on grounds of economy, but they add that certainly there is no manner of reasoning that the development carried in the measure will cost the country any less if made a part of the bonus bill than if passed as a separate measure.

It is asserted by proponents of the bill that to make it part of the bonus measure will probably result in destroying the intent of the framers, which is to reclaim lands worth reclaiming, lands the value of which will be increased many times merely by irrigation or drainage. It may be expected, it is declared, that if the reclamation bill is offered as a bonus amendment senators in the eastern and New England states will insist that projects be created for their soldiers in those sections in which their soldiers may not have to go west or south to avail themselves of homes on reclamation projects.

Attention was drawn to the growing demand from the west for the passage of the Smith-McNary reclamation bill in a local paper printed on the first page of a dispatch from Yakima, Wash., saying that central Washington editors had threatened political reprisals if the bill did not pass at this session of congress.

Resolution Put in Record. Senator Jones of Washington put the resolution of the Washington editors in the Congressional Record. Senator Ashurst of Arizona reintroduced the resolution yesterday, together with a statement from Governor Campbell of Arizona published locally. Senator Ashurst said he was not going home until congress had acted on the bill.

Governor Campbell, in his interview, pointed out that the irrigation committee of both house and senate had reported out the Smith-McNary bill and laid the failure to get action at the door of certain house leaders, saying:

"It appears that a narrow viewpoint of a few house leaders is endangering its passage through inactivity and procrastination. We may live a long way from Washington, but we are familiar with the political tactics of letting a meritorious measure die on the calendar. The west today is watching the national administration with just as keen an interest as the leaders are watching the west."

Blocking of Bill Alleged. In charging house leaders with blocking the passage of the bill Governor Campbell cited the pledge of the republican national platform to adopt reclamation legislation and called attention to the fact that President Harding had sought to keep faith by giving emphatic endorsement to the Smith-McNary bill.

It was learned today that Representative Mondell has been hearing from the west within the last few hours. He has been receiving clippings of editorials in western newspapers censuring his attitude on reclamation. His proposal to add the Smith-McNary bill to the bonus measure is not taken favorably. If Mondell is for reclamation, his critics ask, why not let the house vote on it free of any other consideration?

## ARMY AVIATORS GUESTS

### Lieutenants Entertained in Spokane After Flight From Walla Walla.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 25.—Ned Schramm and H. C. Minter, lieutenants in the United States army, were guests of military officers here tonight, following their flight in two army airplanes today from Walla Walla to Spokane by way of Lewiston, Idaho, and Pullman, Wash. They expect to leave for Seattle tomorrow morning.

The flight from Walla Walla was made in 2 1/2 hours flying time for the distance of 160 miles, they reported. They were accompanied by staff sergeants Charles A. Datto and John E. Cordon, and are using De Havilland planes. Their flight is in the interest of the citizens' military training camp to be held at Camp Lewis this summer.

## HERRICK READY TO FLY

### Representative Accepts Challenge of Aviator.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Willing to take the same wild death to prove himself the only real aerial daredevil of congress Representative Manuel Herrick, republican, Oklahoma, accepted an aviator's challenge today to join him in a high flight with the brakes off.

Herbert J. Fahy, the flyer, had promised the Oklahoman that he would lose more than his necktie if he agreed to go up.

"You will get your earliest convenience go with me to the war department," Mr. Herrick wrote, "and make the request for a plane, and I will back up the request as a congressman personally."

The Oklahoma house member said he would make no request himself because he "was sure at the department for issuing an order that I must not do any more stunt flying over the capitol for fear I might fall."

"If you really have any sand in your craw to make good the challenge," Mr. Herrick added, "why you just mosey around to my office and we will go to the war department together."

Dropping into his own homemade poetry, Herrick gave this:

If when we fly away on high,  
We both should fall to ground and die,  
Then any one who wants to try  
Must put an anchor in his eye.

Advising his challenger further to take out some life insurance, Herrick said he had none, adding:

"Personally I don't have to, as I am not leaving any dependents behind. For I have neither father nor mother, sister nor brother, uncle nor aunt, nephew nor niece, nor cousin even in the 43d degree. Life to me is not sweet and I don't care two whoops in Gehenna if you go up a couple of demands and stand her on her nose and let her hit."

## EXTORTION RING EXPOSED

### ALLEGED BLACK-HAND OPERATORS ARRESTED.

#### Headquarters of San Francisco and San Jose Gangs Declared to Be Small Arsenals.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—The arrest by federal post office inspectors today of Johnny Luppiparu in San Francisco and Vincenzo Monvica in San Jose, Cal., on charges of attempting to defraud through the mails brought to light the existence of a coastwise ring to extort sums of money from wealthy Italians under threats of death, Charles E. Caine, chief inspector, announced.

Coincidentally with the arrests two supposed members of the ring in San Jose and San Francisco respectively were raided and proved to be small arsenals, Caine said.

The arrests were made on complaint of Frank Louriella, well-to-do San Jose Italian, who, according to Caine, enabled the police and federal authorities to asper one of the demands and to trace the alleged conspirators. Louriella received the first demand several weeks ago, saying that he would have to produce \$2000 or be "blown up." He paid no attention to it, and later his garage was destroyed by a bomb. The demand was repeated, this time calling for \$5000 and he called in the police.

The officials arranged to send Mrs. Louriella to the supposed rendezvous here with the money, and the arrest of Luppiparu and Monvica followed. In this raid the officials obtained enough evidence to justify a raid on the San Jose establishment.

Caine said that "many more arrests are expected."

## KAISER PENSION FOUGHT

### Bill Introduced to Prevent Restoration of Rest of Property.

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BERLIN, May 25.—(Special by Wireless.)—Because the Hohenzollerns brought infinite misfortune and have proved, without doubt, guilty of the country's misfortune, the independent socialists in the Prussian diet have introduced a bill to make certain that what remains of the Hohenzollerns' properties shall not be restored to their exiled owners.

Another bill has been introduced refusing the Hohenzollerns a pension. This is the answer to the reactionary campaign based on the decision of the Munich court that the revelations made by Premier Kurt Eisner of Bavaria, which led to his assassination are false. The reactionaries reason from this decision that Germany was not guilty of inciting the war.

Toledo May Buy Water System.  
CENTRALIA, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—A special election has been called in Toledo June 27 to vote on the purchase of the town's water system, on which a 60-day option was recently taken by the council there. The plant is at present owned by the Henriot family. A price of \$7000 has been placed on it.

# U. S. EX-ENVOY GETS 20 YEARS IN PRISON

### French Said to Have Sentenced Charles R. Crane.

## SYRIAN ACTIVITY CAUSE

#### Man Sent to Near East by Wilson Administration Reported Tried During Absence.

CHICAGO, May 25.—Sentence of 20 years in prison on a charge of inciting recent disturbances in French mandate territory in Syria has been meted out to Charles R. Crane of Chicago by a French military court in Damascus, according to a copyrighted dispatch from Cairo, Egypt, published today in the Chicago Daily News. Mr. Crane was the American ambassador to China during the latter years of the Wilson administration.

These reports, according to the Daily News' dispatch, said the military court passed the sentence "after a hearing by default" (that is, in the absence of the accused).

"A notice in the newspapers," the dispatch continued, quoting the official communiqué, adds that the American government has been notified of the verdict.

According to the newspapers, the court held that Mr. Crane was equally responsible with numerous Syrians who are serving terms in prison an account of the outbreak.

"Reports from Syria are that political prisoners are obliged to sleep on the out floor and to subsist on dry bread and olives."

"Miss Twalech Rahwadi, 35 years old, was recently arrested in Damascus because she was a pupil of Miss Nazid Aabed, a Muslim teacher involved in the disturbance. Miss Aabed was one of the women selected by Mr. Crane to receive educational benefit in the United States. His check for \$1000 to defray her traveling expenses prompted the charge that the American government was subsidizing the Syrian malcontents."

"After they had put her through the 'third degree' in a vain effort to force the child to give information they sought, they locked her up for two hours in an empty tomb. She was then taken back to prison in a state of collapse."

Charles R. Crane arrived at Damascus early in April and received an enthusiastic reception from the large bodies of Syrians gathered there, including many prominent Syrian leaders who are resisting French authority in that section.

Mr. Crane was well known among the Syrians, having been sent to their country by President Wilson during the Paris peace conference for an investigation of conditions.

The recent return of Mr. Crane was accompanied by considerable agitation and French dispatches declared that police had to be called out to calm the people. Mr. Crane left soon thereafter.

Following his departure several prominent Syrians who had spoken with him were placed under arrest. Later the incarceration of Dr. Sadede el Gandhi, one of the foremost leaders, added to the agitation. Popular feeling ran high and when a public meeting was held April 14 the military authorities arrested the leaders and broke up the gathering.

PARIS, May 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Charles R. Crane, who is reported to have been condemned by a French military court to 20 years' imprisonment is now at a Paris hotel.

When he was asked this afternoon about his condemnation, he refused to say anything in regard to the Syrian situation, adding that he was making an effort to do something regarding it.

Mr. Crane has not been under arrest or surveillance.

Crane's Trip Called Unofficial.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Inquiry has been made by the French government of the American state department as to the status of Charles R. Crane, who for the past six months has been conducting an inquiry into conditions in the near east. The state department, it was learned today, has replied that Mr. Crane was acting



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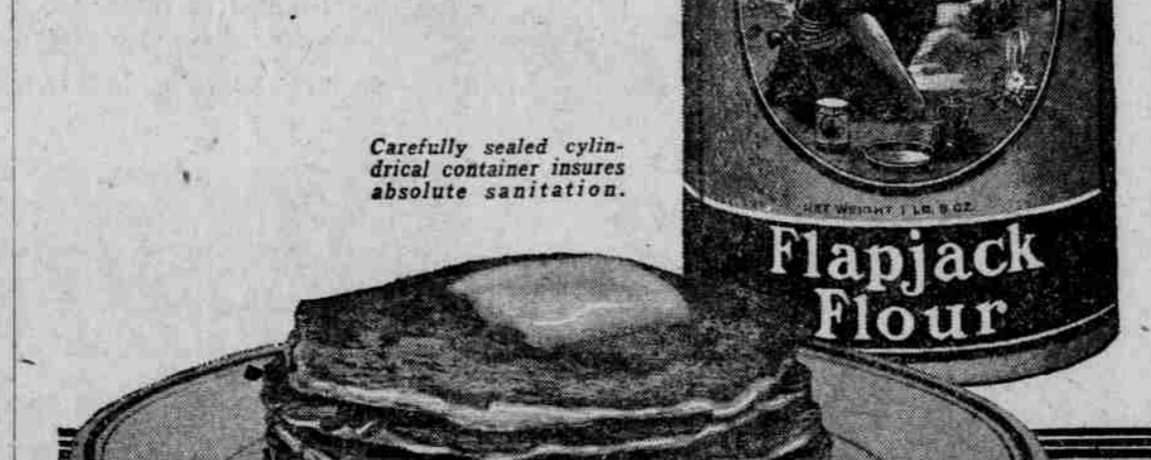
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