

SOLDIERS' AID ACT ABUSED IS PIERCE CHARGE

Correction of flagrant abuses of the spirit of the soldiers' educational aid act, said to exist in numerous schools throughout the state, the appropriation of \$450,000 to cover financial deficiencies in the original act up to January 1, 1921, and an increase in the millage tax provision in the act from two tenths of a mill to four tenths of a mill will be provided in three amendments to be introduced in the special session of the legislature.

This program was agreed upon at a conference between Senator Pierce, the author of the original bill, and heads of various educational institutions here Saturday afternoon. Senator Pierce's "interpretative amendment" to the act designed to correct the abuses of the measure will provide for a minimum attendance of 60 hours per month at day school and 24 hours per month in night schools in order to entitle the beneficiary to the maximum of \$55 per month state aid provided by the act.

Many Instances Cited.

According to Senator Pierce a number of concrete instances have been called to his attention in which ex-service men have been merely "sitting in" at a school to draw the financial aid provided by the state. In one instance the applicant is said to be attending a state school for only one hour each day, clerking in a store downtown for the remainder of the day while he draws the financial aid provided by the act. Another instance cited by Senator Pierce involves several ex-service men who are said to be registered at a high school but who devote the greater part of their time to loafing about town while drawing state money.

In order to further correct these abuses the "interpretative amendment" to be offered by Senator Pierce will provide that the executive head of the institution involved must certify to the secretary of state to the effect that the applicant is applying himself to his studies with due diligence and is making satisfactory progress in school.

Other Safeguards Planned.

A further safeguard against continued abuses of the spirit of the act will be provided in the amendment by delegating to the state superintendent of public instruction general supervisory powers in the administration of the act.

It is probable also that a concurrent resolution will be introduced in the session appealing to the American Legion organization throughout Oregon for co-operation with the state administration in preventing further abuses of the act.

Both Senator Pierce and Senator W. T. Vinton, who also sat in on the conference, declared that the interpretations of the act had been far broader than that at all classes of schools, including business colleges and trade schools, were now admitted under the provisions of the act, but neither were of the opinion that any change should be made in this interpretation at this time.

An appeal by L. G. Nichol of the Y. M. C. A. business college of Portland, for the admittance of student army trainee corps men to the benefits of the act failed to meet with the approval of the senate present.

More Money Needed.

Under the existing two-tenths of a mill provision for the financial needs of the measure, approximately \$200,000 is provided annually. This, experience has proven, covers approximately only one-half the needs of the act. At the present time 20,000 ex-service men are receiving financial aid in pursuing their education in public and private educational institutions throughout the state. The act provides that each of these men is entitled to a maximum of \$25 per month, or \$240 in one year and not to exceed a total of \$480 all told. While not all applicants are taking advantage of the maximum allowance of \$25, it is estimated that \$450,000 per year, or twice as much as has been provided for, will be needed in the administration of the act under the present enrollment. At a recent meeting of the state emergency board a deficiency appropriation of \$300,000 was authorized to take care of the emergency needs of the act. This amount would be included in the \$450,000 which the special appropriation will be asked to appropriate at this time.

People Must Ratify.

The proposed increase of the millage tax from two tenths to four tenths of a mill, involving an increase in state taxes, must go to a vote of the people for approval if the measure to be drafted into the service before November 11, 1921, are entitled to the benefits of the measure.

BIGGEST FIGHT OF SESSION CENTERS ON GAME BUREAU

Fish and game matters promise to furnish the big fight of the special session of the legislature. The bill represented in the lobby by H. B. Van Dozer of Portland, President Price of the Multnomah Anglers and President Downs of the state league of clubs, while the Rogue river anglers are represented by President George Mansfield of Medford. The sportsmen seek a separation of fish and game matters into two commissions while the Rogue river anglers seek constitutional amendments closing the Rogue to commercial fishing and the cessation of state aid to salmon hatcheries.

The fish and game commission, Wardens Shoemaker and Clanton are also present demanding an official investigation of their administration. Their request resulted in a measure calling for the appointment of a commission, which was under debate when the house adjourned. It was favored by Jean but attacked by Smith of Multnomah as being designed to tie the governor's hands by dragging the investigation over until the regular session. Smith of Baker declared that the governor should be tied up to keep him from wobbling any more.

The house is reported favorable to one commission of seven members to be chosen by the legislature, three for game, three for commercial fishing, and a neutral chairman. The sportsmen oppose this bill, holding that no legislation at all is preferable, and insist the governor should name the commission.

Pledging themselves to work for "100 per cent thrift education for Marion county school children" twenty-one principals, representing all schools in Marion county, gathered at the mid-winter convocation of the Marion County Principals Association, Saturday.

The main purpose of the thrift campaign is to inculcate the habit of economy and savings in the boy or girl," said County Superintendent W. M. Smith. The principals aim to encourage the savings habit among the 7000 pupils of Marion county schools. The plan is to encourage each pupil to save at least \$1, with the view of having a total showing for Marion county of at least \$35,000 by December 31, 1920.

During the afternoon, Professor Thomas W. Jenette of Monmouth talked on "A New Course of Study for Normal Schools." This was followed by a discussion regarding the merits of proposed changes. State Superintendent Churchill gave a short address on "High School Organization."

The pedagogues designated February 21, 1920, as the next meeting date and instructed the program and entertainment committee to provide a banquet and special program at the February session.

A committee headed by E. S. Stultz, of the Jefferson schools, was formed which will review rules and regulations for the coming meet. This committee will also make provisions for schedules and rules of county baseball leagues.

PRINCIPALS FAVOR THRIFT EDUCATION

Silverton, Jan. 12.—At the annual business meeting of Trinity Lutheran church held recently a most encouraging report was read by the secretary, M. G. Gunderson, secretary of the society, reported that sufficient money had been subscribed to pay off all indebtedness of the new church building, which was dedicated last October, and that there will be a surplus in the treasury when this is done. It was also reported that the society had over subscribed its quota to the missions and synodical funds.

Another important action of the members was the increase of Rev. Hendiksen's salary five hundred dollars a year. This is considered exceptionally well when it is remembered that the minister received an increase in salary last year of \$200.

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S. H. TOUTJIAN Armenian Lecturer-Refugee

Will give Bible statements in regard to table rapping, ouija board, spiritism, Higher Criticisms, etc. He talks on the subject: "Can The Dead Communicate With The Living."

TONIGHT

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BURDEN OF FEEDING EUROPE RELIEVED

Washington, Jan. 12.—Because of the "enormously improved" conditions overseas, the task of feeding Europe until the next harvest on October 1 will not be the burden of the American government that it was last year, the house ways and means committee was told today by Herbert Hoover.

"From the signing of the armistice last July 1, the provisioning of Europe cost two and one-half billions dollars," he said. "That was a burden on our government and the taxpayers. In one form or another, the United States treasury advanced \$2,250,000,000 to feed Europe. But this year Europe will be largely able to feed itself by the exchange of goods, and credits of \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000 from the United States. In all, the situation is that of fronting the echo of the situation we had to front last year."

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION ENDORSES THRIFT CAMPAIGN

National Thrift Week, its aims and aspirations, was heartily endorsed at a meeting Monday morning of the Salem Ministerial Association, that pledged its aid to the movement. National Thrift Week will be observed here beginning January 17.

The movement was also endorsed by the Salem Women's club, that met Saturday at the Commercial club.

IRISH PREACHER URGES GROWING OF FLAX IN STATE

Urging the planting and handling of flax in Oregon because the climate is ideal to that here, Dr. S. J. Reid, Irish preacher, addressed the business men at the Commercial club Monday noon. Dr. Reid talked on "Commercial possibilities of Ireland," and because the flax industry is one of the greatest on the Emerald Isle, and because of the similarity of climates of Oregon and Ireland declared that he could see no reason why this state cannot grow sufficient flax to support the United States, if not foreign countries.

"I cannot see why the legislature doesn't appoint a committee to investigate," he said. "So long as Oregon is developing its resources, it strikes me strange that it doesn't take this up, for I'm sure that fortunes can be made in it here as they are being made in Ireland."

Talk is Humorous.

Dr. Reid's talk was fraught with Irish humor. He told of the great political problem that aches within the island's borders, and likened it unto "just an Irish playful prank."

"I know that that is a tremendous problem," he asserted. "Perhaps a greater political problem has never faced any country. But I'm sure that there are great things ahead. And I'm sure that after this is solved, no matter what the solution, that the Irish will have their fun, and something else will be started. You don't think they're going back and sit down do you? Oh no! It's Irish they are, and being such, sport and fun they must have."

Ireland is prosperous and happy, in its commercial life, Dr. Reid declared. Because of its great cooperative commercial scheme, eliminating the middle man, and undermining competition, it is one of the most prosperous countries in the world, he said.

Ireland Feeds England.

Each night, except Sunday, the preacher said, many shiploads of Irish products sail from Irish ports for England. "Ireland is the supply house for Great Britain," he declared.

There is more money per capita in Irish banks, he asserted, than in either England, Scotland or Wales. All their prosperity, shown by this, Dr. Reid declared, is because "they are naturally thrifty."

"You don't see many autos in Ireland," he declared. "That's because the Irish believe in doing things the right way. They don't believe in getting a machine, not even a tin Lizzie, if they can't get a chauffeur for it. A man with a machine is even regarded as a snob."

"You can't judge an Irishman by his appearances. They don't try, like Americans do, to make themselves appear just a little better than they are. Rather, they try to look just a little worse than they really are. For the Irishman always makes his joke on the other fellow."

Gives Key to Prosperity.

"I'll bet that if today you saw Lloyd-George you'd think he'd be ashamed. You would find his pants bagging, his coat shabby, and that he needs his hair cut. But you can't judge him by those things. In Ireland they wear their clothes until they are worn out. That's why they enjoy prosperity and happiness. Their life isn't sham."

John W. Troy, singing evangelist, who, with Dr. Reid, have been conducting evangelical services here, sang for the business men. The largest crowd that has ever attended one of the lunches was on hand, several being turned away.

ARMY LEADERS MEET IN CAPITAL TO DISCUSS REORGANIZATION

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