

# FALSE ECONOMY IS DECRIED BY BY LEGION HEAD

## Congress Asked to Give Service Men Consideration They Deserve

### LAWS NOT INADEQUATE

#### Washington Lawmakers Feel Pressure from Evert State in Union

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The American legion through Franklin D'Olier, its grand commander, tonight called on congress for immediate enactment of legislation giving former service men "the consideration they deserve at the hands of their government." Mr. D'Olier, in a formal statement, warned that no policy of false economy should be pursued now with respect to the disabled-service men if "serious difficulties are to be avoided later by the government."

Principles upon which the present government insurance laws were founded were described by Mr. D'Olier as being "entirely sound" but existing legislation "entirely inadequate."

He added that as a result of informal conferences today between members of congress and delegates to the convention, it was evident that "congress is not yet alive to the necessities of the situation."

**Immediate Action Urged**

"It is plainly evident to the conference of American legion representatives," the legion commander's statement said, "that if the disabled service men and their families and all the ex-service persons in the United States are to receive just and liberal consideration at the hands of the government, which the people of this country intended they should receive, immediate action on the part of congress is absolutely necessary."

Each state commander presented today to the senators and congressmen from his state, specific legislation embodied in amendments to the Sweet and Watson bills, which if enacted, will secure to the veterans of the great war adequate and liberal service from the bureau of war risk insurance, the federal board for vocational education and the public health service.

**Need is Vital**

"It is of vital importance not only to the ex-service persons, specially the disabled and their families, but also to the people of the country that this legislation be enacted without delay. Ex-service men and women are not satisfied with existing legislation and regulations affecting their welfare. Only through such measures as are being recommended by the American legion and approved by responsible government officials of the bureau concerned, can the disabled men and women obtain adequate treatment and efficient service."

**Re-arrest Demanded.**

The legion sent a formal demand to Secretary Baker that Allan M. Broms, Minnesota, conscientious objector who was released recently from the Leavenworth disciplinary barracks, be re-arrested and compelled to serve the remainder of a three-year sentence. In a letter to Mr. Baker, Mr. D'Olier declared that since his release, Brom's utterances "have become notoriously seditious" and the legion felt immediate apprehension of the man was necessary.

Mr. Baker was said to have made

no definite promise that the legion's request would be carried out.

**Smoot Pledges Support.**

At a dinner given the legion representatives at the capital tonight by members of the congress, assurance was given that they would comply with the requests of ex-service men regarding war risk insurance legislation. Senator Smoot, chairman of the senate finance committee in charge of war risk affairs, pledged his support to the Sweet bill.

The war risk insurance bureau came in for severe criticism. Senator Smoot's proposal to abolish the bureau and distribute its functions among several departments was opposed by half a dozen delegates.

Sixteen wounded men from Walter Reed hospital in Washington were called by the legion commander as "concrete evidence of the inadequacy of the war risk and vocational educational laws." They complained they had been unable to "get action" at the war risk bureau.

# GASOLINE TO RISE ONE TO FOUR CENTS HERE

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from Wyoming points is not immediately affected, but company officials say probably will be very soon.

**Special Grade Is Reason.**

The reason advanced by the Standard Oil company for this increase in price is that a special grade of gasoline must be manufactured to meet the Oregon requirements. The company further declares that this gasoline must be shipped in special tanks and stored in special tanks, and that its manufacture is far more expensive than the regular gasoline because far less gasoline can be "cracked up" from crude oil under this special process than under the one ordinarily employed. The company declares that Oregon is the only state in the union making such special requirements.

Other oil companies has not received word from San Francisco of a price advance today, but it was said at their offices that the advance was, doubtfully will be made.

# DECOIN TO PAY DEMPSEY'S PRICE

## French Fight Promoter is Game, But Kearns Says Deal Isn't Clinched

PARIS, Dec. 16.—(By The Associated Press)—Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is the amount Jack Dempsey wants to come to France to fight Carpentier.

M. Decoin, manager of the Wonderland Sporting club of Paris, announces that he will pay the price.

A cablegram from Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, was received by M. Decoin this afternoon asking for this amount. Kearns says he has received a bona fide offer of a \$350,000 purse for a battle between Carpentier and Dempsey in America. Kearns also asks for the option of a per centage.

M. Decoin wired Kearns that he was ready to guarantee a quarter of a million dollars and wished to know what per centage was desired. If he receives a "satisfactory" answer he will leave for Los Angeles immediately to close the contract.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 16.—M. Decoin's declaration of his willingness to pay \$250,000 to have Jack Dempsey box Carpentier in France does not clinch the deal unless he also agrees to the condition that Dempsey shall have the privilege of taking a per centage of the profits, said Dempsey's manager, Jack Kearns, here tonight.

# JOHNSON HAS RED MEASURE

## Washington Man Says It Will Force Action Against Alien Agitators

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Legislative proposals of the house immigration committee to aid in ridding the country of alien radicals, framed after prolonged hearings here and in New York, were presented to the house today by Chairman Johnson, Republican, Washington, who declared the bill would force the department of labor to act against alien agitators.

Secretary Wilson has held, Mr. Johnson said, that mere membership in the I.W.W. or kindred organizations, was not sufficient under the law to warrant deportation. The committee bill he added, made the "letter and intent of the law plain and unmistakable," as under it affiliation or any financial connection with organizations teaching radical doctrines, without the commission of any overt act, meant deportation.

Labor Department Replied.

At the same time, the house judiciary committee began work on various proposals aimed at suppression of radical activities generally, to deport citizens as well as aliens. Representative Blanton, Democrat, Texas, declared the department of labor was "honeycombed" with "the spirit of anarchism" from Secretary Wilson down; and Representative Davey, Democrat, Ohio, warned the committee that the public would take matters into its own hand and "string these wild eyed radicals to telephone poles throughout the country" unless congress hastened to act.

Under a resolution introduced by Senator Kenyon the senate foreign relations committee would investigate the activities of Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled Russian soviet ambassador, with headquarters in New York. The resolution which was sent to the committee said Martens had been charged with directing propaganda against the American government.

# SNOW YIELDS TO WINDS That Sweep Over Eugene

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 16.—With a maximum temperature of 39 degrees today the snow that has been on the ground for six days is melting rapidly under the influence of brisk winds from the southeast.

# Ice Knocks Out Trestle on New Highway Bridge

Contractors building a bridge under contract with the state highway commission across the Deschutes river near Miller station on the Coleridge road Monday when ice in the stream carried away the false work which is being used in the construction.

The bridge is to cost \$75,000. It is to be of steel and is 600 feet long. As far as learned here no injury was done to the concrete foundation work.

# HUGO SILENT UPON RELEASE

## Ranchman Finds Villa Jovial Host and Gets Invited to Christmas Dinner

EAGLE PASS, Texas, Dec. 16.—Flatly refusing to answer the direct question as to the conditions of his release and whether the money had been paid, Fred G. Hugo, American ranchman abducted last week by Francisco Villa and held for \$10,000 ransom, said today he had no reason to complain and had suffered no hardships. He arrived in Eagle Pass last night and said today he would return in a few days to the J. M. Doble ranch in Coahuila of which he is manager.

Hugo said he was liberated on the promise not to state where he was taken nor the conditions of his liberation and he proposed to keep his promise. He said he had become "favorably impressed" with Francisco Villa who commanded the forces which raided Muzquiz and that while a captive he was treated as one of the party. Villa invited him to "come down and have Christmas dinner with him," Hugo said.

Villa's ambition, Hugo said, "was to establish a new civil government in Mexico and not a military one."

# 11 JURORS ARE CHOSEN FOR NEW

## Two Women Among Panel to Hear Case of Murder of Sweetheart

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—Eleven temporary jurors had been impaneled when adjournment was taken late today in the trial in the superior court of Harry Sawyer, charged with the murder of Miss Freda Lesser, his sweetheart. Two of these were women.

Lecomte Davis, leading counsel for New, made it plain the defence would be insanity.

# YEAR'S TRAFFIC TOLL 42 LIVES

## Portland Officer Reports on Accidents for 1919—Number is 7,753

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—In a report filed today with the chief of police of Portland, Captain H. A. Lewis of the traffic squad presents the city's 1919 history of accidents and deaths from collisions of automobiles with autos and with other vehicles, street cars, and pedestrians.

Forty-two persons met death, 1,207 suffered serious or painful injury in the total of 7,753 accidents during the 12 months covered by the report.

An illuminating feature of the report is the segregation of accidents, showing just what proportion of them were collisions between automobiles.

There are 5,457 of these. Collisions between autos and motorcycles numbered 1,283, between automobiles and street cars 775, between autos and trains 49, between autos and wagons 85, between automobiles and bicycles 93, between autos and

children on roller skates 8, between autos and children on coaster wagons 2, between autos and tricycles 1, and in 652 instances automobiles struck pedestrians.

# Business Must Await Peace Treaty, Says Chamberlain

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—"Business of the United States will suffer until the peace treaty is ratified," United States Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon told 400 members of the Chicago Association of Credit Men tonight.

Early ratification of the peace treaty will stabilize business in America and throughout the world, Senator Chamberlain said. "We have got to stabilize the business of America first," said Chamberlain, "and then assist in stabilizing the business of the rest of the world."

Return of the railroads to their pre-war owners was urged. "The government cannot operate a business on a paying basis," he said.

# Town Goes "Wet for First Time in Ten Year Period"

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Dec. 16.—For the first time in a decade this city went "wet" at the municipal election today. Because of the coming of prohibition the vote will be without effect. All but two of the 35 Massachusetts cities have voted "yes" this year.

# Normal School Closes for Three Weeks Due to Freeze

MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 16.—The Oregon normal school has closed until January 5. Broken pipes require so much time for repairs it was deemed advisable to adjourn.

# Senator Formally Announces Self for Presidency on G. O. P. Ticket

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Senator Harding of Ohio, formally announced tonight his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination in 1920. The announcement was made in a letter to Claire Hughes of Piqua, Ohio, chairman of the Miami County Republican committee authorizing the use of his name in choosing delegates to the national convention.

Senator Harding is the third Republican senator to make known his presidential aspirations. Senators Poindexter of Washington and Johnson of California, already have formally announced their candidacy and a formal boom for Senator Sutherland of West Virginia has been inaugurated.

# Quarantine on Idaho Hay Is Partially Lifted

Charles A. Park of Salem, chairman of the state board of horticulture, announced yesterday that because of the scarcity of hay for eastern Oregon livestock during the present winter weather the quarantine against Idaho hay has been partially lifted. The order allows the shipment of hay from sections of Idaho where the alfalfa weevil is not prevalent.

# Another Former German Ship Burns at London Dock

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Another vessel was added to the list of former German ships mysteriously afire while lying at the Thames docks when the Boonah, under charter of the Australian government and loaded with a general cargo scheduled to sail today, was discovered with two holds blazing last night.

The frequency of such blazes is believed to be connected with the arrest of four men December 13 at a landing which was made public today. They resisted arrest, but were taken into custody by dock police and are still being held.

# Miners Back at Work, Relief Is in Sight

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Dec. 16.—More than 100 miners in the Cascade field returned to work today in the camps at Tracy, Sand Coulee, Stockert and Belt and this afternoon the first trainload of coal was brought to the city from the coal field. Fuel scarcity will be eliminated before Saturday as the mines produce more than 4000 tons daily.

Plans are well developed to start the Great Falls reduction works of the Anaconda Copper Mining company next week. That will return about 700 men to work, the zinc

plant being only half operated at first.

A chinook wind is prevailing here tonight.

# Bubonic Plague Spreads in Constantinople Is Report

GENEVA, Dec. 16.—The International Red Cross here has received a message from Constantinople stating that the bubonic plague continues to spread alarmingly especially in the poorer quarters.

The mortality is increasing daily. The naval units in the harbor are imperilled.

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Many students are planning to attend the state teachers' association convention in Portland, December 29, 30 and 31.

# Portland Balance Shown

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 16.—Portland balance of \$1,613,891 in its treasury, according to a statement issued today by City Treasurer Adams.

# STEAMER SAVES LIVES OF 600

## Passengers Taken Off Indian Ocean Reef by Shipping Board Vessel

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Six hundred passengers and members of the crew of the steamer Faziika, recently stranded on the southeastern shore of Great Nicobar in the Indian ocean, were taken off safely and carried to Penang by the United States shipping board steamer West Medea, according to advices received here today.

There are too many folks smoking two-for-a-quarter cigars who get red in the face discussing the high cost of living.

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