

LAST MINUTE VOTE ON BONUS LIKELY

Some Legislators Anxious to Dodge Harding's Veto.

COURSE IS IN DOUBT

Houses May Send Measure to President and Adjourn Before Bill Comes Back.

BY MARK SULLIVAN. Copyright, 1922, by New York Evening Post, Inc. Publication arranged by WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 14.—If long association with politicians had led you to the occasionally uneasy doubt as to whether they are at all times wholly without guile, you might be tempted to apprehend a certain amount of astuteness as the possible objective of certain moves now being made in these winding-up days of the senate.

The tariff bill is out of the conference committee and all that remains to be done is the formal ratification of the conference committee report by the house and by the senate. In the same way the soldiers' bonus bill has been through the conference committee and all that remains is the same matter of formal ratification by each house.

Course is in Doubt. But because of the order in which the two things are being taken up subtle moves you begin to wonder whether there is a plan to avoid the disagreeable necessity of acting on the bonus bill after the president shall have vetoed it. It would be entirely possible for congress to hold back the adoption of the conference committee's report on the soldiers' bonus bill until everything else has been finished.

Thereafter the senators and representatives could pack their dress suits and engage their lower berths to their separate homes. With these preparations completed they could hold one final session, adopt the conference committee's report on the bonus and then within half an hour adjourn and go home.

The result of this course of action would include the avoidance of great embarrassment to a large number of senators and representatives. By this course the disagreeable business of going on record to pass or not to pass the soldiers' bonus over the president's veto would be escaped. By taking final action on the bill during the last few minutes of the session the result would be that congress would have adjourned and gone home before the president would have time to write and send a veto message.

Way Out is Seen. The result, of course, would be that there would be no soldiers' bonus. This result is sure in any event, for Harding is certain not to approve the bill and it is almost equally certain that in the senate there are not enough votes to pass the two-thirds majority necessary to pass the bill over the president's veto.

But if the thing should be done in the way suggested the embarrassed and apprehensive republican senators and representatives would avoid the necessity of going on record on the question of passing a measure over a republican president's veto. It would be a strange and painful performance for republican leaders of the senate and house to cast their votes to pass a measure over a veto issued by a president of their own party. And if it can be done in the way suggested these senators and representatives will be able to say that they voted for the bonus but will equally be able to escape the charge that they stood to override a veto made by a republican president. It is an ingenious idea and it will be interesting to see if it comes out that way. As to the tariff there will be some little debate in the senate after the conference committee report comes in. The democrats have a few more criticisms of the tariff which they want to get in the record for campaign purposes, but these speeches will not take very long.

Quick Getaway Wanted. The democrats, almost as much as the republicans, are anxious to get home and take part in their local elections. Consequently it ought not to be much more than a week from now at most when the tariff bill will be finally passed. Still, another week or ten days would be enough for the president to sign the bill and for congress to clean up everything else and get away. Presumably the tariff will become a law on the day the president signs it and that day in all probability will not be far from October 1.

The one question manifest throughout both houses and in both parties is to clean up, adjourn and make a quick getaway.

HOME OF ROYALTY SOLD

Ex-Ambassador Wallace to Live in Old Paris Residence.

(Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service.) PARIS, Sept. 14.—Ex-Ambassador Wallace has purchased the house of Prince Loche Radziwill in Paris, which he occupied while he was ambassador to France.

Mr. Wallace sailed for America today, but is returning early next spring for a permanent stay. The purchase price was about \$200,000.

SMYRNA IS FIRE-SWEEPED

(Continued From First Page.) vakia, to come to the rescue. As the little entente powers, which up to now are keeping Hungary quiet, are occupied elsewhere, Budapest is expected to get active to recover its former territories from Rumania, Serbia and Czechoslovakia.

Italy, having natural sympathies for Turkey and being against Jugoslavia, also might make a threat against Serbian interference in the solution of the Thracian problems.

ITALY DISPATCHES VESSELS

Ships Attempt to Take Off Italian Colony; Medical Stores Sent.

ROME, Sept. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Italian ships are at-

tempting to take off the Italian colony of Smyrna, due to the fire which is reported raging in that city.

The Italian government has dispatched several vessels to Smyrna with provisions and medical stores. It has also issued instructions that all Italian warships must concentrate in Smyrna waters to provide shelter for Italian residents.

FIRE'S ORIGIN LAID TO TURK

1000 Reported Massacred Previous to Conflagration.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The conflagration in Smyrna was started by a sergeant of Turkish regulars, according to Miss Mills, head mistress of the American college in Smyrna, says a dispatch to the Times from Athens. The sergeant was seen to enter a house carrying cans of petrol. Up to Wednesday evening the damage was estimated at £15,000,000.

The correspondent says it is reported in Athens that up to the time of the outbreak of the fire about 1000 persons had been massacred, and that it is feared the number now is much greater.

The British inhabitants of Smyrna, with a few exceptions, were safely evacuated aboard warships Wednesday evening.

PHONE FACTS ASKED FOR

COMMISSION SENDS QUESTIONNAIRE TO COMPANY.

Data on Stock, Indebtedness, Valuations and Expenses Wanted Before Rehearing.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—The Oregon public service commission today sent to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, with headquarters in Portland, the first of a series of questionnaires to be prepared by the commission in connection with the rehearing of the rate case affecting the telephone corporation. The rehearing will open in Portland October 2.

The questionnaire relates to the par value of authorized capital stock of the company, amount of stock issued, total amount of outstanding indebtedness, municipal franchises or privileges held by the company, valuations of the various exchanges operated by the corporation, operating revenues, number of customers and expenses.

Request also made in the questionnaire for information relative to the deductions from net operating revenue, taxes paid by the corporation, all incomes segregated by departments, depreciation of plant and equipment and average life of utility service.

The questionnaire also goes into the depreciation reserve account as applicable to the Oregon telephone utility property. Interest on loans, credits for permanent withdrawals and replacements, apparent balances, and the date on which the last appraisal of the company's property was made.

PARTY CHAIRMAN NAMED

Democratic Committee Elects W. W. Woodbeck of Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—W. W. Woodbeck, Oregon City newspaper man, today was elected chairman of the democratic central committee at a meeting of precinct members held here. Mr. Woodbeck succeeds J. E. Jack, whose resignation was presented to the committee. Mr. Jack's ill health caused the action.

Mr. Woodbeck has been prominent in democratic circles in the county for a number of years and was formerly active in Minnesota politics. Dr. C. H. Meisner was elected state committeeman. John R. Bowland was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the committee.

Plans were made for the arranging of a public gathering here in the immediate future at which Walter Pierce, democratic candidate for governor, will speak.

21,815 BONUSES VISAED

State Pays \$8,527,826 in Claims and Approves \$3,772,000.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—A total of 21,815 soldiers' bonus claims have been approved by the world war veterans state aid commission, according to a report prepared here today by Captain Harry Brumbaugh, secretary of the commission. Bonus claims aggregating \$8,527,826 have been paid, while claims amounting to \$3,772,000 have been approved but checks have not yet been mailed.

At a meeting of the commission yesterday 95 cash claims aggregating \$23,250 were ordered paid. Loans actually paid yesterday totaled \$10,400, or \$3,283,500 in all. Members of the commission said that practically all of the cash claims will have been paid on November 1.

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Japanese Actor Discovers Murky Streaks.

HAYAKAWA BIT TROUBLED

Nipponese, on Visit to Home Land, Heckled and Harassed Almost Beyond Endurance.

STAGE DRIVER BARRED

Order Holds Pilot to Blame for Injury of 14 Persons.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—A. E. Crane, driver of the stage which was struck by a train at Kent August 3, when 14 persons were injured, was permanently barred from employment as a stage driver in this state by order of the department of public works today.

The department found that M. A. Reed, owner of the stage, was not negligent in employing Crane, who bore an excellent reputation, both as a character and as a driver, but ruled that Reed or any other stage operator hereafter employing Crane as a driver would be guilty of negligence.

BORAH RIDER IN PERIL

House Expected to Reject Clause to Aid Irrigation Projects.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Senator Borah's amendment to the Librarian loan bill, providing \$20,000,000 for western reclamation, adopted by the senate today, is expected to be eliminated when the bill reaches the house.

If accepted by the house the money so provided would permit the completion of most of the present irrigation projects, including the Klamath project in Oregon, the Kennewick unit of the Yakima project in Washington and the last units of the Boise project in Idaho.

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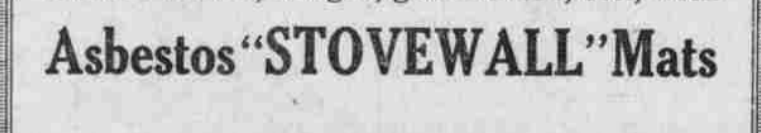
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Japan that I was charged with playing roles which were anti-Japanese and traitorous, the fact is that in Japan they accused me of anti-Americanism in the parts I played." Hayakawa said today at his hotel here.

Blackmailers Are Blamed. "It was charged that I was responsible for some of the feeling against Japanese in the United States. I believe the hostility against me in my own country was hatched by some blackmailers—I have their names—who attempted to damage my popularity when I refused to submit to their schemes. I went to Japan to visit my mother. I will remain in San Francisco until Friday and then leave for New York by way of Los Angeles."

Hayakawa, who is accompanied by his wife, Taurus Aoki, herself a screen star, will temporarily desert the screen. Hayakawa has been signed to play a leading role in "The Leopard," which will open in New York before the end of the year. Mrs. Hayakawa will appear in the same production.

Star Explains Hostility. For the first ten days after his arrival in Yokohama Hayakawa was subjected to hostile demonstrations, but these were softened somewhat by the appearance of more than 6000 of his friends who appeared at the pier when the Japanese star walked down the gangplank.

The hostility against Hayakawa is explained in this way by the Japanese screen star: Seven years ago Hayakawa appeared in a picture, "The Cheat," in which he was portrayed as a villain. Although the picture was made seven years ago, it was shown in Japan only a short time before Hayakawa arrived in Japan.

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Large advertisement for Lipman Wolfe & Co. featuring a picture of a mahogany table and listing various furniture items like tea wagons, spinet desks, and nested tables with prices and discounts.

Advertisement for a new telephone directory for Portland, scheduled for release on October 1st. It lists contact information for East Side Mill & Lumber Co., Oregon Door Co., and East Side Box Co.