

# SOLDIER BONUS MEASURE IS EXPLAINED FOR THE VOTERS

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Some uncertainty exists concerning the purpose and cost of the proposed amendment to the state constitution to be known as article xx-c, to be voted on by the people at the special election on June 7, commonly known as the bonus bill.

A careful analysis of the proposed law reveals these features:  
 First, the law itself. The legislature at its recent session enacted into law chapter 291, general laws of 1921. This law provides for the creation and administration of a fund for the industrial rehabilitation of veterans of the world war, specifies the nature of the benefit and defines

the qualifications of the beneficiaries. To raise the necessary funds, the legislature adopted and submitted to the people the proposal to authorize a bonded indebtedness of not to exceed 3 per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the state and to levy a tax of not to exceed 2 mills to retire the bonds at their maturity and to pay the interest accruing thereon. Chapter 291, laws of 1921, sets a maximum limit of \$3000 for the loan and \$15 a month for each month of service after the first two, and in no case to exceed \$500 to any individual, and the tax to retire the bonds and pay the interest is fixed at 1 mill. So although it is proposed to amend the constitution to authorize a \$4000 loan and a 2 mill tax, the present law under which the administration of this act will be initiated, authorizes only a \$3000 loan and a 1 mill tax.

**Purpose Is Clear.**

The purpose of the law is what it very simply and clearly states: the "industrial rehabilitation" of the ex-service man. The money loaned can only be used for "home and farm aid" by residents of the state of Oregon and cannot be expended in the purchase of oil stocks or for any other purpose

than the purchase of a home in the city or country.

The nature of the transaction is that of a loan and not a gift. The state is to extend its credit to the ex-service man to enable him to re-vest himself with some of the appurtenances of a useful and contented citizen; the state endorses his note. This loan must be repaid and the applicant, his or her mother, father, wife or husband, child, sister or brother must secure such repayment by a first mortgage on real estate 7 per cent in value in excess of the amount loaned. The ex-service man or woman can alone secure the loan, but the relatives named can assist by supplying the necessary security. It is of course understood that the applicant must select either the loan or the cash bonus—not both.

**Who Are Qualified.**

The qualifications are prescribed in the act. Any man or woman who served in the United States army, navy or marine corps for more than 60 days between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and who has been honorably discharged or retired or furloughed to a reserve status is entitled to the benefits of this act. Any person who has received compensation from any other state less than the compensation allowed hereunder may receive the difference from this state, if otherwise qualified. Any person who received extra pay during service may receive the difference between that received and that allowed by this act, if such extra pay did not equal in amount the sum provided in this law. Ex-service men and women who have received educational aid may benefit by this law by repaying the amount so received. Conscientious objectors or persons who refused to submit themselves to unqualified military service are, of course, excluded from the benefits.

**Cost Is Estimated.**

The cost of this proposed aid has been estimated in various amounts. The number of ex-service men and women who will come within the benefits of the law is estimated at 25,000. The number desiring a cash bonus is placed at 10,000 and the number desiring loans is placed at 15,000. The assessed valuation of the state is \$1,640,839,049.12. Three per cent of this assessed valuation is \$49,225,177.47. It should be kept in mind that this sum will be repaid the state, as it is the use of the money that is needed. The cash bonus payments, estimated at \$1,200,000, will not be repaid but this sum will be cared for by the 1 mill levy. The one mill levy on the assessed valuation will produce annually \$1,640,839.04. Now, while these loans may run 28 years, being amortized at 2 per cent yearly and 4 per cent being paid on interest, it is fair to assume that in the great majority of cases the borrower will repay in much less than the maximum time, say 20 years. It is also to be considered that when the ex-service man sells his home or farm in which he has invested the money borrowed from the state, the interest rate immediately jumps to 6 per cent if he sells to some one not originally qualified for a loan. Further, in such case the loan must be reduced to 60 per cent of the amount originally loaned, and must be entirely paid within five years. So in the greater number of cases the state will likely carry the original loan only a few years. The aggregate cost to the state then for paying a cash bonus or loaning to 25,000 men and women will, in all reasonable probability, not exceed \$15,000,000 for carrying on for 20 years.

**Valuation Increased.**  
 Against this expense we have the additional value accruing to the state on account of home building and farm development, which is certainly no inconsiderable item. We will have the creation of a better feeling and understanding between the ex-service men and women and those in the service, which means that the cash paid and the money loaned will return great dividends as an investment in citizenship. The ex-service men and women are today asking the aid of the people of this state as the national government and the state asked their aid in 1917, and they have the right to expect that the response of the people of this state now shall not be less wholehearted than the response of the young men and women in 1917. The need for this "industrial rehabilitation" is just as acute in these present peace times as the need for the massing of troops in war times. The sympathetic consideration for our "citizen-soldiers" is our greatest bulwark against foreign aggression.

**Encouragement Offered To Artists and Writers**

PARIS, May 17.—The new bursaries for French artists and writers to encourage talent have been announced by Madame G. Blumenthal, the American foundation for French Art and Thought. Each of these, like the ten funds already being distributed, is for 12,000 francs yearly. They represent the income from invested funds given by Mrs. Blumenthal and other Americans.  
 One of the new funds, to encourage painting, is in the name of Henry K. Frick. The other devoted to science, is to be called the "Joffre" bursary. It is endowed by an American who asked that his name be withheld.  
 When Madame Blumenthal made formal announcement of the extension of the Foundation's work, to Marshal Joffre, he began an expression of "gratitude." Madame Blumenthal, who is of Alsation ancestry, replied: "Monseigneur le Marechal do not speak of gratitude. We love each other, that is all."

# RAILROADS TO MAKE BIG CUT

Wages of Million Unskilled Workers Will Go Down On First of July

SKILLED MAY FOLLOW

Workers Withhold Comment Until Leaders Have Studied Conditions

CHICAGO, May 17.—(By The Associated Press)—The United States railroad labor board today announced its intention of reversing downward wages of more than 1,000,000 unskilled rail workers effective July 1. The amount of the decrease will be made public on June 1.

The board also announced that it would hold hearings June 6 regarding proposals by the roads to decrease the wages of other classes of employees and would also make its decisions in these cases effective on the same date. A similar decision on skilled workers would effect approximately 2,000,000 men.

**Decision Not Expected**  
 The announcement which said "prevailing conditions justify to some extent yet to be determined, a readjustment of downward wages" was unexpected and came only a few hours after the close of the hearings which have been in progress since early in April. On July 20, 1920, the board increased the pay of all classes of railway employees approximately 21 per cent or about \$600,000,000 a year. Several months ago several roads announced that they could no longer operate under this wage award and announced pay reductions averaging about 20 per cent for unskilled employees. The workers appealed to the board which decided that the roads could not make summary reductions but must first hold conferences with their men and then, if no agreement could be reached, submit the case to the board.

**Many Cases Appealed**  
 Practically every large road then held conferences with its unskilled employees and when the employees refused to accept cuts, carried the case to the board. About 98 cases were thus appealed and the board decided to hear them as a unit.  
 The roads pleaded that they were being forced to pay more for labor than they could employ it for in the open market, that reduction in cost of living justified a reduction in wages, that they were being forced to operate in many cases at a loss and that they wished to reduce their rates for the benefit of the public but could

not do so while forced to pay a war time scale to labor.

**Employees Silent**  
 The employees charged that the financial embarrassment of the roads was due to gross mismanagement; that increased rentals had practically nullified any decrease in other necessities and that the wages were still below that paid in other lines.  
 Railway officials expressed themselves as being pleased with the award today and expressed the opinion that the same conditions which it was found applied to unskilled labor would also be applied to skilled workers.  
 Representatives of the employees refused to comment on the board's announcement until they could study it carefully.

# HUNGER RULES TORN RUSSIA

Lenine's Change of Policy is Too Late to Relieve Bolsheviks

CONDITIONS ARE WORSE

Petrograd District Sterile And Transportation Exceedingly Bad

BERLIN, May 17.—Lenine's abandonment of government control of foodstuffs came too late to relieve the situation in Bolshevik Russia, according to letters received in Berlin from a family which has lived in Petrograd throughout the Bolshevik regime.

"The conditions are worse for us than they were when food was issued on cards," one letter states. "We are told now that we may buy food and the peasants are told they may sell food without violating government regulations. But there are no foodshops. And the peasants about Petrograd have little food to sell.  
**Crop Failure Feared**  
 They even refuse all sorts of manufactured articles in exchange for what little food they may have. They are afraid to give it up, as they are not sure that they can get another crop the coming year.  
 "The Petrograd district is so sterile that little is produced here in normal times. Transportation is so bad, and the peasants in the grain districts have been so badly

# PORTLAND BOYS ARE COMMENDED

Lads Who Served on Marblehead Save Lives of Sixteen in Storm

PORTLAND, May 17.—Portland boys who served on the cruiser Marblehead during the World War have been cited by the navy department for gallant and courageous conduct in saving the lives of 16 sailors during a stormy night off Key West.

The letter from the department complimenting these sailors has been received by Lieut. Commander John A. Breckwith, who was executive officer on the Marblehead at the time and who personally rescued a number of the men of the United States steamship Salem.

The message from the department accompanying the words of praise, said:  
 "It has recently been brought to the bureau's attention that through some clerical error a copy of a letter of commendation which should have been sent you in December, 1918, did not go out. The bureau regrets this omission and forwards herewith a copy of the letter."

Six shirts are appearing here and there on the backs of salaried men.

# California Athletes Not To Enter Meet at Eugene

LOS ANGELES, May 17.—University of Southern California track and field athletes today cancelled plans to enter the Pacific coast conference meet at Eugene May 21.  
 This followed a decision of a physician that Charles W. Padlock, Olympia sprint champion, who had planned to go to Eugene, was not sufficiently recovered from a recent illness to make the trip.

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# Pendleton Murder Case Heard by Supreme Court

The appealed case of the state against Jim Owens and John L. Rathie, who were implicated in the murder of Sheriff T. H. Taylor of Umatilla county and who are under sentence to hang, was heard in the state supreme court yesterday. District Attorney R. I. Kealey and his assistant, Charles Z. Randall, appeared for the state, and Attorney Charles F. Bolin of Yakima for the defendants.  
 The court expected to hear the case at the Eastern Oregon session in Pendleton early this month but it was deferred because of the illness of Mr. Bolin.

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