

# HARDING'S MESSAGES

## The President Declined to Make Any Recommendation—Informs Republican House Leaders That Responsibility For Such Legislation Rests Upon Congress—Speaker Gillett Has Declined to Entertain a Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill—Proponents of the Bonus Intend to Call the Measure Up Thursday Either Under Suspension of Rules or Under a Special Rule Which Would Shut Out Amendments.

Washington, March 20.—Halted in their desire to get the measure up today under a suspension of the rules, republican house leaders in charge of the bonus bill, still determined tonight to put the measure through this week. Their expressed intention was to call it up Thursday, under a suspension of the rules, if possible, or under a special rule, which probably would shut out amendments.

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Attending the White House conference, which lasted nearly two hours, were Mr. Mondell, Chairman Fordney, of the ways and means committee, Chairman Campbell, of the rules committee, Chairman Turner, of the house conference committee, Chairman Foss, of the congressional committee, and Representative Longworth, of Ohio. They laid the whole situation before the president, emphasizing the change that had been made in the bill since the president's last letter to Mr. Fordney suggesting a suspension of the rules, and the executive's conference with the house committee headed by Mr. Mondell, which was held at the capitol at noon to preside over the bonus bill, which was fully presented to the president with detailed explanation of the provisions and the effect of any program of added taxation.

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### AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INDIAN SITUATION

London, March 20.—(By The A. P.)—The arrest, trial and imprisonment of Mohandas K. Gandhi, the Indian non-cooperation leader, are reported in British official quarters as an anti-climax, leaving the government without a definite policy regarding the turn the Indian situation is likely to take.

The placing of Gandhi into safe keeping resulted in no outbreaks or disorders, as might have been expected, because, in the view of British officials, the founder of the non-co-operation movement lost much of his prestige even among his own followers as a result of his vacillating policy during recent months.

The climax in Gandhi's case came when the government's plan regarding his arrest was widely known among the Indians. They received the news quietly, wondering who would assume the leadership of his cause.

Officials freely admit that despite Gandhi's arrest unrest in India has not subsided. The question regarding their "open" attitude is whether a new leader will rise and attempt to carry on the aggressive non-co-operative program as Gandhi's successors.

Officials also regard as likely successors to the leadership, but the only one so far prominently mentioned is Hriday Nath Kunzru, a leader of the Indian non-co-operation movement, who is not considered a formidable personage. Mohand Karamchand Gandhi's arrest, however, has not been considered a serious blow to the organization of a United States of India along the lines of the American government.

Officials also admit that the Indian situation is likely to take the form of a non-co-operation movement, which would encounter considerable difficulties in obtaining a following among the Hindus.

### FRANCE REGRETS WITHDRAWAL OF U. S. TROOPS FROM RHINE

Paris, March 20.—(By The A. P.)—Regret over the prospective withdrawal of the American troops from the Rhine was expressed in French official circles today when the foreign office was notified by the Associated Press that the order of Secretary of War Weeks for the return of the Rhine forces by July 1.

The order caused no surprise, however, some officials saying they quite expected that the Washington policy of continued decrease in the number of forces at Coblenz would finally mean complete withdrawal.

"We hoped that the American flag would remain at Ehrenbreitstein, even if only one battalion of troops were left," a high official said to the correspondent.

The American demand for payment of the expenses of her troops on the Rhine, already had been discussed by officials of the foreign office. It was said Premier Poincare was personally disposed to take up the American demand in a most friendly spirit on the principle that it was a just claim in equity, whatever legal tangles might exist between the American treaty with Germany and the treaty of Versailles.

Premier Poincare was known to have been anxious for the American troops to continue in the occupation area, because of the moral support their presence gave the allies. With the United States troops no longer in the Rhine area, it was pointed out, occurred by the allies, was not to appear as purely military measures, and this would prevent the formation of a coalition against the allies at a time when the American government was in the process of withdrawing its troops from the Rhine.

### SHIPPING BOARD MAY OPERATE HOBOKEN PIERS

Washington, March 20.—Chairman Lister of the shipping board, announced to inquire into the matter of taking over and operating the piers in Hoboken, N. J., now being used by the Consolidated and Hudson Lines. The piers are shipping board property and it was said they would very probably be taken over.

This committee is composed of Commissioner O'Connor and Vice President Lister. They will go to Hoboken in the afternoon and will be instructed to the whole question of water front properties owned by the board.

### ADMISSION RESERVED IN RIALTO THEATRE CASE

New Haven, March 20.—Judge Hoyt reserved decision until March 27 at the trial of Lawrence W. Carroll, former manager of the Rialto theatre here, who was charged with manslaughter. Carroll was charged with the death of one of the two women who subscribed to burlesque performances in the theatre five last November.

### CABLED PARAGRAPHS

**Premier Lénine Sick.**  
Berlin, March 20.—(By The A. P.)—Dr. Flex Klemperer, a widely known German specialist on internal diseases, has been summoned to Moscow to tend Premier Lénine, it was learned today.

### RAILROADS TO CONTEST RATE ORDER

New York, March 20.—Injunction proceedings were instituted today by the government by counsel for the railroads to contest the rate order promulgated by the interstate commerce commission effective March 1, which the petitioners assert is arbitrary outside the powers of the commission.

Practically all of the eastern lines, except the New York Central, Pennsylvania and the Erie, have joined in the application to get set aside the order which reduced by fifteen per cent, the proportion of rates on inter-regional shipments to eastern lines and added this percentage to the amount allocated to the New England carriers.

The railroads contended that enforcement of the order would cause them to lose large sums of money and damage them irreparably. They submitted the order was arbitrary, without foundation and not within powers of the commission.

The New York Central, it was said, will start separate proceedings alleging that the order is discriminatory inasmuch as the Boston and Albany railroad is the only New England carrier unaffected by it.

The injunction proceedings were said to constitute the first case arising at the powers exercised by the interstate commerce commission under the transportation act of 1919.

The petitioners asserted they had voluntarily established joint rates on a percentage basis among themselves and other railroads transporting freight between nearly all points in New England and those situated north of the Ohio and the western end of the Mississippi river. These rates agreed upon would be upset by the order to which they object.

Asking that the order be annulled and execution thereof enjoined, the carriers contended that it attempted to take money from one group and give them another on grounds of public policy.

Such power, it is stated, at all the petition sets forth, involves the exercise of discretion exclusively legislative and which cannot be conferred upon an administrative agency.

The railroads declare the order adopted a different basis for increasing their divisions in cases where they now receive a joint rate, than in instances where their part of the joint rate now exceeds 50 per cent.

The New England routes who complained to the maker of the order by the commission are the Central New England; Bangor and Aroostook; Boston and Maine; Central Vermont; Maine Central; New Haven and Hartford; Rutland; and their subsidiaries and operated lines.

### LITTLE PROSPECT FOR AN ARMY EXCEEDING 115,000 MEN

Washington, March 20.—After a lengthy session today in the capitol with house republican leaders, Secretary Weeks said he saw little prospect of the house agreeing to a larger army during the coming year. He said the bill provided for an army of 115,000 men and 11,000 officers.

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### MISS EDNA TAYLOR FOUND; EXPLAINS HER ABSENCE

Chicago, March 20.—Miss Edna Taylor, 21 year old University of Chicago student, missing since Thursday, when she started for New York to visit her parents, was found today in her home in the city.

Miss Taylor explained her absence by saying that she had lost her purse containing \$50 while on the way to the railroad station Thursday and conceived the idea of going to New York to raise enough money to buy a new one.

### PLAYFUL GRANDFATHER SHOT GRANDDAUGHTER DEAD

New York, March 20.—Six-year-old Emma Bauer was all dressed up as a spy to "surprise grandma" when he reached the dining room in the hall, she scrambled under the dining room table, while daddy, grandma and Uncle Sam, who was sitting at the table, saw the child's mischievous antics.

"Where's my little sweetheart?" inquired Grandma Ernest Fuchs, as he entered the dining room.

"You'll have to find her," smiled Grandma Fuchs.

A single game grandpa the clerk and the hostess at the table, but drew back in mock alarm as the "spy" emerged.

To make the play more exciting, he sent a pistol from the sideboard drawer and pointed it at Emma. There was an explosion and she fell with a bullet through her forehead found the old man sitting in a daze, with the limp form of the little "spy" in his arms.

Fuchs confessed the broken grandpa, but arrested Uncle Richard Fuchs on a charge of possessing the pistol without a license.

### LOYD GEORGE MAY ASK FOR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

London, March 20.—(By The A. P.)—The latest indications from Crichelwy, Wales, is that Prime Minister Lloyd George will return to London next week to ask the house of commons for a vote of confidence, says the Evening Standard's political correspondent today.

The London press generally, however, continued to take for granted that the premier intends to resign. The Northcliffe papers saying the question is not if, but when he will resign.

Most of the afternoon editions today followed the line of Mr. Lloyd George made in the Clivechapel yesterday, in which, referring to this having climbed the mountain of fame and responsibility, he said:

"The higher you climb the colder it becomes and the lonelier you find it. There you are open to every blast of wind and exposed to attacks of every kind."

### RHODE ISLAND TEXTILE STRIKE FIRMLY DE-LOCKED

Providence, R. I., March 20.—When the state board of mediation and conciliation adjourned this afternoon, following a two hour session with the antagonists, it expressed the opinion that there would be no further meetings. Developments very soon, the textile strike in Rhode Island became more firmly de-locked than ever. Entering its ninth week today, the strike has not yet broken down manufacturing plants.

Approximately 15,000 operatives are idle. The issue of mass picketing, now the principal point of contact between strikers and civil authorities, was tested today in several localities, where, despite a heavy downpour, strike sympathizers gathered in large numbers to picket picketers. In no instance, however, did they encounter opposition.

### REPUBLICAN ARMY REGULARS CAPTURE DE VALERA TROOPS

Delfat, March 20.—Irish republican army regulars from Glines went to Casahuate yesterday evening, surrounded the Hope Arms Hotel, and captured the De Valera troops, who commanded the building last Saturday. It became known here today that the insurgent troops had possession of the hotel when they returned to their barracks from St. Patrick's day celebrations to find that the Free State forces had occupied them during their absence.

# France to Pay Debt to the U. S. Bitter Debate On Treaty in Senate

## Premier Poincare Has Authorized Confirmation of Statement Previously Made.

Paris, March 20.—(By The A. P.)—Premier Poincare today authorized the confirmation of the statement he made recently in executive session of the chamber of deputies in executive session that France intends to pay her debt to the United States.

M. Poincare's statement presumably was impelled by the utterance of M. Loucheur, former French minister of reconstruction, in a speech at Lyons last month when he declared that France would never be able to pay a cent to the United States on the French war debt account.

### RECEIVERS FOR ISLAND OIL AND TRANSPORT CORPORATION

New York, March 20.—Federal receivers today were appointed for the Island Oil and Transport corporation, with properties valued at millions of dollars.

Federal Judge Knox named H. Snowden Marshall, former president of the corporation, as receiver. The receivers in equity after a suit had been instituted by the Antillan corporation.

The defendant's profits in oil for 1921 were estimated at \$2,400,000 and its indebtedness today was placed at a little more than \$5,000,000. Lack of ready cash was said to have made an equity receivership necessary.

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# Senator Lodge Resents Attacks Which Seem to Question His Patriotism

## Washington, March 20.—Senate debate on the four-power Pacific treaty touched its high water mark of bitterness today in an exchange resulting from suggestions of a secret British-American understanding for future co-operation.

Accused of recurring references to such an international understanding after its existence had been directly denied, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader and member of the American armistice delegation, took the floor and in a voice shaken by emotion declared he could no longer be patient under attacks which seemed to question his patriotism and impugn his honor.

Replying in a fashion scarcely less dramatic, Senator Robinson, democrat, accused the speaker of having been in the senate for questioning no one's motives but proposed to do his patriotic duty by the law without permitting himself to be intimidated by outbreaks of indignation. He remained convinced, he said, that both of the senate's representatives of the delegation were "manfully ignoring one of the things done at the conference."

The exchange between Senators Lodge and Robinson, which was part of a long and bitter debate, was interrupted by the arrival of a delegation from the republican side, headed by Senator McClellan, which was in the senate to discuss the treaty.

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### BRIEF TELEGRAMS

**Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, chairman of the senate finance committee, announced formally his candidacy for reelection.**

**Edward Arthur Walton, widely known artist, is dead at his home in Edinburgh. He was 61 years of age and president of the Royal Scottish Societies of Painters in Water Colors.**

**The first week of the Newfoundland sealing voyage has ended with excellent prospects for capacity trips, wireless reports saying 50,000 seals had been killed.**

**Of 14 principal industries, 10 showed an increase in the number of employees employed in February as compared with January while four showed a decrease.**

**A fleet of 72 fast motor cars carrying half a dozen policemen, was launched by the New York police department in a further report to check the crime wave. They were equipped with pneumatic tires and night, grade will be in service day and night.**

**President Emeritus Charles W. Eliot of Harvard University celebrated his 80th birthday yesterday giving his regular day's work.**

**Albert E. Proffitt discovered a new link between the radio and the telephone, which he has patented. The telephone, within a radius of 200 yards, has demonstrated its efficiency in Providence, R. I.**

**Fire destroyed the three story brick building of the DeWitt Grocery company, in the heart of the business district of Brattleboro, Vt. The damage was estimated at \$125,000.**

**The crew of nine members of the British freight steamer Scotsburn were rescued by the Rockland steam trawler Cool off Cape Sable, when they abandoned their sinking craft and were brought into Rockland, Me.**

**Rev. Joseph J. Ahearn, pastor of St. Joseph's church, Eastport, Me., passed 25 years ago, also in charge of the missions at Pembroke and at the Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation at Pleasant Point, died at Portland, Me.**

**Bartholomew S. Cashman, arrested in Lynn, Mass., a week ago on a charge of attempting to murder by chloroform his wife and his daughter, pleaded guilty today to a charge of assault on the child.**

**A malady of undetermined nature has killed in the past fortnight nineteen of a herd of one hundred deer, which is kept on the park of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company in the northern suburbs of Brattleboro.**

**The old whaling bark Grayhound, of New Bedford, second oldest whaler while afloat, has been lost at sea off the coast of Guinea.**

**Joseph Simons, of Boston, with three bullet wounds in his own body, was set free with a warrant charging him with the murder of Giuseppe A. Alupio, his brother-in-law last night. Alupio was shot after a family quarrel.**

**Two shops and nearly 200 presents took part in the celebration in Holyoke, Mass., on the 20th anniversary of the Mother Mary of Providence as a member of the Order of Sisters of Providence.**

**The annual town meeting at South Hadley, Mass., was adjourned for a quarter to allow Town Clerk Marlinus H. Johnson to officiate at a marriage ceremony.**

**Hell, Ingraham & Co., stock brokers in Boston, made an assignment to Judge W. J. Malone of Bristol.**

**Italian government has cancelled in part an order for 20 locomotives originally placed in Germany.**

# SENATE APPROVES POST OFFICE APPROPRIATION

## Heated Partisan Debate Preceded Passage of the Bill—Measure Carries \$63,309,000 More Than as Passed by the House, \$50,000,000 of the Increase Going For Federal Highway Aid—Pneumatic Mail Tubes Are to Be Restored in New York—Air Mail Service From New York to San Francisco to Be Continued.

Washington, March 20.—The post office appropriation bill, carrying \$577,719,000, was passed late today by the senate, after a heated fight. The measure carries \$63,309,000 more than as passed by the house, \$50,000,000 of the increase going for federal highway aid.

The bill also carries provision for restoring to service the New York pneumatic mail tubes and for continuing the New York and San Francisco air mail service. The vote on the tube amendment was 56 to 19 and came after an ultra-heated fight on the proposition by several democrats.

The bill was accepted by the senate without debate and without a roll call. A fight centered around post office appointments, originating early in the session, but the result was before adjournment of the senate in the introduction of a resolution calling on the president to supply the senate with the number of executive orders he has issued.

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