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SOLDIERS' BONUS BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

As Finally Agreed to by Republican Members of the House Ways and Means Committees—Claim New Bill Will Enable Needy Veterans to Obtain Cash Without Additional Tax on the General Public—Besides the Bank Loan Provision the Measure Holds Forth Vocational Training, Farm and Home Aid, and Land Settlement—Final Cost to the Government is Placed All the Way From $1,000,000,000 to $4,750,000,000.

Washington, March 7.—The compromise soldiers' bonus bill, carrying a bank loan provision in place of the cash installment payment plan originally proposed and once approved by the house, finally was agreed to today by republican members of the ways and means committee. It was introduced later in the house by Chairman Fordney, who announced that it would not be called up until next Monday, if then.

Passage of the bill was predicted by Mr. Fordney. His opinion appeared to be shared by members of the house generally, some of whom said that on the final vote party lines would disappear. There was some speculation in house lobbies and corridors as to President Harding's views of the compromise plan and also as to whether he would find occasion to express those views before the house voted.

Chairman Fordney still declined to say whether he had discussed the compromise with the executive. At the White House it was said that Mr. Harding had not studied and consequently had not formed an opinion as to the bank loan provision. He was represented, however, as maintaining the same position that he did when he wrote Mr. Fordney on February 16 that the bonus either should be paid by a sales tax or the legislation postponed.

No Large Drain For Three Years.

Some of the majority members of the committee believe that since the new plan defers for three years any large drain on the federal treasury the president will not object to it. They say the compromise will enable needy veterans to obtain cash without the necessity of imposing additional taxes on the general public.

Just when the bill will be called up in the house will not be decided until after

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LEGAL ENTANGLEMENTS OF MUSCLE SHOALS OFFER

Washington, March 7.—Chairman Kahn of the house military committee today told W. B. Mayo, chief of engineers for Henry Ford, that it would require years to thresh out existing legal entanglements, and it was doubtful even then that the government would be able to accept the Detroit manufacturer's proposed contract for purchase and lease of the nitrate and power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala.

After the committee adjourned other committee members said the legal barriers to acceptance of the Ford proposal appeared insuperable because of the contracts held by the Alabama Power company and the Air Nitrates corporation, which, these concerns claim, give them exclusive rights to purchase the Warrior steam plant and nitrate plant No. 2, respectively. Both units would be delivered to Mr. Ford with free titles in the event his proposal was accepted and could not be freed from the contract conditions without prolonged litigation in the courts.

The discussion of the legal difficulties [illegible] fixed in considering the Muscle Shoals situation developed after Mr. Mayo and Gray Silver, Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau federation, had presented three alternatives which they said Mr. Ford had agreed to make in his original offer for the Shoals projects.

The first alteration provided for a fixed capitalization of not less than $10,000,000 for the company Mr. Ford would create to operate the Alabama enterprise. The amendment was suggested by Secretary Weeks when he submitted the bid to congress in order to safeguard the government's interests against failure of the operating company to carry out the contract in good faith for the 100 years it would be effective.

Another amendment offered by Mr. Mayo was a guarantee to manufacture "commercial fertilizers" rather than nitrates and "other compounds" while the third proposed to give authority to the company's directing board to regulate the delivery of the fertilizer direct from factory to consumer, making it impossible for intermediary agents to handle the products and increase the price to the farmers above the 8 per cent. profit charged by the manufacturing company.

NEW PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE R. I. TEXTILE STRIKE

Providence, R. I., March 7.—Announcement of a new plan for the settlement of the Rhode Island textile strike is expected when the state board of mediation and conciliation meets here tomorrow. The call for the meeting was issued today by Judge J. Jerome Hahn, chairman.

While no official statement has been made as to the terms of the new proposal it was generally understood tonight that the board will not try to include the question of hours in the scope of arbitration but will suggest that this be left to the legislature. Strike leaders, including President Thomas F. McMahon, president of the United Textile Workers, and William H. Derrick, organizer for the Amalgamated Textile Workers and head of the Pawtuxet valley strikers, have steadily refused to submit the matter of hours to arbitration.

According to unofficial forecasts, the board will propose that work be resumed in the Rhode Island mills on a modus operandi which will include in its terms a wage reduction of 10 per cent. instead of the 20 per cent. cut announced just prior to the strike six weeks ago. The plan is based on figures submitted to the tribunal by Labor Commissioner George H. Webb.

No additional mills were reopened today in any of the textile strike areas of the state. Order prevailed everywhere.

TO FINANCE MUNITIONS FACTORIES IN EUROPE

New York, March 7.—An international banking house is considering granting a substantial loan to a European industrial company prominent in the manufacture of arms and munitions, but now operating on a peace basis. The names of the parties are withheld pending the negotiations.

The loan, if consummated, will be interesting from the fact that it would be the first underwriting of its kind contemplated by American bankers since the close of the war.

TOOTH ARRESTED FOR MIDDLE BEACH ROBBERIES

Westbrook, Conn., March 7.—A series of robberies in summer cottages at Middle Beach which had outwitted the local watchers was cleared up by the state police, the latter believe, yesterday when German West, 19, was arrested. Today he was held in $2,000 for the superior court at Middletown after pleading guilty to theft. In a cottage which West is said to have used were found articles which were claimed by cottagers who came from Hartford, New Haven and other places to prove ownership.

ATTACK ON R. R. LABOR BOARD'S WAGE SCALE

Chicago, March 7.—Western railroads opened their attack on the railroad labor board's wage scale today in the nationwide wage hearing by introducing industrial wage figures from twenty-eight states, in all of which, it was declared, wages for similar work were generally lower than railroad wages.

The lower wages asked, according to J. W. Higgins, representing the western roads, are 50 to 100 per cent. higher than the wage scale of 1915 and 20 to 70 per cent. higher than in 1917.

A threatened break in the hearing was snuffed out in the preliminary discussion before the carriers got under way with their evidence when representatives of the roads maintained they were asking reductions only for their own shop crafts employes.

B. M. Jewell, president of the shop unions, interrupted to call nine roads to the front on charges that they were improperly before the board because they had delegated their shop work to contractors.

Mr. Jewell quizzed officials of the roads on whether they were asking reductions for the employes working for the contractors. All denied that their petitions covered other than the roads' own employes. The Erie railway, it was brought out, had withdrawn its petition for lower wages for shop crafts at the last minute on March 4. All shop work on the Erie, Mr. Jewell claimed, has been let to contractors.

Individual exhibits covering fifteen western states were presented by railroad representatives, elaborating on the general conditions shown by Mr. Higgins in his presentation. The entire survey showed that of 318,892 employes in numerous industries, 77.73 per cent. were receiving lower wages last December than the railroads are paying for similar work.

26 MARINES SENTENCED FOR FIGHTING NICARAGUAN POLICE

Managua, Nicaragua, March 7 (By the A. P.)—Twenty-six American marines who were found guilty of engaging in a fight with the city police Dec. 8, in which three policemen were killed, were sentenced today. Twenty of the men were given terms of eight years' imprisonment each, three of ten years each and three of twelve years each. All the sentences call for hard labor.

Three corporals of marines, Amthor, Burnett and Russell, were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment each, in addition to another 20 years for having deserted with their arms January 25 and killing four policemen at Diriamba. Sergeant Lee Henry of Louisville, Ky., was killed while fleeing with the three corporals after the shooting.

The entire command to which the convicted men belonged, including their officers, has been replaced by a new company of marines, and the local resentment felt over the shootings has been wiped out by the verdict of the American navy and marine officers who investigated the affair and the members of the court martial which found the men guilty. The American officers were entertained yesterday by the president and government officials. They will leave for the United States tomorrow.

LIQUOR AND BEER STOLEN FROM CELLAR AT MADISON, N. J.

Madison, N. J., March 7.—Two men in a motor truck, followed by two others in a touring car, drove up to the home of William Biey, a former Newark saloonkeeper, this afternoon, rolled three barrels and as many kegs of whiskey out of the cellar, placed them on the truck, and drove away.

The robbery occurred a few hours after a stranger attempted to purchase liquor from Biey, who said he had none. A maid in the Biey home, answering a telephone call in the afternoon, said her master was out.

A few minutes later the motors and men appeared. While one of them brushed by the maid at the front door, impersonating a federal officer, his companions entered at the rear and went into the cellar, returning with the whiskey, which was quickly rolled to the curb and placed on the truck.

The maid screamed and was struck in the face and knocked into a corner. She found the telephone wires had been cut when later she attempted to telephone the police.

The police have the license numbers of the two vehicles.

WENT WHOLE WAY INSTEAD OF TO DEATH'S PORTALS

New York, March 7.—Seeking data for his book, "The Hereafter," Thomas W. Weggielus, of Brooklyn, a 23 year old chemist, swallowed what he thought was just enough anaesthetic to take him to death's portals.

The book will never be finished, for young Weggielus miscalculated the dose and the portals swung wide for him.

An autopsy will be held tomorrow.

CABLED PARAGRAPHS

William H. Laurents Dead.

Paris, March 7.—William H. Laurents, the noted tennis player, who held the world's hard court championship, died today.

Laurents, who in the latest ranking of French lawn tennis players by the selection committee of the French Association was placed first, was a member of the French team in the Davis cup series for a number of years. He broke down after the Davis cup series in 1921.

FLOODS THROUGHOUT WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Springfield, Mass., March 7.—Towns and cities throughout Western Massachusetts suffered severely as a result of the heavy rainfall tonight. Streets and roads were impassable in many places, cellars were flooded, and light, power and trolley service was interrupted. In this city police closed a number of roads in outlying sections after motor vehicles had become stalled. In Great Barrington the Green river overflooded its banks and the selectmen ordered the road to South and North Egremont closed. Row boats were used in streets by residents along the river in South Deerfield where the water rose rapidly.

Water and sand a foot deep accumulating at the base of a bluff three miles north of Holyoke forced a suspension of traffic on the Connecticut river division of the Boston and Maine at nine o'clock tonight. It was expected that in a few hours section men would get the tracks sufficiently clear to permit the passing of the northbound Montreal express. A washout 25 feet wide and 25 feet deep was reported on the East Hampton branch. Mud washed down from a hillside covered the track at Fort Hill, N. H., but did not stop traffic.

ICE JAM CAUSES OVERFLOW OF THE NAUGATUCK RIVER

Waterbury, March 7.—An ice jam which has formed in the Naugatuck river several hundred yards above the plant of the Chase Rolling mills in Waterville has caused the river to overflow its banks and flood a score of houses. The heavy rain throughout the day has filled the river bank-full before the ice jam formed.

Officials of the Chase company and the American Pin company have ordered crews to work on the ice jam in the hope of breaking it before their factories are flooded. It is believed that dynamite will have to be used but the attempt to blow up the jam will be put over until morning unless the flood becomes greater.

Reports received here from towns along the upper Naugatuck say that the river is higher than it has been before in ten years. Houses have been flooded at Winsted and Thomaston. The water is almost to the sills of the Whittemore bridge at Naugatuck.

KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE DURING RAIN STORM

Newark, March 7.—Miss Julia Curran, 54, was instantly killed tonight by an automobile during the heavy rain storm. She was holding an umbrella over her head and was thrown several yards. R. E. Wians, driver of the car, was paroled pending an investigation.

VESSEL TORN FROM HER ANCHORAGE IN THE HUDSON

Jersey City, N. J., March 7.—Torn from her anchorage in the Hudson river by wind and tide, the Granite State, a shipping board vessel, drifted across the Hudson river tonight, lodged against Weehawken Ferry slips of the West Shore Railroad, and blocked river traffic for an hour.

The Granite State arrived from San Francisco and anchored in mid-stream. When she began drifting toward the New Jersey shore, tugs went to her side but were unable to bring her about.

HEAVY RAINFALL CAUSES FLOOD NEAR WINSTED

Winsted, March 7.—Flood conditions were prevalent in this section tonight, due to a heavy rainfall today. The Mad river had risen eight feet abov normal and overflowed its banks in the eastern section of this city. A great quantity of ice was washed into Rowley street from the river. Many cellars were flooded in that section.

The Central New England railway sent out extra section hands and received reports that its tracks were under water in many places between this city and Norfolk. Highways were reported damaged in the Litchfield hills.

RAINFALL IN BREAKING ICE IN THE CONNECTICUT

Middletown, Conn., March 7. — The heavy rainfall today caused a breaking up of much of the ice in the Connecticut river and created a big ice jam at the railroad bridge here. The highway along the river in Cromwell was flooded at many places.

Two Men Injured at Bridgeport.

Bridgeport, Conn., March 7.—William Silver, a laborer, was critically injured when he was struck by a sign which was blown from its fastenings in the rain and wind storm late today. He suffered a fractured skull and other injuries. Joseph Bergrand was blown from a fire escape and sustained a broken leg.

Dams Gave Way at Torrington.

Torrington, Conn., March 7. — The woolen mill and Clarks Pond dams gave way tonight as a result of high water following the terrific rain of the day, and the water released from confinement swept over the surrounding territory flooding cellars of farm houses, and threatening to carry some of them away. Residents were appreensive, but no one was injured, according to the late reports.

HILLARD LOSES $50,000 SUIT AGAINST COHAN

New York, March 7.—A jury in supreme court late today returned a verdict for George M. Cohan in a $50,000 suit brought against him by Robert C. Hilliard, actor-playwright. Hilliard alleged Cohan broke a promise to re-write for him the play "Honest John O'Brien," thereby leaving him without a vehicle in which to star in the season of 1918.

The suit grew out of a swap of failures made by the two actor-manager-playwrights in 1918.

Hilliard failed to make "A Prince There Was," go, while Cohan was unable to interest the public in "Honest John O'Brien."

Hilliard testified Cohan offered to trade plays, agreeing to re-write both so they would be better suiter to the two stars.

Cohan re-wrote "A Prince There Was" and made a success of it, but failed to make good his promise to re-write "Honest John O'Brien," Hilliard said.

Cohan denied having contracted to re-write "Honest John O'Brien," asserting he bought "A Prince There Was" outright for $35,000.

Application of New Haven Road Granted

I. C. C. Authorizes Road to Refund Debentures of Its "European Loan".

New Haven, March 8.—The interstate commerce commission today approved the application of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad for authority to offer to holders of debentures of its "European loan" a payment of 10 per cent. in cash, conditional on an extension of the remaining 90 per cent. for three years. This was announced in the following statement issued by the New Haven road:

"The interstate commerce commission today approved the application of the company for authority to offer to holders of debentures of the European loan maturing April 1st, 1922, the payment of 10 per cent. in cash conditioned upon an extension of the remaining 90 per cent., payable in dollars, for three years, with interest increased to seven per cent. from the current rate of four per cent. The ability of the company to offer the 10 per cent. cash payment has been because of the help received from the government, which for this purpose has agreed to make the company a loan of the amount necessary to make such payments.

"The success of the plan is dependent upon the acceptance by the debenture holders with practical unanimity. Such acceptance will be evidenced by a deposit of their holdings with depositaries to be appointed in this country and in Europe. Extension agreements and notices setting forth the plan in detail will be sent to debenture holders within the next few days."

EMBARGO ON SHIPPING ARMS TO MEXICO LIFTED

Washington, March 7.—The American government will not re-establish at this time the embargo on the exportation of arms or munitions from the United States to Mexico, which was terminated by the joint resolution of congress approved January 31, 1922, it was announced today at the state department.

Department officials declared that repeal of the embargo had met with no opposition from the Mexican government and that President Obregon had expressed satisfaction with the present situation.

The embargo was established by proclamtion of President Wilson on July 12, 1919, under authority of a joint resolution of congress approved March 14, 1912.

The announcement of the state department was interpreted in some circles here as indicative of the attitude of the American government toward Mexico. It was asserted that refusal to re-essablish the embargo on arms was a virtual acknowledgement by the administration that President Obregon was firmly seated in office and that there were no disturbances in Mexico which could be viewed as threatening his authority.

At the state department it was said that the announcement not to reimpose the embargo to Mexico was not occasioned by any special incident. It was said that the announcement was merely a statement of the department's attitude and that no protests against re-imposition of the embargo had been received from any sources.

TWO MORE BROKERS CHARGED WITH LARCENY

New York, March 7.—Two more brokers accused of irregularities in stock transactions were arrested today.

Julius Mendelsohn, formerly with the firm of Kory and company, 42 Broadway, which failed recently, surrendered to the district attorney and was taken before Judge Crain in general sessions charged with grand larceny in the first degree. Two indictments had been returned against him. He was held in $7,000 bail.

The other prisoner was Joseph W. Dorn, member of J. E. Dorn and company, 2 Rector street, who is charged in a suit brought by Emily G. Harrison of East Orange, N. J.; with the fraudulent disposal of $16,000 worth of securities which she alleged she intrusted to him to be used in exchange for other stock. He was released in $5,000 bail.

Dorn was arrested on the woman's allegation that he was likely to leave the jurisdiction of the court.

A PATROLMAN SHOT IN EAST PROVIDENCE

Providence, R. I., March 7.—Patrolman Walter S. Haskins of the East Providence police is at the Rhode Island hospital here with a bullet wound in his right shoulder, received while trying to capture a thief engaged in ransacking the rectory of Sacred Heart church, near the East Providence town hall, just before 5 o'clock this morning. The thief, discovered while trying to force his way into the pastor's room, escaped.

TAYLOR MURDER "CONFESSION" HAS BEEN DISCARDED

Los Angeles, March 7.—Police detectives assigned to the William Desmond Taylor murder mystery tonight announced they had discarded the "confession" recently mailed here from Atlantic City, N. J., as the work of an unsound mind.

They declared that the hand writing of the man whose name was signed to the "confession," said to be a prominent figure in the motion picture industry, in no way corresponded to that in which the document was written.

David L. Adams, captain of detectives, however, was quoted as stating his opinion there was a possibility of important information resulting from the "confession."

Detective Sergeant Herman Cline, head of the homicide squad, said he had obtained a statement from a ten-year-old girl, living near the Taylor bungalow, that Edward F. Sands, missing former butler-secretary to the film director, whom she knew well, was in Los Angeles long after he was supposed to have left the city.

DROP IN OCEAN FREIGHT RATES ON PROVISIONS

New York, March 7.—Ocean freight rates on provisions between New York and Europe have dropped 35 cents a hundred pounds since disruption last week of the North Atlantic conference, W. J. Love, vice president of the United States shipping board emergency fleet corporation announced.

Mr. Love, who is seeking to head off the rate war threatened when the United American lines withdrew from the conference, said that no attempt would be made to bring the Reardon-Smith Steamship company back into the Mediterranean conference, but added that every effort would be made to co-ordinate the foreign group and amalgamate their interests with the American shipping men in establishing a standard ocean rate

Fiume is Closed to All But Citizens

Italy Acts to Keep Pledge Given to Jugo Slavs—Private Persons Disarmed.

Fiume, March 7.—(By The A. P.)—A virtual blockade was thrown around Fiume today by Italian Commissioner Castelli, who issued orders forbidding the entrance into the city of any but Fiume citizens and ordering the disarming of all private persons.

Those who participated in the recent conflicts which led to the overthrow of President Zanella's government, together with all strangers having no legitimate business in the city, will be sent out en masse, according to Commissioner Castelli's orders, so that Italy can redeem the pledge given to the Jugo Slavs in the treaty of Rapallo declaring Fiume a free state.

Four Italian deputies—Giunta, De Stefani, Lancellotti and Vassalo—met with nationalist representatives today to decide what course to follow now that the constituted government had been overthrown. All agreed that the treaty of Rapallo should be fulfilled, but failed to decide upon a head for the Fiume government who would maintain the nationalist viewpoint.

Signor Zanella is reported to have left for, Italy on his way to Vienna.

FIVE DEATHS IN TORNADO NEAR AUGUSTA, GA.

Augusta, Ga., March 7.—Five deaths appeared tonight to be the total fatalities in the tornado which early today ravaged mill villages near here in Georgia and South Carolina. The storm centered, according to reports received here at Warrenville, S. C., where in addition to the five persons killed, a number were injured. The nearby Carolina towns of Langley and Graniteville reported no casualties, but accounts of extensive damage from all three places brought out umerous instances of hairbreadth escapes.

In Warrenville, where 25 houses in the southeastern section of the village were demolished, the homeless uninjured immediately set about the work of rescue, guided through the blinding rain in the darkness by cries for help. Many said they had been awakened by the rumbling of the storm and that trembling of their houses just in time to escape.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Beard was demolished except for the roof, but they and their five children were not injured. The youngest of the Beard children, an infant a few months old, was trapped under the roof, left intact like a huge chicken coop, and laughed gleefully when taken from a comfortable pillow by a rescuer.

Clothing, furniture and wreckage generally were scattered over the ground and in tree tops by the wind, which, with whimsical generosity, left a large mirror without a crack under the debris of a house and moved a small corrugated iron fire house a hundred yards without disturbing the leaves of a huge oak tree which sheltered it. A small hand reel in the center of the building also remained undisturbed.

TORNADO CUT A CLEAN SWATHE 40 FEET WIDE

Wilson, N. C., March 7.—A tornado which struck Evansville, eight miles east of here, early today, cut a clean swathe four hundred feet wide for more than two miles, killed one person, injured two score others, and destroyed property valued at more than $50,000. The tornado lasted for but one minues and a half, and in that time uprooted trees and wrecked houses.

On the plantation of a Mr. Woodward, all nine members of the family were injured. A negro woman was picked up in the blast, hurled sixty feet and dropped into a flooded brook and narrowly escaped drowning.

180,000 BUSHELS WHEAT BURNED WITH A GRAIN ELEVATOR

New York, March 7.—A grain elevator at 129th stret and Harlem river and about 180,000 bushels of wheat were destroyed by fire tonight. Traffic on the Second and Third avenue elevated railroads, which cross the river at this point, was stopped for an hour while land and water fire fighting apparatus brought the flames under control.

Samuel Lagonia, a fireman, who was middleweight boxing champion of the A. E. F. in France, was slightly injured in a fall.

The blaze also temporarily interfered with service on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.

The elevator, a four-story brick structure, was owned by William H. Payne & Son. The damage was estimated in excess of $100,000.

Fire department officials believed the fire was started by friction in one of the elevator lifts.

RICHARDSON AND WINKLE TO BE SENTENCED TODAY

Hartford, March 7.—Andrew J. Richardson, former detective-sergeant in New Britain, and Jacob Winkle of New Britain, were before Judge Wolfe in the superior court today for sentence on charges of receiving and concealing stolen automobiles. The court, however, deferred sentence until tomorrow.

Richardson and Winkle pleaded guilty on October 11 last, but were not sentenced at that time because of other phases of the New Britain inquiry by the state police, which had resulted in a dozen arrests. State's Attorney Alcorn today asked the court to impose sentences of at least one year on both Richardson and Winkle. The latter was allowed to make a statement to the court. Judge Wolfe said he would consider the various arguments over night before sentencing the two men.

USED WATER TOY PISTOL LOADED WITH AMMONIA

Pittsburgh, March 7.—Dressed as a woman and armed with a water toy pistol loaded with ammonia, a bandit today fired at Charles Lazaro, a bank messenger carrying $15,000, as he alighted from a street car at Liberty and Sixth avenues, a busy business district. Lazaro, although blinded, held to his satchel and grappled with the bandit. Policeman Clarence Timmons saw the struggle and, rescuing Lazaro, arrested the bandit, who gave his name as Joseph Lindsay.

TO GUARD PAPER USED FOR LIQUOR PERMITS

Springfield, Mass., March 7.—A special detail of six federal prohibition officers from Boston, under the direction of Field Supervisor George S. Paul of Washington, it became known today, is on guard at a local paper mill where a special grade of water-marked paper is being manufactured for the government for use in the issuance of liquor permits. It is expected that the use of this paper will prevent forgeries.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

The human body is three quarters water, Prof. Lawrence J. Henderson, biological chemistry expert, says.

Walter S. Wilmot, 68, treasurer of the Bridgeport Hydraulic company, died at his home in Bridgeport.

Colonel John Lambert, first president of the American Steel and Wire company, died in Pasadena, Calif.

A combination church and 17-story modern hotel is to be New York latest novelty in buildings.

The Amherst College Musical Clubs will make a southern trip during the Easter vacation.

A resolution indorsing the five-fold soldiers' adjusted compensation bill was adopted by the Boston city council.

John Bailey, 44, of Essex, was found dead in a hotel room in New Haven. The medical examiner said an overdose of medicine was the cause.

William Moran, president of the Rough Hat Company, and for 50 years in the hatting industry in South Norwalk, died at his home in South Norwalk, aged 67 years.

Organized labor through the Kansas State Federation and its allied bodies will go into the political campaign this year.

Exactly one month to the day, date, hour and minute of her husband's death, Mrs. Esther M. Smith, widow of Walter N. Smith, died at Nashua, N. H.

Senator Vittorio Rolandi Ricci will continue as Italian ambassador to America, notwithstanding the recent change in the Rome government.

Secretary and Mrs. Charles E. Hughes returned on the steamer Fort Hamilton vacation in Bermuda and left immediately for Washington.

German marks valued at $1,320,220, and gold bars of $2,484,897 in value were part of the cargo of the steamship Stockholm arriving in New York from Swedish ports.

Gardner will become the 39th city in Massachusetts as the result of Monday's town election. City government forces won by a margin of $15 votes.

The Red Cross liner Rosalind, which has arrived at Halifax, N. S., from St. John's, N. F., reports that she had only sixty miles of open water out of 540 covered on the trip.

Max Witkofski drew a pat royal flush in a midnight game at the home of Michael Eisenberg in Newark, N. J. Before he could open the pot, he pitched forward on the table dead.

A party of American treasure seekers has reached San Jose, Costa Rica, and applied to the government for permission to search for gold that is supposed to hav ebeen buried on Cocos Island.

Augustus Hall of Wakefield, prominent in Masonic circles, fell or jumped from a third floor window in the Winthrop building, in Boston. He sustained critical injuries.

Senator Edge, republican, New Jersey, submitted to the senate a petition which he said carried the names of ten thousand citizens of his state, asking for modification of the Volstead act to permit the sale of light wines and beer.

Mrs. Gunder Midboe and four children were drowned, while her husband and George Wesland, a neighbor, escaped when the sleigh drawn by two horses overturned in fording Beaver Creek near Caledonia, Minn.

Employment of a municipal fire hose to extinguish the utterances of a radical speaker is a proper use of such apparatus under certain circumstances, the court of errors ruled in Trenton, N. J., by a 14-2 vote.

Physicians predicted the recovery of 14 months old Barbara Jean Stratford of Los Angeles, whose neck was broken when she fell fifteen inches from a sofa to the floor. The baby's neck is in a plaster cast.

Counsel for Rev. Adelard Delorme, accused slayer of his half-brother, Raoul Delorme, obtained a continuance until March 14, when the abbe appeared in enquete court in Montreal for a hearing.

Decision to hold the annual meeting of the National Grange at Wichita, Kansas, was reached at a session in Washington of the executive committee of the organization. The meeting will begin November 15.

A university extension course by which firemen will be able to improve their education and prepare themselves for promotion betwen alarms was announced by Chief Walsh of the Boston fire department.

Olive True, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George True, 21 Pelham street, Boston, missing from home since Sunday morning when she left to go to Sunday school, was found in East Providence.

Edward Spencer, paymaster for the American Screw Company, Providence, R. I., was slugged and robbed by automobile bandits of the payroll of that coscern. It contained between $5,000 and $6,000.

The half million dollar cargo of whiskey and gin carried by the British schooner Grace & Ruby when she was stopped by a shot from the coast guard cutter Tampa outside Boston recently, probably will be returned, and the vessel released.

A reflection of the business revival throughout the country was seen by the post office department in reports from fifty of the largest post offices showing receipts of $20,339,000,000 for February, an increase of 6.41 per cent. over the same month last year.

J. G. Keller, Catholic priest at Sinton, Texas, who was seized by masked men Saturday night and beaten, tarred and feathered, authorized the statement that the incident was the climax of sentiment due to pro-German accusations against him during the world war.

Five workmen were reported killed and several others injured after explosion of a compressed air tank at the car barns of the Kansas City Railway Company at Ninth street and Brighton avenue in Kansas City. The detonation wrecked a large part of the barns.

Net profits of $9,192,621.78 for the year ending December 31, 1921, as compared with profits of $6,855,259.16 for 1920, were reported in the statement of Treasurer William H. Dwelly of the American Woolen Company in the annual meeting of the stockholders in Springfield.

SITUATION IN LIMERICK IS REGARDED AS SERIOUS

Garrisons There Are All Strongly Held For the Free State—Peril Results From Repudiation by the Mid-Limerick Brigade of the Authority of the Irish Free State Ministers—Garrisons Have Been Reinforced and May be Provisioned For a Prolonged Siege.

London, March 7.—(By The A. P.)—Telegraphing from Limerick, the correspondent of the Evening News says:

"There is a suggestion of Mexico about the situation here."

Detailing the happenings from a fortnight ago—when the Mid-Limerick brigade repudiated the authority of the Irish Free State ministers down to Sunday's coup d'etat — the correspondent says the general situation in Limerick is perilous in the exertime, and that the menace of the moment lies in the fact that possession of the seven barracks will not be given up without a fight. "They are all strongly held for the Free State," he adds, "and in case of an assault could make a good defense."

The question of provisioning the garrisons in case of a prolonged siege would be somewhat serious, the correspondent continues, but Brigadier General Brennan, commanding the Free State troops, is described as a resourceful man who saw a great deal of fighting in the European war.

"Reinforcements have arrived for his garrison," the dispatch states. "If an attempt is made to siege the barracks there will be seavy casualties, possibly on both sides but certainly among the attacking forces. * * * The air in the city is electrical and the citizens, mostly Free Staters, view the situation with the utmost apprehension as it is felt the republicans cannot consistently refrain from following up their challenge to the Free State authority by decisive action."

FOUR DEATHS RESULT FROM BELFAST DISORDERS

Belfast, March 7 (By the A. P.)—Four deaths resulted today from a continuation of the disorders which have been in progress since last week. Two boys were killed when the military fired into a crowd in Hanover street, a man was killed on Perry Hill, and another man was shot dead this evening in Stephen street. A number of persons were injured during the day and tonight.

There were two more bomb outrages tonight. Another outrage occurred following the shooting of the two boys in Hanover street. Two soldiers were wounded by this explosion.

Colonel Potter tonight issued an order empowering the crown forces to arrest any person suspected of acting in a manner prejudicial to the city's peace.

TWO MOTOR AMBULANCES BOUND FOR LIMERICK

Dublin, March 7 (By the A. P.)—The situation at Limerick continued tonight the cause of grave anxiety. A message received from Tipperary says that two motor ambulances passed that town today and it was reported they were bound for Limerick, where it was rumored serious developments were pending, although normal conditions prevailed at the time the telegram was despatched.

Other advices received here today asserted that Captain O'Shaughnessy, liaison officer at Limerick, who was arrested Monday night by armed men of the Mid-Limerick brigade of the republican army, had been removed to Clonmel.

EVERYTHING PEACEFUL IN LIMERICK LAST NIGHT

Limerick, March 7 (By the A. P.)—Everything was peaceful in Limerick tonight. There were no untoward incidents today resulting from the invasion of the city by Irish republican army troops and the commandeering of the principal hotels and other places for billets.

The proprietors of the commandeered hotels and the puzzled citizens are treating the affair philosophically but with due regard to its humorous aspects. Richard Mulcahy, minister of defense in the Dail Eireann cabinet, and other menmers from the headquarters of the provisional headquarters in Dublin, arrived in Limerick today, including Adjutant General O'Sullivan, and began negotiations with the republican troops. Although no progress has been reported as an outcome of the negotiations, the hope prevails that it will not be necessary to employ force to bring about the withdrawal of the revolting republicans.

Civilian guests of the commandeered hotels are living in them without molestation. Commandant General Brennan of the Free State forces has been in communication with the insurgents and they have arrived at an understanding that neither side to the controversy will interfere with the other at the present time.

ARTHUR J. BALFOUR'S PRAISE FOR DAVID LLOYD GEORGE

London, March 7.—(By The A. P.)—"He is one of the greatest figures of the world's history—what is the use of abusing him," said Sir Arthur J. Balfour alluding to the prime minister, David Lloyd George, in a speech at the Carleton club today. This speech, which was expected to give some clarity to the situation threw no new light on the crisis, however, and, Sir Arthur, like his unionist colleagues, Austen Chamberlain and Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, far from reproaching Sir George Younger, who was the real provoker of the crisis, did not even mention his name.

Balfour made a powerful plea for the continuance of the coalition system as opposed to a return to the two-party system, which he declared was only a fair weather system, totally unsuited to the present abnormal times when the nation was still laboring under the aftermath of the war.

The whole importance of the speech lies in the influence it is colculated it will have on the rank and file of the conservative party as coming from the oldest and most respected leader of the party. The extent of this influence cannot immediately be calculated.

Throughout his political career, including the period of his premiership, it was always made a reproach against Balfour by the extremists that he was disinclined to take a strong line on any given policy; it is therefore open to surmise that his plea in behalf of the coalition will have but little effect upon the upporters of Younger.

No announcement was made in the speech of the premier's future plans, and in this way the speech was disappointing. It leaves the situation unchanged.

While the crisis has subsided, the problem has not been solved. The prime minister has acceded to strong representations, and will remain to see through the government's Irish and Genoa policies. He is retiring to the seclusion of his home in Wales for a period variously mentioned as a fortnight to six weeks, leaving active charge of the situation to Mr. Chamberlain and other cabinet ministers. His condition tonight was so far improved that he was able to get out of bed. He hopes to preside over the cabinet at noon tomorrow, and will start Thursday morning for Criccieth.

The general view is that the crisis will not occur until autumn, when parliament will be dissolved. But the activities of the dissentient unionists have by no means ceased, as seen by their determined attacks on the Free State bill in parliament yesterday. Sixteen of their leaders, eight to each house, today issued a stirring manifesto to their followers in a sound conservative policy, including "efficiency of the second chamber, so gravely impaired of late years," which is a claim for restoration of the lord's veto, and declaring that "the ambiguous language and inconsistent action of the past must be in the future scrupulously avoided."

This, while not mentioning the coalition administration, is a clear condemnation of what the "die hards" consider the defect in the coalition policy.

COUNSEL MAKES DENIAL FOR THE FLEISCHMAN CO., INC.

Washington, March 7.—The re-hearing of the appeal of the Fleischman Company, Inc., of New York, from orders of Prohibition Commissioner Haynes revoking its industrial alcohol permits were adjourned tonight until tomorrow, after counsel for the company were understood to have denied the charges upon which the orders were issued.

The hearing was executive.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair before whom the re-hearing is being held, said the proceedings would probably be completed tomorrow morning and that he would render a decision as soon as possible. Pending the re-hearing the revocation orders have been suspended.

Industrial alcohol permits of the Fleischman company were revoked and order for the seizure of alcohol in 11 of its branch agencies were issued Friday by Commissioner Haynes on recommendation of S. F. Rutter, former federal prohibition director of Pennsylvania, before whom hearings were held in Philadelphia on charges against the company of irregularity in connection with its use of industrial alcohol.

Grounds assigned by Mr. Haynes for cancelling the permits were that the Fleischman company had diverted nonbeverage alcohol to beverage purposes, disposed of alcohol upon forged permits and without permits and otherwise failed to conform to the national prohibition act.

A re-hearing of the case was granted by Mr. Blair with the approval of Secretary Mellon after a conference of high treasury officials last Saturday.

NEW YORK PRESSMEN'S WAGE AWARD IN EFFECT

New York, March 7.—Publishers of New York's daily newspapers announced tonight that the contract with their press room employes as formulated by Judge Martin T. Manton was now in effect.

The object of conferences being held with respresentatives of the employes, it was announced, was to determine the number of men to be employed on each press—a function taken away from the union by Judge Manton's arbitral decision and given to the newspaper publishers.

A statement given out by the Publishers' association of New York at the conclusion of today's meeting said:

"The publishers met to hear the views of the union on the application of the award made by Judge Manton in the pressmen's arbitration. The award is now in actual effect. During the discussion of new shop rules, or until the 13th instant, the award gives the publishers the right to fix the number."

Judge Manton's decision laid down that a work day, whether by day or night, should consist of eight hours instead of six, the standard work day on the basis of which overtime pay was drawn formerly.

TO MAKE PUBLIC DETAILS OF ECONOMY ACHIEVEMENTS

Washington, March 7.—The budget bureau, acting at the direction of President Harding, is preparing for transmission to Chairman Madden, of the house appropriations committee, "a detailed exposition of the economy achievements that have been effected since the budget system was inaugurated, it was announced today at the White House. This is being done, it was explained, in response to a resolution of Representatives Byrnes, of Tennessee, ranking democratic member of the house appropriations committee, which asked the president, if not incompatible with the public interest, to inform the house in what way the savings had been made, from what particular appropriations and in what specific amounts.

The president, in his letter to General Dawes, authorizing him to make the report, said he trusted that the statement would cover "the entire situation, thus obviating possible misconception which might arise, from any partial or incomplete statement."

26 COAL MINES IN INDIANA HAVE CLOSED

Terre Haute, Ind. March 7.—Twenty-six coal mines employing several thousand men south of here were closed today following the refusal of employes to work because their train was delayed 25 minutes in reaching this city Monday evening.

Ten mines north of here were idle yesterday for a similar cause. The mines are served by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad.

The two days' shutdown has caused a loss of coal production estimated at 50,000 tons and the loss in wages is estimated at $54,000 according to mine officials