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Provision for Veterans is Kontly Problem.

MANY INTERESTS CONFLICT

Men in Congress Who Are Heard Most Doing Little Beyond Breaking Into Print.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU,
Washington, April 24.—(Special.)—The bill for the veterans of the World war is proving the most contentious problem that so far has confronted the present congress.

The real leaders, the men who do the work in congress, are all of one responsibility, find themselves caught in a jam between countless conflicting elements. On the one hand are the veterans demanding cash bonuses to be paid without delay. On the other hand there are the veterans, fewer in number, who take the position that the distressing condition of the country's finances, the already heavy burden of taxation and the pressing feeling of urgent do not warrant the awarding of cash bonuses to veterans and marines asking anything at this time.

Taxpayers Heard From.

Then there is the group who is for the bonus because it would make business good, and the ordinary taxpayer who complains that he is paying all the taxes in our country. The latter class is being heard from at the rate of several hundred telegrams a day.

Another little group that is causing much annoyance is a bipartisan commission headed by Representative Royal C. Johnson, a Democrat of South Dakota, and Henry T. Rainey, Democrat of Illinois, which is opposing the bonus tax plan worked out by the ways and means committee for raising the revenue to pay the bonus. The Johnson-Rainey group advocates raising the money by a protective tax on war profits, which sounds good and therefore answers all the queries of its authors without any further thought as to its practical operation.

Leaders See Difficulties.

The leaders realize that there is no way to meet the demands of the soldiers and not increase the tax on living to every man, woman and child who wears clothing and consumes food. These leaders, nevertheless, are trying to devise means by which the additional burden would be felt the least by the average citizen. Every effort is being put forward to induce the veterans to choose compensation from one of several proposals, such as land settlement, vocational training and so on, which would be distributed over a long period of years.

Land settlement, for example, it is urged, would aid in reducing the cost of living. The plan is not to bestow cash bonuses to those who insist upon it, but to do everything to encourage the exercise by the soldier of one of the other options.

Bonus Has Drawback.

It is appreciated by leaders in congress that the cash bonus would be of no permanent benefit to a large number of soldiers. Congressional leaders seeking to do the right thing conscientiously, and without regard for political rewards, understand that not every soldier has the head of the carved business man. Most of them are young and many have not learned the value of a dollar, and there is the fear that too large a proportion would fall victims to the oil stock salesman or to the fellow who is promoting an airless airplane.

This conviction on the part of congress is not a reflection upon the great mass of soldiers, but due to the appreciation that soldiers are simply human, like other folks, and that human beings are subject to error. There is an earnest desire to protect them, but honest leaders are confronted by difficulty on account of demagogues in congress and out who are seeking to carry favor with the soldier by criticizing the slowness of the leaders to act, or who are seeking to excite prejudice in the public mind by assailing the plans and motives worked out by the men in congress who are given the nation-honest and industrious service.

Non-Workers Are Heard.

It is the fact now, as it always has been, that the men in congress of whom the country hears the most are those who do nothing here except to break into print with great regularity. There are several men in congress who are very much better known on the Chautauqua circuit than in Washington.

Republican leaders will defend their sales tax plan of raising revenue to meet the bonus in the house next Tuesday.

Mrs. Mand Ott Seeks Divorce.

THE DALLAS, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mand Pauline Ott in her petition, filed today, charges that her husband, Benjamin Harrison Ott, frequently threatened to cut her throat with a razor and often carried her in the presence of their children. She asks the custody of their children, Anna, five and Benjamin, four, and \$2,000 a month. They were married in this city December 15, 1914.

Chile to Buy Warships.

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 24.—(Special.)—Negotiations between Chile and Great Britain for the purchase of warships by the former country are nearing completion.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE AGREE ON GERMANY

Lloyd George and Millerand Outline Policy.

NITTI'S O. K. IS EXPECTED

English Premier Declares Every- thing Most Satisfactory and Full Understanding Reached.

SAN REMO, April 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain and Premier Millerand of France have come to a full understanding concerning Germany. They are drawing up a joint declaration setting forth the several points of their agreement which, Premier Lloyd George says, "covers everything."

The agreement was arrived at during a conversation lasting nearly four hours in Mr. Lloyd George's hotel room and on the balcony adjoining them. The premiers at times sauntered outside on the first story balcony and walked up and down bareheaded in the sunshine talking earnestly and gesticulating. Mr. Lloyd George's rather long white hair was shaking in the breeze.

Mr. Millerand's massive features were changing their expression frequently, sometimes almost sour in their resolution, at others lighting up with pleasure. At the close of the conference, Premier Millerand came out looking perfectly contented.

Everything Held Satisfactory.

Mr. Lloyd George said: "Everything is most satisfactory. A full agreement was reached in substance." Later he added: "Monsieur Millerand and I are drawing up a joint declaration covering everything."

The foundations for the agreement were laid during an after-dinner talk Thursday which was continued during intervals in the council's work yesterday and was completed with precision and detail today.

The terms of the understanding doubtless will be made public after the council has taken action. The Italian premier, Signor Nitti, is relied upon to approve Lloyd George's and Millerand's conclusions.

Premier Nitti in an interview granted the French newspaper correspondents here today, promised that unless peaceful conditions were brought back to Europe and the various countries returned to work, the world would face the direst catastrophe.

"Peace must be brought back to all Europe and Europe given back to its normal state," he said.

Signor Nitti declared: "There is only one means to attain this result—conquer and conquerors must be made one."

"I understand such a prospect can scarcely please France. I have welcomed Renner (Dr. Karl Renner, the Austrian chancellor), to Rome as a friend and Italy is helping Austria so that she shall not die of hunger. Parallel action must be taken with regard to Germany. If not, Germany is certain to succumb to bolshevism or militarism."

"You tell me France doubts Germany's pacific feelings. I understand such an apprehension. That is why I am in agreement with you on the necessity for her disarmament."

\$500 Damages Awarded.

Damages of \$500 were awarded Haszen Zelfay by a jury in the court of Circuit Judge Gaten yesterday in his \$10,000 suit against the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company for injuries received when a handcar left the tracks.

ARMENIA IS RECOGNIZED

NEW REPUBLIC GIVEN PLACE AMONG NATIONS.

Establishment of Boundaries Left to Be Decided Upon Later by International Action.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Armenia was formally recognized today as an independent republic by the United States.

Similar action has been decided upon by the allied conference at San Remo. The American recognition was in the form of a note addressed by Secretary Colby to Mr. Paidermadjian, Washington representative of the Armenian republic.

Notice of the recognition was also communicated formally to the diplomatic corps abroad and to the allied conference in Italy.

Establishment of boundaries for the new republic is left to be determined later by international action.

SAN REMO, April 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The supreme council has decided to ask the American government to assist the new republic of Armenia financially by a loan in which other countries may join.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 24.—Samples of blue serge from the naval supply department at Bremerton, from which suits can be had at \$26, were received today by the clerks in the customs office here, who are endeavoring to reduce the high cost of clothing.

Music Students Will Recite.

Nita Briggs Clifford and Arthur L. Clifford will present piano and violin recitals in recital in Lincoln high school auditorium Wednesday night.

ELECTION SUPPLIES READY

COUNTY CLERKS TO RECEIVE STOCK IN FEW DAYS.

Cost for 1920 Estimated as Ap- proximately 15 Per Cent More Than Two Years Ago.

SALEM, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Supplies for the primary and general elections to be held this year have been assembled by Sam A. Koger, assistant secretary of state, and will be sent out to the various county clerks some time next week.

The supplies include three republican and three democratic ballots, two statements of tally sheets for municipalities for each precinct and abstract of votes for measure.

A certified list of all candidates for office also is being sent out to all county clerks, from which they will select the names of candidates for their respective counties and districts for printing on the ballots. Because of the general advance in the prices of commodities Mr. Koger believes that the supplies for the 1920 elections will cost approximately 15 per cent more than two years ago.

Republican and two democratic statements of tally sheets for each precinct, abstract of votes for delegates to the national party convention, United States officers, state and district officers, one package of official seals for each precinct, eight brass clips for each precinct, two needles for stringing ballots for each precinct, six indelible pencils for each precinct, two copies of 1919-1920 election laws for each precinct, blank receipt books for use of clerk and sheriff, three tally sheets for municipalities for each election board, two statements of tally sheets for municipalities for each precinct and abstract of votes for measure.

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