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SOLDIER BONUS GETS SETBACK IN COMMITTEE

House Ways and Means Group Refuses to Give Proposal Right of Way—Mellon Also Hits It

SECRETARY SAYS COST OF MEASURE EXCESSIVE

No Reduction of Federal Taxes Would Be Possible This Generation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Soldier bonus legislation received a setback today with the refusal of the house ways and means committee to give it right of way over administrative provisions of the treasury's tax bill.

The committee decline, however, to sidetrack it until a decision is reached as to what changes should be made in tax rates.

Cost Would Be High. The bonus was given another jolt by Secretary Mellon, who declared in a letter to Representative Andrew, Republican Massachusetts, that if the compensation measure voted by President Harding were enforced the direct cost would total \$5,400,526,444 and would average \$225,000,000 for the first four years.

Mr. Mellon's letter, in which he reiterated that passage of a bonus bill probably would prevent "any reduction of federal taxes upon a comprehensive plan in this generation" was in reply to an inquiry from Mr. Andrew as to whether the bonus estimated at treasury experts of the probable cost were accurate.

Under the program adopted at a two-hour session of the ways and means committee which must approve revenue legislation before it can be taken up by the house, several weeks would be devoted to consideration of the tax bill's administrative features. Then the question of whether a bonus bill is to be reported will be in order, consideration of tax rates to follow.

Efforts Fail. Bonus proponents in the committee made several unsuccessful efforts to have that legislation given priority. At the immediate outset Representative Frear, Republican insurgent Wisconsin, proposed that the committee proceed to consideration of the bonus bill.

After his motion had been rejected, Representative Oldfield, Democrat Arkansas, suggested that it be taken up by the committee either on January 4 or 15, while Representative Carey, Democrat New York, proposed that consideration should begin by January 10. All three resolutions were voted down, and the committee then rejected a motion by Representative Dickinson, Democrat Missouri, that a bonus bill should be reported to the house by February 10.

Efforts Second. The motion to defer action on the bonus bill until all provisions of the tax bill had been considered was offered by Representative Wilson, Republican Connecticut, but a majority preferred a plan to pass first on the administrative features, then to reach a decision as to a bonus and finally to determine what reductions should be made in tax schedules.

In the voting on resolutions to give the bonus priority the Republican committee members with the exception of Mr. Frear voted in the negative. They had the support of two Democrats—Representative Garner of Texas, ranking majority member of the committee, and Collier of Mississippi.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair Thursday except rain; northwest portion; gentle southerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Wednesday) Maximum temperature, 41. Minimum temperature, 25. River, 4.3 feet; rising. Rainfall, .05 inch. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, westerly.

OREGON GROWERS' ASSOCIATION TO BE MUCH STRENGTHENED

The head lines over some recent news stories have misled a few people into the mistaken notion that the Oregon Growers Cooperative association was making preparations to dissolve.

Nothing is further from the truth. The Oregon Growers Cooperative association is preparing to make itself a stronger and more certainly an enduring organization.

The idea of the present efforts is to concentrate on products that will give volume, so that overhead may be reduced and better service given. The overhead has been steadily reduced for the past three years, and it will be 15 per cent lower this year than last year.

In the new scheme is the idea that local units shall be formed to conduct a number of the canneries, and also some of the packing houses, and that the local units shall own some of the packing houses, giving the parent organization the use of some of the funds thus invested, and resulting in greater satisfaction and reduced costs to the members in such localities.

At The Dalles, for instance, 157 different varieties of fruits and vegetables have been handled, and most of them in the fresh state, and in small lots. This has resulted in duplication of costs, which could not be avoided. There had to be a local manager to handle the small shipments and get them marketed, and there was also of necessity a duplication of book keeping. This has resulted in excessive costs, to the disadvantage of both the local members there and to the grower members of the state-wide organization taken as a whole.

There are some other situations within the big organization where similar conditions have prevailed.

Nothing has so far been done in solving these problems, excepting to formulate some tentative new plans. These are merely being discussed, so far.

If there is a better way, and the general managers and directors think there is a better way, it is their duty to all their members, and to the big organization as a whole, to find it.

That is what they are attempting to do, and they want a full discussion from an understanding of all concerned.

The Oregon Growers Cooperative association is merely attempting to make itself stronger and more serviceable to its members, in finding wider markets at a lower cost. It is attempting to give better service with a reduced overhead. It is trying to get down to rock bottom, on a foundation that will make it as lasting as the industries which it was organized to serve, and which its directors and managers want to serve at the lowest possible cost and in the best possible ways.

That is all.

GAHLSDOFF MAY KEEP POSITION

Business Men's League Wants Incumbent to Serve Another Term

In view of the achievements of the last year every effort is being made to persuade William Gahlsdorf to assume the responsibilities of president of the Business Men's League again for the coming year. Members of the league are more than satisfied with the work of the entire staff of officers and are willing, if they agree, to let them run things again. As many of them are required to spend much extra time, it is doubtful if all will agree to the plan.

Other officers whose terms expire this year are M. T. Madison, vice president, and Allan Katoray, A. F. Marcus, Otto Paulus, Joe W. Chambers, Jr. and A. D. Hurley, directors. The secretary will be appointed by the new board of directors.

Nominations and election of officers will be held after the annual meeting and banquet in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday night, Dec. 27. Following the banquet, E. A. MacLennan, of Portland, secretary of the Oregon State Merchants' association, will speak.

WAR PRISONERS PREFER TO STAY

OLYMPIA, Dec. 19.—Prisoners in the Washington state penitentiary convicted under state criminal syndicalism laws prefer to play the role of martyrs rather than accept the opportunity of parole. Governor Louis F. Hart replied today in a telegram to the American Civil Liberties union in New York in response to a telegram asking the release of such prisoners.

"You are entirely misinformed concerning Washington state prisoners," Governor Hart said in a return telegram. "There are but five prisoners in our penitentiary convicted under our criminal syndicalism laws, and they could have had their freedom at any of the last three quarterly meetings of the parole board, but refused to accept it until certain prisoners sentenced to the penitentiary for murder were released, preferring to play the role of martyrs."

SENATE ROW WILL CONTINUE AFTER RECESS

Unable to Break Deadlock on Twenty-Fifth Ballot, Senators Decide to Postpone Settlement

REED STYLES VOTING MERE CHILD'S PLAY

Methods of Selecting Postmasters in South are Assailed by Members

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Unable after 25 ballots to break the deadlock over the chairmanship of the interstate commerce committee the senate agreed today to defer further balloting until after the Christmas recess of congress, which will begin tomorrow and end January 3.

Meantime, there will be a renewal of efforts to unravel the tangle into which the senate was precipitated 10 days ago, but, in view of failure of all past prophesies, no one appeared willing to venture a prediction as to how the problem finally would be solved.

Census Trailing. Two ballots today failed to show any material change in the situation. Senators Cummins, republican, Iowa and Smith, democrat, South Carolina, again ran almost neck and neck with Senator Cozmon, republican, Michigan trailing the field, having the support of only the republican insurgents and five other so-called liberals on the majority side of the chamber.

After the second ballot and while Senator Lodge of Massachusetts the republican leader was seeking to move for an executive session, the flood gates were opened for domestic oratory for the first time this session. In starting the discussion, Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri referred to the continuous balloting as "child's play," and gave notice that after the holidays he would move for the senate to proceed to the public business.

Other democrats charged that the republican majority was unable to organize the senate. This brought a retort from Senator Brookhart of Iowa, republican insurgent that the republicans were not wholly to blame for the deadlock, since one democratic senator, Bruce of Maryland, had refused to support Senator Smith at a time when one vote would have elected him.

New Row Appears. After the senate went into executive session it got into another row over confirmation of postmasters, but finally approved the appointment of 104 in a session continuing more than two hours. Methods of selecting postmasters in the southern states and charges that forms service men have been discriminated against in appointments formed the chief subjects of controversy. Senator McFellner, democrat, Tennessee, offered a resolution which the postmaster general would be directed to furnish the senate "at the earliest practicable moment," the names of all first second and third class postmasters appointed since March 4, 1921, and selected over "one or more ex-service men higher on the eligible lists."

Action on the resolution was deferred.

FINAL FLASHES

SEATTLE, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Kathryn A. Miracle, a member of the city council, has officially announced her candidacy for mayor at the municipal election next spring.

SEATTLE, Dec. 19.—Fifteen minutes after the steamer Astorian en route from Bellingham to Seattle, struck a barge being towed by the tug Lilluco No. 20 at 10 o'clock here tonight in a dense fog at Smith Cove, the vessel sank in 300 feet of water.

SEATTLE, Dec. 19.—A death threat from one of the spectators in the court room during the trial of T. Yamada, Japanese, accused of first degree murder forced the court to adjourn for recess here today.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 19.—Word was received today in a telegram received by J. P. Penrod here from R. Earhart at Tampico, Mexico, confirming the news that his wife, Mrs. Emily Christensen Earhart had been killed at Tula by Mexican bandits.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Susan O'Neil, alias Susie Arnold and Daisy Koster who gave her age as 49 was arrested today by City Marshal Hart at the instance of postal authorities, charged with misuse of mails.

GOVERNMENT CANNOT LIVE BELIEVE MANY

Baldwin Expected to Go Down With Full Protection Colors Afloat

(By The Associated Press) LONDON, Dec. 19.—Political circles generally seem to have become convinced that the Baldwin government survive the debate on the speech from the throne when the parliament meets next month and the feeling among the conservatives against hauling down the protection flag is growing stronger. The sentiment is that since the ministers must be defeated any way they should go down with colors flying.

The king's speech which is framed by the premier, is likely to treat gingerly with the tariff issue in general, but the supporters of the government will be disappointed if the cabinet does not evidence a purpose to go on with the suggestion for preferential duties within the empire agreed upon by the imperial conference.

ALTON COVELL IS DRESSED IN

Boy Sentenced to Life Not Permitted to See Crippled Astrologer

Alton Covell, 16, Coos county had under sentence of life imprisonment in connection with the killing of his step-mother, Mrs. Ebba Covell, was received at the state prison a little before 6 o'clock last night. Silence met newspapermen when they attempted to question him, and according to the accompanying officers, the boy did not say a word during the long automobile trip from Marshfield. He inquired about the condition of his uncle, Arthur Covell, who is under the death sentence, from one of the guards.

With Covell were five other prisoners, all under short term sentences. The six prisoners were brought to Salem yesterday by Sheriff E. P. Ellingren and Deputy Sheriff S. A. Madsen, of Coos county. The two officials expect to return to the coast today.

Covell will be placed at work in the yard, Warden Blymyre said last night, and will not be permitted to visit with his uncle in the prison hospital unless it is for business reasons.

SANTA CLAUS IS SALEM VISITOR

Plenty of Toys Ordered From North Pole — Trip Made By Aeroplane

"One carload of assorted toys has been ordered from the North Pole and I expect to have to put in an order for at least another carload as there are still four days until, Christmas Eve," old Santa Claus himself told a representative of The Statesman in a special interview arranged for the benefit of the young readers of the paper who are much interested in the distinguished visitor who is now in Salem.

"Was it cold at the North Pole when I left? Yes, sir, you bet it was cold. Why, there were snow and icicles everywhere. There was so much snow that I was afraid my reindeer would get cold and I had not heard whether there was any snow here, so I just came down in my aeroplane," he replied to a question put by one youngster.

"Say, Santa Claus, shall I have my papa leave the door unlocked?" one curly-headed little girl inquired.

"Unless you have a great big fireplace, you had better not lock your door, for how could I get in?" he replied.

Hundreds of Salem kiddies have poured out their desires to the obliging listener. These wants vary from a thimble to a train of cars.

While in Salem Santa Claus is maintaining headquarters at four stores, so as not to crowd any one. The stores are all on Liberty and are owned by Gahlsdorf, Hartman, Shipley and Worth & Gray.

Contract Will Be Let For New Highway Link

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—Fifteen bids were opened today by federal district engineer, C. H. Purcell for grading a link in the highway between Southburg and Roadport, connecting the Pacific and Roosevelt highways.

MOSCOW HOPES FOR CHANGE IN PUBLIC'S VIEW

Continue to Fix Hopes on Change of Public Opinion in United States Says Foreign Minister

HUGHES' DEMANDS ARE ANSWERED BY OFFICIAL

Pessimistic Picture of World Affairs is Painted by Tchitcherin

MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—(By The Associated Press)—"We are continuing to fix our hopes on a change in public opinion in America," Foreign Minister Tchitcherin told the correspondents tonight in commenting on the statement of Secretary of State Hughes in Washington that there seemed to be no reason at this time for negotiations with Russia and suggesting that Russia admit her obligations to the United States and its citizens.

"For the peace of the world," said M. Tchitcherin, "it would be of great advantage if the United States came to an agreement with us—a great step toward the settlement of world conditions, but Mr. Charles Hughes is still using his influence against such a result."

Counter Claim Made

The statement said that Russia must give back all the confiscated property, satisfy the claims and pay the debts before he could even negotiate. "We then, on our part, might ask that our counter claims—all of our demands for compensation because of American intervention—should be settled before these were any negotiations."

"He also said," continued the soviet foreign minister, "that negotiations are impossible until Moscow ceases to be the center of propaganda. New York is also the center of propaganda. Many of the revolutionary parties have executive offices there."

"We have many times declared that no support was given by our government to the revolutionary parties there. At the time Matzen was expelled no evidence of such support was given."

"So we declare that now and in the future we cannot and will not give support from our government to the revolutionary parties in America; that our principle is non-interference with the internal affairs of another country."

"We know that the section of public opinion in America which understands the attitude of relations with us is gradually growing and we continue to fix our hopes on a change in public opinion in America."

Overtures Impossible

M. Tchitcherin said that further overtures from Russia at present seemed impossible, and other officials to whom the Hughes statement seemed to come as a startling shock after the expressions in President Coolidge's message took the view that there was little hope of dealing with America under the present administration.

It was a most pessimistic picture of world affairs that M. Tchitcherin painted to the correspondents. The most startling of his announcements was that there was danger of new complications in Anglo-Russian relations due to the ultimatum by the British to the government of Afghanistan demanding, among other things the minister said, that Afghanistan sever all her relations with Russia. Soviet Russia has built up a strong position in the east and has close diplomatic relations with the Amir's government, the minister pointed out.

Asked if Russia considered this an unfriendly act by England M. Tchitcherin was unable to state what would be.

The Afghan situation might develop the greatest gravity, declared the foreign minister.

Engraving Bureau Trouble May Be Settled Very Soon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Steps were taken by the administration today to terminate the controversy originating from the discharge by President Harding of 59 officials of the bureau of engraving nearly two years ago.

Reappointment as director of the bureau was tendered by Secretary Mellon to James L. Wilcox, who was among those ousted by the president's executive order, but he declined to accept the offer.

LEO KORETZ' CONSCIENCE BOTHERED HIM

Relatives Testify That Fugitive Was Sorry Before He Disappeared

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Leo Koretz, fugitive head of the fictitious Bayano River Trust company of Panama, in which he induced his relatives and wealthy friends to invest more than \$5,000,000, had an "attack of conscience" just before he disappeared, relatives of the promoter of the "Panama Oil Bubble," testified today before a referee in bankruptcy.

Koretz' relatives and those of his wife told of their blind faith in the oil promoter's vast schemes and of their investments in them often made at their own solicitation. Just before Koretz left, they testified he turned over \$125,000, in one thousand dollar bills at one time, and other amounts at other times, with instructions to the recipients to distribute it among his relatives. He represented that he had disposed of some of their stock at \$25,000 a share and the tribe of Koretz was wild with joy the witnesses said.

TWO SPLENDID OFFERS MADE

This is Opportunity Week in Statesman's Great Contest for Prizes

(By the Contest Editor)

We are offering this week two splendid offers, which are well worth working for. An entire new set of candidates waged merry war yesterday for the honor roll, and still others today. Some of the contestants who have been silently sleeping the last few weeks are waking up with a bang and today are among the leaders in the contest for the honor roll. That shows us they have the right spirit and want their friends to know that they appreciate their help.

Get Free Paper

If you are not already a subscriber of this paper, or the paper does not come to your house if you are a contestant, be sure to let the Contest Editor know at once, and she will send you a free paper during the contest. You should get the paper every morning during the contest and keep yourself posted as to how the contest is getting along.

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This Week Important

This week is a very important week for all the candidates. For you are receiving two valuable offers. First, to all candidates in the contest I am giving 150,000 extra votes besides the regular schedule on every \$15 worth of subscriptions. I am giving to the contestant in the city of Salem who turns in the most money on subscriptions \$25 in gold. I am also giving to the contestant on the outside territory of Salem \$25 in gold.

So you see you do not have to compete with the city of Salem. This week will mean something to you in many ways. It will mean a nice Christmas present and also a great number of votes. So, let us see you coming in from day to day from now on until Saturday night, Dec. 22, and with a doubt one of you will be the lucky winners. It is a matter of just a few spare moments, and what are they when you find you have won one of the valuable prizes this week, or at the close of contest.

Johnson to Launch His Campaign on January 3

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Senator Hiram Johnson's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination will be launched in Cleveland on the night of January 3, when he will address a mass meeting at the Masonic auditorium.

At the same time, the California senator's Ohio organization will be formed. His campaign in a measure, will be centered in this locality.

FORD'S STAND GETS APPROVAL OF BOTH SIDES

Republicans and Democrats Glad Detroit Man at Glad of Statement—Bourne Last in Open

CANDIDATES WITHHOLD PRO OR CON COMMENTS

LaFollette Followers Believe Decision May Eventually Help Wisconsin

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Political camps here were visibly stirred today by the declaration of Henry Ford in support of President Coolidge for 1924.

It brought unconcealed elation to administration leaders interested in Mr. Coolidge's cause and democratic leaders said there was satisfaction at least in the fact that Mr. Ford was out in the open and apparently self-eliminated as a presidential possibility next year.

President Coolidge plans to express his personal appreciation of Mr. Ford's action by sending the Detroit manufacturer a telegram, which will not be made public here.

Candidates Silent

Comment on Mr. Ford's statement is withheld by all announced presidential candidates here. Senator Hiram Johnson of California, opponent of President Coolidge for the republican nomination, and Senator Underwood of Alabama, a democratic candidate, would not talk about the statement, although they manifestly viewed it as of major political importance.

Representative Hull of Tennessee chairman of the democratic national committee also declined to make a formal statement, but in reply to a question said that Mr. Ford is a free American citizen and is entitled to his personal preference the same as any one else.

Hull Comments

"Nothing that he can say in behalf of President Coolidge," added Mr. Hull "will make Mr. Coolidge less reactionary nor change in any respect the record of the ruling faction in the republican party as the political instrument of the special privilege class."

Of prime importance in the view of political leaders generally will be the passing of the Ford-for-president movement which has been fostered in recent conferences of Ford workers in Michigan and other states. Mr. Ford's action is looked upon by all the leaders as removing the possibility of a new party government with him at the helm—a possibility that for months has made him one of the great enigmas of national politics.

That there would be some political advantage to Senator LaFollette in case he should become a presidential candidate was the belief expressed by followers of the Wisconsin senator. In the effect upon the action of the farmer-labor party, particularly in the Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin, Mr. Ford's retirement as a potential candidate it was thought might operate to the benefit of the LaFollette forces. He has been sharing with Mr. Ford in several regions the apparent favorite of farm-labor leaders in consideration of their presidential endorsement for 1924.

In all discussions of the subject the Ford offer for Muscle Shoals had prominent mention. Recently Mr. Ford had the matter under discussion with President Coolidge during a visit here, and chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee and other republican leaders in congress are behind a bill to have the government accept the Ford offer after modifications. During the last session of congress consideration of the offer was blocked although championed vigorously by democrats as well as some republicans.

R. H. Rutherford Very Ill at His Home Here

R. H. Rutherford, at 1595 North Broadway street, is confined to his bed a very sick man. Mr. Rutherford is 87 years old and a member of the Odd Fellows lodge, being the oldest member of that order on the Pacific coast. He was also the first telegraph operator and a poet at Marine, Ore. when the Southern Pacific was being built through to California, under Ben H. Howell 52 years ago.