

HUSTON WOULD NOT VALIDATE WAR RISK

Insurance for Armistice Day Victims Opposed.

LAPSE NOT U. S. CONCERN

Special Legislation, Secretary Holds, Would Open Way for Free Insurance for All.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 22.—Secretary of the Treasury Houston today disapproved a bill introduced in the house some time ago by Representative Johnson to validate war risk insurance carried by William O. Grimes, Ernest Dale Hubbard, Arthur McElfresh and Ben Casagrande, world war veterans, who were assassinated in the I. W. W. raid at Centralia, Wash., on armistice day, 1919.

The victims of the I. W. W. murders are understood to have carried war risk insurance. But after coming out of the army they, like many other former soldiers, failed to pay their premiums. After their deaths occurred Congress enacted legislation making possible the renewal of policies where soldiers had permitted premium payments to lapse. This general statute, of course, was valueless to the I. W. W. victims, because it required that such delinquent soldiers could obtain renewals by making applications.

If the Johnson bill were to pass the relatives or dependents of the four murder victims would receive \$10,000 in each case. Secretary Houston voiced his disapproval in a letter to Representative Esch, chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, before which the bill is pending. He said:

"In view of the general terms of the war risk insurance act, applying to all alike, and in view of the fact that the failure to pay premiums is a matter for which the individual insured is responsible, I am opposed to special legislation which amounts in effect to a pension. Such measures open the way to the granting of free insurance to all. Despite the unfortunate circumstances of the instant case, the proposed bill, as a matter of policy, seems to me inadvisable. American Legion posts in all parts of the country have exerted influence in behalf of the Johnson bill.

Senator Gooding of Idaho conferred with Secretary Meredith of the department of agriculture and Forester Greiner today on the extension of time to August for the payment of grazing fees on the public ranges of the west.

He represented that the livestock industry of the west is in dire straits and that the government is under obligation to make some concession to help preserve it. The department officials reserved their decision until the first of the week, but the Idaho senator expressed the belief that their conclusions will be favorable.

Attorney-General Palmer is expected to make public in a short time a decision important to owners of community property in Washington state regarding the method of making income tax returns. A decision of some time ago, holding that in Texas, where the community property law is similar to that of Washington, husband and wife must make separate returns, attracted the attention of taxpayers in Washington state.

Protests have come from Washington complaining that the attorney general is injuring taxpayers in that state by failure at once to rule similarly as to that state. Under the Texas ruling, the head of a household receiving an income of \$10,000 would make a return on only half the amount, the balance being returned by the wife or husband, as the case might be. This looks as broad as it is long, but not so. By making separate returns on the smaller amounts a large surtax would be avoided.

Senators from the northwest states are being asked to take sides one way or the other in the contest that is waiting for the appointment of governor of Alaska. Governor Riggs, democrat, has announced that his resignation will be handed to President-elect Harding on March 4. The republican organization in the territory has endorsed George C. Hazlett of Cordova for the appointment, but former Delegate Wickersham is carrying on a fight for the job independently of the party leaders.

LET RUSSIA BE—WILSON

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accord with the president and will assure him of their moral and diplomatic support, he will instruct his personal representative, Mr. Morgenthau, to proceed on his mission."

President Wilson's note as transmitted by Acting Secretary of State Davis, follows:

"Your telegram of December 26, transmitting a message received by the council from the British government, concerning the situation in Armenia is reported to be under the control of soviet Russia, and suggesting that the president instruct the American high commissioner at Constantinople to take up the matter with the allied high commissioners, has been received and read with interest by the president, who instructs me to reply as follows:

Mr. Morgenthau Chosen.

"The president does not deem it practicable to instruct the American high commissioner at Constantinople to act for him in this matter. As was stated in my telegram of December 16, he has chosen the honorable Henry Morgenthau, who has been prepared to act for him in such steps as may be taken. Before instructing him to proceed, however, the president has been awaiting the definite assurances and information from all the principal powers interested as requested in his cabinet of November 29, defining conditions under which he would endeavor to mediate.

"The message from the British prime minister, transmitted by you on December 26, would seem to indicate the impracticability or futility of the president's addressing himself at least in the first instance to the Armenians and Kemalists. The president is inclined to share this view and to feel that no solution can be had without first getting at the source of the trouble.

"Pending receipt of information and assurances requested by the president in his telegram of November 26, it is deemed wise to state the problem as the president views it, its causes and possible remedies. It would appear that the immediate cause of trouble in Armenia and Turkey has been the treaty of Sevres. Admittedly, this was a difficult question with which to

content, but the treaty was drafted by the allied powers and the trouble has arisen over the failure of certain factions to accept this treaty and of the allies to enforce it. This is a question over which the president has no control and measures which he might take or recommend in this direction would be dependent upon the heavy co-operation and support of the allied powers.

Complication is Cited.

"The British prime minister calls attention to the report that Armenia is under the control of Moscow, from which it appears another complication has developed. The dependence of Armenia on soviet Russia is another situation over which the president has no control and he sees no action he could take to free Armenia without the moral and diplomatic support of the principal powers.

WHAT CONGRESS DID AS ITS DAY'S WORK.

Senate.

The house measure stopping recruiting immediately until the army is reduced to 175,000 men is accepted and sent to President for his approval.

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Marion express belief that Hughes has been definitely tendered the premiership and has accepted.

House.

Debate on agricultural appropriation bill.

Protection for mushroom growers requested of ways and means committee in hearings on agricultural schedule.

Increase of salaries for members of congress from \$7500 to \$10,000 proposed in bill introduced by Representative Campbell of Pennsylvania.

Charles P. Leach, ex-director-general of the emergency fleet corporation, defended shipping board operations during the war in testimony before Walsh committee.

which holds promise of bringing peace and accord to the contending parties.

"There is bitter distrust and fear of war along all the Russian border. It seems futile to attempt to bring peace to the Caucasus, if the result is merely to free the forces there engaged for new campaigns on other fronts. The distressful situation of Armenia is but one detail of this vast military and political situation. The most earnestly urged his conviction that it is only by a general and comprehensive treatment of the whole that any lasting peace and generous co-operation of the principal powers, that a hopeful approach to the pacification and independence of Armenia can be found.

Bolsheviks Held Violent.

"The attitude of the president toward those now in power in Russia has been frequently and clearly expressed. He regards the bolsheviks as a violent and tyrannical minority, by no means representing the real desires and purposes of the Russian people. But he has never believed that the problems raised by this coup d'etat could be solved by the Russian from outside. He hopes that the recent tragic events on the Polish front and in the Crimea have convinced the bolsheviks that their isolation is not the way to bringing peace to Russia.

"The rapidly shifting events of recent months in Russia have strengthened his conviction that the Russian revolution, beneficial in its main purposes, must be developed to a satisfactory conclusion by the Russians. Help may come from time to time from outside and voluntarily received, but attempts at military coercion can but lead to disaster.

Hopeful Elements Seen.

"There are elements in the present situation which give added hope to projects of pacification. All the world is weary of war and the conviction grows among peoples of all countries that the military method offers very little promise of solving the grave problems of international relations. There is at present no overt civil war in Russia. It is now a problem of the relations between central Russia and the surrounding smaller national groups.

"The unrest and instability along the border are caused by bitter and mutual distrust. The struggling new nationalities, which were formerly part of the Russian empire, are afraid to disarm and return to peace because they distrust the bolsheviks and fear new aggressions. The soviets contend that they are afraid to demobilize because they fear new attacks.

"It is therefore the thought of the

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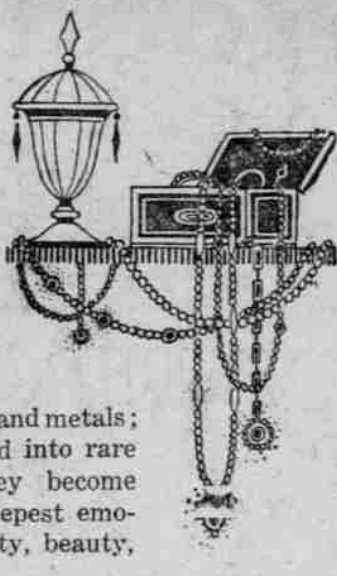
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president that the present offers a peculiarly pressing challenge to an attempt at general pacification on the Russian borders along these lines. Such an attempt seems to the president the logical outgrowth—in fact, the only logical development—of the request to mediate in the Armenian conflict and he feels bound in conscience once more to call this matter to the attention of the associated nations.

Portlanders Get License.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Ambrose E. MacKenzie and Catherine Newel, both of Portland, Or., obtained a marriage license here yesterday.

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The resolution will be referred to Secretary Baker, who, it is understood, is prepared to recommend to the president that the resolution be approved.

Arkansas May Bar Aliens.

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