

LEGION IS EXHORTED TO FOCUS ON BONUS

Use of Entire Moral Energy Urged by Colonel White.

SUBTERFUGE IS CHARGED

Oregon Adjutant-General Writes to Headquarters Suggesting Bar- rage on Legislators.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Suggestion that the entire moral force and energy of the American Legion be thrown at once into getting a final answer from congress upon the national adjusted compensation, or bonus programme, now pending at Washington, was received today at national headquarters from George A. White of Portland, Or., member of the national executive committee, and one of the founders of the legion. The Oregon committee, which has been working hard to lay down on congress by all the states and a decision gained before congress had a chance to sidestep again. Charges that organized opposition to the national compensation law has been hiding behind a screen of disabled soldiers, and that they well financed propaganda bureaus and lobbies have been able to out-manuever the ex-service men and women of the country were made in the letter. "Are we to understand that the men and women who were in service must foot the bill?" the letter demanded. "The government has demanded that the government by 'extravagance, waste, cost-plus contracts, bonus payments to civilian war workers and wartime profiteers.'"

People Said to Favor Bonus. The communication surveyed the history of the proposed law and presented the proper claims which "the people of America have shown that they consider just," citing the fact that 12 states, by vote of the people, had taken the cost upon their own shoulders rather than wait longer for a national action, which was being delayed from time to time on one pretext or another. Colonel White's message follows: "Mr. F. W. Galbraith Jr., National Commander American Legion, Indianapolis, Ind. "Dear Mr. Galbraith: "Memorandum No. 8, issued by national headquarters of the American Legion under date of December 10, 1920, states that 'insofar as the American Legion is concerned, the adjusted compensation situation is entirely in the hands of the national legislative committee, which will meet in Washington this month.' "Confirming my telegram as national committee member to you as national commander, I wish to outline herein my reasons for feeling that the whole moral force and energy of the American Legion should be thrown at this time behind national adjusted compensation legislation now pending before congress. "Long Delay Recounted. "At the outset I say that this same matter has been before congress for more than two years and that the four-fold plan of the American Legion has been in the hands of congress for nearly a year without any certain or definite progress having been made clear. While in Washington early in the present year attending some of the hearings and discussing the situation generally with national legislators, members of our national legislative committee and with others, I gained the impression that every effort would be made by congress to postpone definite action until after the presidential election. Subsequent developments have tended to confirm that impression. "No one who followed the development of adjusted compensation hearings could escape the conclusion that certain powerful elements in the country were intensely opposed to such legislation. Evidence of the energy of those interests opposed to this equity claim of the ex-service men and women is found abundantly. The well-financed organization that attempted to place anti-bonus clubs in every county in America is only one phase of that opposition. The propaganda publicity bureau maintained in New York, and which undertook to have printed in the newspapers of the country articles showing that the bonus would interfere with proper care of the disabled men, was another manifestation. "Subterfuge Is Charged. "As I have observed the tactics of the opposition, it has set out in the masquerade of a friend of the disabled when, in fact, it was only using the disabled as a screen, a subterfuge. For in studying the names of those men who now ostensibly champion the cause of the disabled, one must wonder where they were in the early summer of 1919, when the neglect of the country's disabled had become a national scandal—a scandal which was investigated, disclosed and rectified by the American Legion through its national headquarters then existing in New York. "It is a curious fact, and one which I think worthy of setting down, that the leader in anti-bonus activity today, when called upon to assist in our problems in 1919 when they were acute, replied curtly that he was too busy. This is not hearsay. "As to the justice of the four-fold adjusted compensation plan, there is no need for detailed comment. It is simply the presentation to congress of an equity claim. The best exposition of the subject I have heard is one comparing the country in war to a partnership. The national firm was threatened by destruction. Some four millions of the partners were sent into cantonments or overseas in the interest of saving the firm, while the remaining 105,000,000 remained on the job at home. Both combined to save the country and it could not have been saved without the sacrifices and united energy of all. "Necessity Is Urged. "But the firm members at home were on a full profit-sharing basis. The members of the firm who went into cantonments and foreign trenches were put on a draw account of \$20 a month. They now ask a slight

adjustment, based not upon greed, but upon necessity. Had capital and labor been drafted in the same manner that men were drafted this situation would not now exist. "Certain influential members of congress, we are now told, say that the state of the treasury is such that the country cannot pay the bill. Is the country to understand that America was so near the end of its resources at the end of the war that another two months of war would have thrown us into bankruptcy, which would have meant surrender? "And if the extravagance, waste and expenditure of billions in cost-plus contracts, bonus payments to civilian war workers and war-time profiteers has thrown a heavy burden upon the government, the whole to understand that the men and women who were in the service must foot the bill? "Twelve States Take Action. "Regardless of the utterances of the secretary of the treasury, of certain members of congress and of the anti-bonus agitators, I believe the people of America think the service men have a just claim in equity based upon length of service. Is this not proved by the action of 12 states in providing for bonus legislation for their soldiers? This was accomplished by vote of the people, who evidently were willing to take the cost upon themselves. Why, then, is legislation for a national action that is being delayed from time to time on one pretext and another? "I oppose national payment based on levies on stock transactions, excess war profits and luxuries have no opposition to the bill being passed by the taxpayers of the whole nation through the various states. At least there has been no evidence of their hostility in this direction, which possibly is explained by the fact that they have no immediate interest at stake. "United Action Urged. "Finally, I have never been convinced that the American Legion has pressed this claim with the fullest energy of which it is capable. And now that the organization is cohesive and well organized in its various departments, and since the last national convention at Cleveland adopted the four-fold plan for the moral force and energy of the organization ought to be thrown into the situation with the end in view of gaining a definite decision at this time. It is not an American trait that the decision shall be dabbled about month after month as it has been in the past. "The fact, Mr. Commander, that you and I and many others on committees are prevented by the rule which holds during the war from sharing in the bonus imposes upon us a greater responsibility in representing those who are eligible. As for those others who are opposed to the bonus, and there are many of them, they must yield to the majority voice. Those who do not wish to receive adjusted compensation, and they are ordinarily those who do not need it, can accomplish that end simply by making application for same when the proper laws have been enacted. "I would deeply appreciate an early outline of the action taken by you in this matter. Sincerely yours, "(Signed) GEORGE A. WHITE, "Member National Executive Committee."

REGARDLESS OF THE UTTERANCES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OF THE ANTI-BONUS AGITATORS, I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA THINK THE SERVICE MEN HAVE A JUST CLAIM IN EQUITY BASED UPON LENGTH OF SERVICE. IS THIS NOT PROVED BY THE ACTION OF 12 STATES IN PROVIDING FOR BONUS LEGISLATION FOR THEIR SOLDIERS? THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY VOTE OF THE PEOPLE, WHO EVIDENTLY WERE WILLING TO TAKE THE COST UPON THEMSELVES. WHY, THEN, IS LEGISLATION FOR A NATIONAL ACTION THAT IS BEING DELAYED FROM TIME TO TIME ON ONE PRETEXT AND ANOTHER?

FINALLY, I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVINCED THAT THE AMERICAN LEGION HAS PRESSED THIS CLAIM WITH THE FULLEST ENERGY OF WHICH IT IS CAPABLE. AND NOW THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS COHESIVE AND WELL ORGANIZED IN ITS VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AND SINCE THE LAST NATIONAL CONVENTION AT CLEVELAND ADOPTED THE FOUR-FOLD PLAN FOR THE MORAL FORCE AND ENERGY OF THE ORGANIZATION OUGHT TO BE THROWN INTO THE SITUATION WITH THE END IN VIEW OF GAINING A DEFINITE DECISION AT THIS TIME. IT IS NOT AN AMERICAN TRAIT THAT THE DECISION SHALL BE DABBLED ABOUT MONTH AFTER MONTH AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST.

THE FACT, MR. COMMANDER, THAT YOU AND I AND MANY OTHERS ON COMMITTEES ARE PREVENTED BY THE RULE WHICH HOLDS DURING THE WAR FROM SHARING IN THE BONUS IMPOSES UPON US A GREATER RESPONSIBILITY IN REPRESENTING THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE. AS FOR THOSE OTHERS WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THE BONUS, AND THERE ARE MANY OF THEM, THEY MUST YIELD TO THE MAJORITY VOICE. THOSE WHO DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE ADJUSTED COMPENSATION, AND THEY ARE ORDINARILY THOSE WHO DO NOT NEED IT, CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT END SIMPLY BY MAKING APPLICATION FOR SAME WHEN THE PROPER LAWS HAVE BEEN ENACTED.

I WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE AN EARLY OUTLINE OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY YOU IN THIS MATTER. SINCERELY YOURS, (SIGNED) GEORGE A. WHITE, MEMBER NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

HOME RULE BILL TO PASS

LAST SNAG REMOVED IN BOTH BRITISH HOUSES.

Lords Will Consider Measure Monday; Commons Accepts Government Proposal.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—When the amended Irish home rule bill reached the house of commons today, it was announced by Sir Samuel Laming Worthington-Evans, for the ministry, that the government accepted the proposal framed by the upper house regarding the Irish counsel. This removed the only outstanding difference between the houses and indicated the speedy adoption of the bill. The lower house today amended the lords' proposal that if either area in Ireland refused to set up a parliament the executive could not make the offer a second time unless within two years both houses adopted a resolution asking for it. On motion of the government the house passed an amendment by a vote of 175 to 12, making the time limit three years after June 1. The bill this afternoon was returned to the lords, who will consider it Monday. The premier declared Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, had achieved remarkable success in the direction of restoring order in Ireland and there was a greater desire to try the experiment of constitutionalism in Ireland again.

WEXFORD, Ireland, Dec. 18.—The barracks at Foulkesmill, County Wexford, was attacked early today with bombs and rifle fire by 70 men in three motor cars. A 25-minute battle resulted. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," will come out of retirement Christmas day in New York City, according to his secretary, who recently denied reports that De Valera had left for Great Britain.

Approach Near Completion. KEISO, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—R. L. Ray, who had the contract for grading the north approach to the Pacific highway, within the Keiso city limits, will complete his work this week. This approach will be a great improvement over the old route, as it is much wider. As soon as the fill settles the city will lay gravel. Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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MURDER TRIAL IS SET

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District Attorney Evans to Prosecute Soldier and Alleged Robber for the State.

Husted A. Walters, soldier and alleged highwayman, is to be on trial in the circuit court tomorrow on a charge of murder in the first degree. He is accused of shooting Patrolman Jerome Palmer the night of November 17. This will be the first trial in Multnomah county on a first degree murder charge since the re-

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statement of capital punishment in Oregon. District Attorney Evans is to handle the case for the state, being assisted by Deputy District Attorney Bernard. Walters will be represented by E. F. Mulvey, appointed by Municipal Judge Rossman.

John Tillman, partner of Walters, who was recently committed to the boys' training school at Salem, has been held in the county jail and will be one of the state's principal witnesses. Patrolman Thorpe, who is said to have been shot by Walters and who finally shot the alleged

murderer, is another important witness. Another state case to open tomorrow in another department of the circuit court will be that of the state against Thomas G. Cullen, alleged to have been one of two men who, on November 21, removed a safe contain-

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