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## LEGION PLANS CENSUS OF ALL EX-SERVICE MEN

CENSUS WILL BE KNOWN AS A SERVICE AND COMPENSATION CAMPAIGN; TO BE MODELED AFTER IOWA PLAN:

Those Having Claims of Any Kind Against the Government Will Be Assisted in Presenting Them and Obtaining a Quick Settlement.

(By International News Service) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 20.—

A census of all world war veterans in the United States to determine what form of federal compensation each man prefers is to be arranged at the most important meeting of the American Legion ever held between national conventions.

At this meeting which convenes here today, Hanford MacNider, national commander of the Legion, will present plans for interviewing every ex-service man to determine his desires as regards the five-fold adjusted compensation scheme set out in the pending "bonus" bill in congress.

By determining in each instance whether cash payment, paid-up insurance, vocational training, aid in buying a home or aid in settling land is preferred, the census is expected to be of vast assistance to the government in making provision for compensation settlements. It will determine, it is pointed out, the extent of the immediate demand on the cash resources of the nation.

The canvass, which also will include ex-service women, in addition to giving an accurate perspective of the so-called bonus situation, is designed to pave the way for speedy adjustment of claims of the veterans against the government.

The question of unemployment, too, will come in for a goodly share of attention by the convention.

President Harding Represented C. R. Forbes, director of the United States Veterans' bureau, is here as the personal representative of President Harding and Judge K. M. Landis is booked as one of the speakers. All state commanders, adjutants and national executive committeemen, chairmen of standing committees and national Legion officials are to attend.

The census will be known as a service and compensation campaign, and is modeled after the "Iowa plan," successfully used in that state when Commander MacNider was the head of the state Legion organization. After approval by the convention it is intended to undertake the census at once.

The country will be divided into districts, with a Legion committeeman to supervise. Districts will be small enough so that thorough canvassing can be assured. Legion volunteers will work under the direction of the committeemen and will visit every house and interview every veteran.

Canvassers also will ascertain how many veterans will lend their compensation payments to a general fund to be administered by the Legion, out of which loans would be made to disabled, unemployed or needy ex-service men. Commander MacNider, in recently announcing this new plan, expressed the belief the revolving fund would total several million dollars.

Help Those with Claims

Everyone who has a claim of any sort against the government is to be assisted in presenting it and obtaining quick settlement, under the census plan, and veterans will be asked to tell what they desire the Legion to accomplish. This latter phase of the program is expected to be of immense assistance to the national organization.

As to unemployment, some means will be devised whereby the Legion can assist nationally in placing ex-service men in jobs. Plans will be adopted for further assistance by the Legion in the rehabilitation of veterans.

## Celebrates Near Central Point Wednesday Night

A triple celebration was held Wednesday evening at the home of County Treasurer A. C. Walker, near Central Point. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Walker and family of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Avery of this city, a newly married couple who had just come from California (names withheld), and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Walker. It was the 22d wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Walker, Mr. Avery's birthday, and the wedding supper of the newly married couple. An unexcelled dinner was served by the hostess at 6 o'clock and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## DEMOCRACY OF ASIA AT STAKE SAYS DR. REINSCH

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—"I do not believe that the people of the United States sufficiently realize that the future of democracy in eastern Asia is at stake," declared Dr. Reinsch, counsellor to the Chinese government, in an address before the National Popular Government league here yesterday.

Dr. Reinsch also said that unless Japan was forced to abandon certain elements in her policy, war on the continent would be unavoidable. These points involved are the control of the Shantung railroad, the abolition of spheres of international and special privilege in China and the actual and immediate removal of Japanese military forces from China and Siberia. "These are the points on which the conference must stand or fall," he warned.

## BIRTHS AGAIN EXCEED DEATHS

Dr. F. G. Swedenburg, secretary of the board of health, reports that the birth rate is again exceeding the death rate as shown by the statistics for the past year, there being 81 deaths and 104 births in Ashland. Records for a few years previous are as follows:

In 1920 there was 82 deaths and 113 births; in 1919, 89 deaths and 80 births; 1918, 101 deaths and 63 births; 1917 with 102 deaths and 99 births; 1916 with 74 deaths and 78 births.

It is indeed good to know that the balance has again changed in favor of births, for when the death rate exceeds the birth rate, it is decidedly discouraging for the future of our country, and a long period with the death rate holding the best of the scales would undoubtedly bring about dire results.

Dr. Swedenburg has served as secretary of the board of health for 14 years and has a set of records as such that he is justly proud of.

## CHINA WILL INSIST ON DISCUSSION OF "TWENTY-ONE DEMANDS"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—China today began a "last ditch" fight to compel the Washington conference to review the famous "21 demands."

Defeated thus far in every attempt they have made in this direction, despite the support given by the United States, the Chinese are now pinning their hopes on the last item on the Chinese program—"status of existing commitments."

Under this heading the Chinese see their last opportunity to obtain a review of the concessions which Japan wrung from China while the world's attention was riveted upon the European war.

## RETAIL PRICE OF FOOD IS SLOWLY COMING DOWN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—The retail price of food is coming down, but the decrease is so small that it is almost negligible, amounting to only one per cent in December as compared with November, the department of labor declared today.

Foodstuffs, farm products, clothing, chemicals and drugs showed a declining tendency which was most pronounced in such articles as cattle, hay, hops, peanuts, butter, eggs, cheese, lard, lemons, oranges and sugar. Fuel prices showed a slight increase and building materials advanced 3 per cent in December over the November level.

An increase of 2 per cent for the month was reported in the group of miscellaneous commodities including bran, oil, paper, Manila rope, Mexican sisal and tankage.

The general price level in December, according to the announcement was 21 per cent lower than it one year before.

## HALF MILLION IN BONDS IS STOLEN

ELKHART, Ind., Jan. 20.—Dan Ingram, negro porter, has confessed to the theft of a mail pouch containing \$500,000 from a truck on the platform of Elkhart station on Wednesday. Ingram implicated George E. Scrubbs, 35, white, former convict, who had been taken into custody in connection with the mail robbery.

Marines and postal inspectors yesterday trailed the robber who stole two registered mail pouches containing \$500,000 in bonds and then shoved \$100,000 worth of the loot in the postoffice window.

The thief, it was believed, was an expert on securities. He picked out the \$100,000 worth of non-negotiable bonds which were returned to the post office with the note:

"Here's your bonds," and signed, "Tommy O'Connor."

Investigators do not believe that O'Connor, who escaped from a Chicago jail when he was about to be hanged, had anything to do with the robbery. It is believed the thief used the gunman's name to cover up his identity.

## Square Deal Grocery Opens New Store

Stocked with Olympic products, Messrs. E. W. Flackus and Allen Powell, proprietors of the Square Deal grocery, one of Ashland's hustling firms, have opened a products store just three doors south of their present grocery.

They have secured exclusively the Olympic products for this section of the country, which consists of a full line of chicken, dairy and hog feeds. These Olympic products are manufactured in Portland Flouring Mills at Portland Oregon, one of the largest institutions of its kind on the Pacific coast.

Both Mr. Flackus and Mr. Powell are very enthusiastic over their new line of Olympic products, and expect to supply the surrounding country with their various feeds. They have spared no expense in making this the leading store of its kind in Ashland and southern Oregon.

Messrs. Flackus and Powell send out the following invitation:

"To the dairymen and especially to those who raise poultry and hogs, we want you to come in and look over our complete line of Olympic products. We will be only too glad to furnish you with data regarding these feeds, and at all times we will keep in mind quality, price, service and best goods for the money."

## Financial Aid

The Civic Improvement club party given by Mrs. P. K. Hammond was quite a success financially, netting the sum of \$34, including \$5 sent to the party by Miss Grace Chamberlain, president of the club, who is now sojourning in California.

## Haz Kik



The amount of wage a business can afford to pay an employe must of necessity depend upon the productive capacity of the employe, not on the number of hours employed on the job. Payrolls must be produced before they can be paid. HAZ KIK.

## R'member

HOW YOU USED TO QUARREL WITH THE LITTLE GIRL NEXT DOOR— AND YOU'RE STILL BATTLING WITH HER.



## TWO ARBUCKLE WITNESSES HELD BY DIST. ATTORNEY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Miss Zey Provost was suddenly recalled from the stand yesterday when the prosecution declared that it was "surprised" at her testimony in the manslaughter trial of Roscoe (Fat) Arbuckle. Miss Provost testified that she did not "remember" a number of salient points in her testimony at a previous trial of the action.

Adjournment was taken until 1:30 o'clock p. m. to give the court opportunity to look into the "surprise" features of Miss Provost's testimony, and also on account of failure of certain witnesses to appear.

Efforts of the prosecution to elicit evidence from her was characterized as "dentistry" by Garvin McNab, chief defense counsel.

The witness said she made an effort to force her way, with a number of other guests into a room in which Arbuckle was alone with Miss Rappe during the party. Arbuckle opened the door and it was seen that he was clad only in bath robe and pajamas. Miss Rappe, she said, was tossing on a bed and moaning, "I am dying."

The defendant jokingly tried to prevent Miss Rappe from tearing her clothes off," the witness said.

The witness was one of those who tried to assist Miss Rappe, she said.

## COAL MINERS TO STRIKE APRIL 1

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—A "last ditch" fight against starvation wages has been determined upon by the organized miners, now massing their ranks for a nationwide strike on April 1, it was learned today.

The miners will first demand a 5 to 10 per cent increase in wages effective April 1, when the existing contracts expire, the leaders of the miners' organization announced. A rejection of these demands by the operators will precipitate a strike of such proportions as to paralyze the entire coal industry.

The funeral of Mrs. W. H. Leeds was held from the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was attended by many friends of the deceased.

## Answers Last Call To The Great Beyond

Hans T. Eshensen passed away Thursday evening at 10 o'clock at his home, 219 Meade street. He is survived by his wife and four children. The children are Mrs. Ernest M. Wallin of this city; Miss Sigrid Eshensen, San Bernardino, Calif.; George Eshensen, Mondak, Wis.; and Mrs. C. G. Stevens, Seattle, Wash. Mr. Eshensen was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1942, and came to this country early in life. He has resided in Ashland only two years.

The children, residing out of town were called a few days ago and told of the serious condition of Mr. Eshensen, but the daughter living in California, and the son were unable to reach here until this morning.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of H. C. Stock.

## PONTIFF SINKS RAPIDLY DURING AFTERNOON

ATTACK OF GRIPPE CONTRACTED EARLY IN THE WEEK, DEVELOPS INTO PNEUMONIA AND OTHER COMPLICATIONS.

All Preparations Made Earlier in Day While the Pope Was Still Conscious—Death Expected Any Moment, According to Vatican.

A wire received shortly before going to press gives the pope's condition as hopeless. The message reads: "The pope lost consciousness this evening. Now in a state of coma. All preparations were made for death while he was still conscious."

## STANDARDIZATION OF CONSTRUCTION HOOVER'S PLANS

ROME, Jan. 20.—Pope Benedict, who was reported last night as resting easy with hopes of early recovery, took a decided turn for the worse during the night. This morning he was being kept alive by the use of oxygen and artificial heart stimulants.

According to the Vatican, the pope was stricken with an attack of la grippe, and on account of his age, 67 years, pneumonia has set in with inflammation of the throat and high fever.

It was reported later in the day by Cardinal Gasparri that the pontiff was sinking rapidly, causing great concern in the vatican.

## NEGRO SOLDIERS VICTIMS OF BLACK-MAIL SAYS MASON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—New charges that the two negroes who were hanged at Montour, France, were executed on the complaint of a French girl, were made known today before the Watson investigating committee.

L. C. Mason, Davenport, Ia., told the committee that he saw the hangings. He declared that the soldiers were blackmail victims of the French girl. This girl who was often seen about the camp and had a bad reputation, complained that two soldiers had attacked her. She was taken through the barracks of the white soldiers to see if she could identify the alleged attackers, then to the negro barracks, where she picked out two blacks.

The witness added that there was much comment about the camp over the fact that the girl did not seem to know at first whether the men she accused were white or black.

## U. OF O. SHOWS STEADY GROWTH IN ENROLLMENT

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Twenty years ago the enrollment in the University of Oregon was 187; ten years ago it was 636; at present it is 2160.

The enrollment has almost doubled since 1918, the students at that time numbering 1114.

The present enrollment figure of 2160 does not include the medical, music, extension, correspondence or summer school students, who would bring the total enrollment of the university during 1921 to more than 5000.

## WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—

The United States army cannot with safety be cut down below the present authorized strength, armament conference or no armed conference" General Pershing emphatically asserted before the house military affairs committee today.

Pershing appeared before the committee to recommend the calling of a "plucking board" to weed out some of the less efficient officers of higher rank in the army.

## SOLDIER SHOT BY FIRING SQUAD AT CHATEAU-THIERRY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—The shooting of a soldier by a firing squad in France was described by George W. Yarbrough of Roanoke, Ala., today before the senate committee investigating alleged illegal executions of soldiers during the war.

"During heavy shell fire near Chateau Thierry," said Yarbrough, "I was going up the road with other men when we saw a soldier, his hands tied behind him, being marched towards the woods. The sight was so unusual it attracted our attention. There was an officer, I judged to be a major, in charge of the squad and when they started to shoot the soldier, a white boy about 20 years old, he asked that he be not blindfolded."

"Was there anything about the execution to make you believe that it was an abuse of power?" Chairman Brandagee asked.

"Nothing whatever, but I felt that if they had detailed a squad to kill a man they could have detailed a squad to bury him."