

VETERANS TARGET FOR ECONOMY DIG DECLARES LEADER

Commander Van Zandt Addresses Crowd at Armory On Effects of Withdrawal Funds for Ex-Soldiers

Leading a concerted attack on the National Economy League, James E. Van Zandt, national commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, last night addressed a gathering of over two hundred veterans and friends in the Medford armory, and told his audience that the veterans "economy dig" was the "target" for the "economy dig."

Commander Van Zandt, of Altoona, Pa., who has been on a three months' tour of the United States, addressing V. F. W. meetings, gave a brief history of the organization, which was formed 34 years ago by the Spanish-American war veterans. He described the V. F. W. as representative of the overseas veterans of the United States.

Primary purpose of the veteran group is to take care of the veterans and their dependents, the commander said, and added, "We feel that we have proved to the nation that we represent the true American citizen."

To make better citizens of the American youth, by organizing Boy and Scout troops, drill teams and High School troops have been among the objectives. Believing that the youth of today have many leisure hours, the veterans have taken action to make profitable use of this time.

Communists Danger

"There are many thousands of communists who are attempting to destroy the federal government of America, and the V. F. W. is today working under a program directed at the communists. The V. F. W. has opposed recognition of Soviet Russia," Commander Van Zandt said, adding that "they are now operating in the schools of the nation, trying to poison the minds of the young people."

"We oppose the recognition of Russia until we are convinced that Russia will eliminate the communist party, and absolutely disallow it to pass around literature such as has been circulated during the past four or five years."

Concerning the foreign element, Commander Van Zandt stated that the Veterans of Foreign Wars are opposed to further immigration until the unemployed in this country are put to work. Although opposing immigration, he told the audience that the patriotic organization does all in its power to make good citizens of those who come here.

"Facilities have made great inroads into the national defense of our country; many boats have been taken from both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and sold, forts have been abandoned, and we feel, as veterans of foreign war who have served in actual war zones that we should have adequate national defense."

For Preparedness

Commander Van Zandt spoke of the thousands "mowed down" in the world war, due to lack of training, and demanded that the army, navy and marine corps be established on an equal basis with those of foreign nations.

At the national convention held in Milwaukee in September, the veterans asked that free hospitalization be restored to those who fought in the world war. President Roosevelt, according to Commander Van Zandt, at that time endorsed the thought contained in the disability allowance act.

How the disabled veteran becomes a care to the community, the county, state, and then the federal government if the others are unable to care for him, was pictured by the national commander in his request that the disabled men be considered. He also said that congress was being urged to pay the bonus immediately, and that the veterans were getting behind the bills to be proposed at the opening of congress January 4.

Two Injustices

Two points, he said, brought about injustices to the veterans. The "economy dig," as Commander Van Zandt classified it, started in 1919, when the government first opposed giving each discharged man \$50 with which to purchase necessary civilian clothing at the close of the war.

"Big business opposed this," he declared, "on the grounds that it represented a bonus. The amount, when allowed, was reduced from the compensation by the anti-bonus committee, financed by Wall Street."

"Investigation of the National Economy League disclosed that there were 121,299 taxpayers in the organization, and that of the \$182,000 contributed, 18 millionaires in the state of New York furnished \$127,000, clearly showing that it was not an organization of the 'small taxpayers.'"

"They made the veterans the 'target' of their work," Rear Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd, their chairman of the executive committee, declared that thousands were taking amounts from the federal government annually in the form of a bonus, but he failed to separate that from the bonus of \$4200 he receives annually.

Slaps at Byrd

"He was a junior grade lieutenant before the war, and while doing gymnastics on a horizontal bar in the Annapolis gymnasium he broke his ankle, receiving a medical discharge. He is the only man in the United States service known as a 'horizontal admiral.'"

Commander Van Zandt gave further details of Rear Admiral Byrd's activities, and told how he was advanced from junior grade lieutenant to the position of rear admiral, "with congress giving him a bonus for life, leaving him nothing to do for the rest of his life but make trips to the north and south poles to talk to the icebergs."

Comparisons were made by Van Zandt showing that many who saw service overseas were getting \$12 a month and should they live to the age of 75, each would be paid \$4320 by the government, while if Byrd

lives to the same age, he will have received \$109,200.

Roosevelt Figurehead
Van Zandt declared that Archibald Roosevelt had been named secretary of the National Economy League only because of his name, "his services not being worth over 15 cents a year. Archibald Roosevelt represents a failure," he said, "and has disgraced the name of Roosevelt, having been involved in many national scandals."

"They will not attack the mail contracts, the huge salaries of government officials and the expenditures of the war department, but come back on the veterans." Various departments of the government were attacked by him, and Andrew Mellon was ridiculed for his appearance in the court of St. James wearing knee breeches.

"Every time a big income taxpayer takes a dollar from the veteran, he saves 33-1/3 cents," according to the V. F. W. commander. He told how the economy bill, passed this year, was "jammed down the throats of congressmen," and that an appeal "for the sake of humanity" was made by veterans to President Roosevelt not to sign the bill.

To the veterans and through the administration in the state of Oregon \$6,670,250 was paid out in this state before the economy act, he said, for pensions, compensation and hospitalization.

Support Asked
President Roosevelt knows we have him in a difficult position, and he knows that congress will vote for the economy act, he said.

The meeting, presided over by Commander I. D. Canfield of the local V. F. W. chapter, was preceded by a banquet in honor of Commander Van Zandt. A large number of representatives of V. F. W. groups throughout Oregon and northern California were also present and were honored guests on the platform.

Mayor E. M. Wilson gave a brief address of welcome and, in behalf of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, George Henselman presented the national commander with a photograph of Crater Lake, and informed him a box of pears would be shipped to him.

A class of about ten candidates was taken into the organization, with Commander Van Zandt administering the oath. Music was furnished by the Elks' band and the Junior drum corps of the Medford V. F. W. received great applause for its numbers.

VanZandt enlisted in the United States navy April 29, 1917, when he was a senior in the Altoona, Pa. high school. He was trained at the U. S. naval training station, Newport, R. I. and on board the U. S. S. New York. In June of 1917, he was transferred to the U. S. S. Albany and immediately placed on board an English merchantman as signalman for the first mercantile voyage to leave the states for Europe. For the remainder of the world war he served as a signalman on board various merchant ships, making 12 round trips under the supervision of the U. S. armed guard, with headquarters at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Served on Transport.
VanZandt served on board the U. S. S. Santa Paula in the return of troops to the states, making five round trips. Following this assignment, he served as athletic coach for the various sport teams at the Brooklyn navy yard.

With the rank of chief quartermaster, VanZandt was discharged in September, 1919, only to re-enlist in the Fleet Naval Reserve a few weeks later. He still is a member of the reserves, having taken the annual summer cruises required by the regulations.

Active in sports since boyhood, Commander-in-Chief VanZandt has held numerous A. A. U. championships. In February, 1924, he was called back to serve in the navy as trainer and represent the navy in the 1924 Olympics at Paris, France. He has also been active in Boy Scout work.

Is Railroad Man.
Starting with the Pennsylvania railroad as an apprentice and serving in all branches of railroading, he is now a special representative of the passenger traffic department.

As a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, VanZandt has served as commander of James L. Noble post No. 3 in Altoona, two successive terms as commander of the department of Pennsylvania, national chief of staff in

Society and Clubs

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Mrs. Orr Honored At Bridge Party

A very pleasant event of last evening was the party given by Mrs. Wm. H. Lydiard, at her home, 16 Geneva, for the pleasure of her sister, Mrs. Chas. A. Orr of Portland, who has been her house guest for the past 10 days.

There were two tables of contract in play and prizes awarded Miss Dee Scheffel and Mrs. Earl Leever at cards.

Present were Mesdames Elmo Russell, Chas. Wortman, Frank Rogers, Earl Leever, Helen Holt Wilson and Miss Scheffel, Mrs. Orr and the hostess.

Mrs. Orr is remembered here as the former Barbara McCouat. She is returning today to her home in Portland.

Dr. Rochelle and Miss Bailey Here
Dr. Mary Jane Rochelle and Miss Alma H. Bailey of Portland are being welcomed to Medford this week, where they plan to spend the winter. They are temporarily located at the Findlay apartments on South Holly, and Dr. Rochelle is considering purchase of a home here, being in search of a mild climate. She is a graduate of the Women's Medical college of Pennsylvania and practiced medicine for over 27 years in Philadelphia. Miss Bailey is known throughout the state for her work in child evangelism in Portland. She plans to open classes in this city.

Mrs. Williams Feeds At Birthday Dinner
Mrs. C. H. Williams was hostess last Sunday at a dinner party, complimenting her daughter, Ilda, on the anniversary of her birthday. Chrysanthemums decorated the table and a Thanksgiving atmosphere was further expressed in the menu with turkey the center of interest.

Covers were arranged for the honor guest, Miss Williams, Miss Edna Elbert, Miss Joyce Andrews, Miss Ruth Ottomann and Ray Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Legion and Auxiliary To Give Monday Dinner

A joint dinner of the Medford post of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary has been announced for Monday evening, and a large crowd is anticipated for the affair. Covered dish dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock in the dining room of the Armory. Each family is asked to bring table service.

NOTED SPEAKER TO LECTURE TUESDAY

Flower Sechler, noted speaker of Hollywood, Cal., will be in this city next week, and will give a lecture on Tuesday evening, November 28, in the ladies' clubroom in the city hall on North Central.

She comes to this city highly recommended by people in the south and local folk, who heard her lecture in October on "The Law of Compensation." There will be no charge for the lecture.

HELEN MOODY TO REST TWO YEARS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Helen Wills Moody, one of the greatest women players in the history of tennis, is not going to compete in the game she loves for at least two years.

1930-1931, and junior vice-commander-in-chief, in which office he was elected at the 32nd national encampment held in Kansas City in 1931. At Sacramento, Cal., in 1932, VanZandt was advanced to senior vice-commander-in-chief, and at Milwaukee in 1933, was elected commander-in-chief, the highest position in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

EX-DRY CHIEF CHARGES 'DUPLICITY'



Major A. V. Dalrymple (right) charged some of his associates with "duplicity, double crossing and double-dealing" and demanded that they be let out of government service, in his final statement as director of the federal prohibition bureau. He is shaking hands with John S. Hurley, who is to direct the prohibition unit as it is reorganized under the bureau of investigation in the department of justice. (Associated Press Photo)

TONY AND KEEF FACE SMALL GATE TONIGHT

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Tony Cannoneri and Kid Chocolate, who once fought before a \$90,000 house, will renew their feud in Madison Square Garden tonight with prospects of receipts barely touching \$20,000.

Since the night he outpointed Chocolate in a 15-round lightweight championship match two years ago, Cannoneri has been stripped of his title by Barney Ross of Chicago. Chocolate still is world's featherweight champion in the eyes of the New York state athletic commission. Cannoneri rates a 7-5 favorite for their 10-round non-title duel tonight.

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County Judge Earl B. Day returned this morning from Salem, where he "looked in" on the state legislature, and Portland, where he attended the CWA sessions for the immediate organization of state relief work.

said Judge Day. "I called upon the governor and told him all the men mentioned were good men, stood high in the community, had a large following and lots of friends, and that I was neutral on the subject, and had no favorites."

The county judge said the county court was striving to iron out the ill-effects of the Banks-Fehl turmoil and place the county again on a businesslike and harmonious basis, and did not want to be parties to any political move that might stir anew the fires of controversy.

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