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MME. MATZENAUER TO DIVORCE 100 PER CENT. HUSBAND

\$4,038,719,350.00 FIXED AS THE COST OF SOLDIER BONDS

Amount Named to Congress in Report of Ways and Means Committee.

FINAL REVISE OF BILL.

"Money Can Be Provided Without Financial Derangement," Report Asserts

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The soldiers' bonus will cost a total of \$4,038,719,350 for its various options, according to estimates made in the Ways and Means Committee majority report to the House today.

The compromise Soldiers' Bonus bill, as finally revised, was re-introduced today in the House by Chairman Fordney, who submitted a majority report from the Ways and Means Committee claiming these "advantages" of the bill.

"First—No new taxation; no issuance of new securities is at present required.

"Second—It provides for the veteran in need a method of obtaining aid.

"Third—The amounts required each year after July 1, 1923, are small compared to those which have heretofore been met and can be provided without any difficulties or derangement of our financial situation.

"Fourth—The plan tends to promote savings habits among the veterans.

"Fifth—It protects the veteran himself and his family from misfortune in the future.

"Sixth—It will create a class of home builders who will greatly increase the mass of property in the country."

"While perfect unanimity could not be expected as to all details of the bill," the report said, "the majority of the committee believe that the plan in general meets the approval of the soldiers and of all of those who are in favor of granting to them additional compensation in any form whatever."

ST. AUGUSTINE, March 16 (Associated Press).—Speaker Gillett, who is here as a member of President Harding's Florida vacation party, announced today he would confer with Chairman Fordney of the House Ways and Means Committee in Washington Saturday on the parliamentary situation brought about as a result of the expressed desire of certain Republican leaders to bring the Soldier Bonus Bill up in the House Monday under suspension of the rules.

Speaker Gillett expects to arrive in Washington on the special train with the President early Saturday morning.

STATE BONUS BILL PASSES ASSEMBLY

Appropriates \$1,000,000 for Sick and Disabled Veterans Not Aided by U. S.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, March 16.—The Brundage bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the relief of sick and disabled veterans of all branches of the service who are out of employment and are not receiving financial aid from the United States went through the Assembly today by unanimous vote.

A relief commission for the handling of the funds is created, comprising the Adjutant General, Comptroller and Attorney General.

Secret Spiral Stairway Used By Hylan to Dodge Job Hunters

It's as Narrow as a Dumb-Waiter—Fancy Shower Bath at Base.

The mystery of how Mayor Hylan has managed to enter and leave City Hall unknown to even the sharpest lookouts, among them job-hunters, fakers, beggars, "nuts" with panaceas for the ills of civilization, and last but not least reporters, has at last been solved.

Shhh! Hizoner has a secret staircase with a fancy shower bath at its base. Poe's weird "House of Usher," had nothing more uncanny, Louis XV. would have pronounced it the cutest ever. Gov. Whitman, whose "secret stairway" at the Capitol caused such a furor, will sympathize.

Suspicion of a private way out, an unofficial getaway, was first aroused in City Hall when the Mayor was seen one minute demolishing a cheese sandwich at a desk piled high with reports from Dave Hirschfeld and the next instant was out in the Broadway sunshine bowing right and left to "the people."

The patiently awaiting gatherers in the anteroom did not see him depart. Neither did the policeman in the hall who commands the two doors with a good pair of eyes. Even Lieut. Quinn, keenest of them all, was non-plussed.

This is what happened. Wheeling in his swivel chair the centre of his sanctum the Mayor opens a closet innocent enough looking to contain only a few bottles. This closet is

the upper landing of a spiral stairway—you know the Sapho kind. At the bottom of the stairway is another closet. In fact the entire stairway is an narrow dumb-waiter. However, the generous waistband of John F. Hylan—his point of greatest resistance, was taken in consideration when the stairs was built. And from the bottom of the stairway through the basement hallways to the street.

The first step in the erection of the secret stairway was the acquisition of the basement space immediately beneath the Mayor's suite of offices. This was formerly occupied by the Board of Child Welfare.

It was explained that the Mayor needs the space below to fly to when he wanted to get away from the telephones and the crowds of office seekers. But no mention was ever made of the spiral stairway.

An unsuccessful effort was made to inspect the Mayor's cellar shower bath and secret stairs today. John F. Sinnott, Secretary to the Mayor, was asked to show the press through Hizoner's basement compartments.

"The Mayor has the keys," he replied. "You can gain admission only through him."

The Stinking Fund Commission, under the impression that it has something to do with the allotment of space in City Hall. But Mayor Hylan evidently doesn't agree with this viewpoint, for he had the spiral stairway built and the basement addition made to his office without the formal action of that body.

Neither City Chamberlain Berolzheimer, a close friend of the Mayor's or Comptroller Craig had ever heard of the staircase.

THREE KILLED, 13 WOUNDED IN NEW IRISH DISORDERS

Two Sergeants Slain, Bombs Thrown and Train Robbed of Mail.

GALWAY, Ireland, March 16.—Four men in disguise entered the St. Bride's Home last night and shot and killed Sergeants Gibbons and Gilmartin and seriously wounded a constable. Just previously three masked men entered the Workhouse Hospital and killed Patrick Cassidy of Mayo.

The two Sergeants killed were members of the Royal Irish Constabulary. They were patients in the St. Bride's Home, which the attackers entered while the nurses were at supper and riddled the Sergeants with bullets while they were in bed.

Cassidy, an official of a Congested District Board, was undergoing treatment for a wound which he sustained recently during an attack on his home. The assassins appeared in the ward where Cassidy lay, with the other patients, and shot him in the throat.

The Irish Republican Army immediately sent out patrols, but they had not discovered the attackers late this afternoon.

BELFAST, March 16 (Associated Press).—Belfast had the unusual experience today of daylight bomb throwing, which resulted in the injury of twelve persons, four of whom were seriously injured. No deaths had been recorded up to an early hour this afternoon.

A grenade was thrown during the noon hour into a churchyard in the Dillymacreel district, where soldiers are stationed. There were no casualties. Two other grenades were thrown in the Seaford Street area, and it was here that all the casualties occurred.

A train proceeding from Belfast to Dublin was held up at Altnaveigh, near Newry, this morning by an armed band, which seized and carried off the mails. The men stopped the train by waving a red lamp. Some boarded the locomotive and guarded the engineer and fireman while the others held up the postal staff.

A similar hold-up occurred yesterday on the southern side of the border.

ARREST EXPECTED TO-DAY IN BRUNEN MURDER MYSTERY

County Detective and State Trooper Leave Hurriedly on Secret Mission.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

RIVERSIDE, N. J., March 16.—County Detective Parker, after receiving reports from several of the detectives he has scattered through three States seeking clues of the murder Friday of John H. Brunen, summoned a State trooper this afternoon to his home in Mount Holly and started away on a quest which he said would end before night with evidence sufficient to warrant an arrest and possibly with a prisoner charged with murder.

At Williamstown, N. J., in Bridgeport, Conn., and in New York and other cities detectives were seeking out and interviewing 400 persons who have been associated with the affairs of the "Mighty Doris and Col. Francis Ferrari Shows," which were partly owned by Brunen.

The circus has its winter quarters in Williamstown and eighteen permanent employees have been interviewed there. Nearly every one of them has had his bit of gossip to contribute regarding the strained relations between the showman and the members of his wife's family and his daughter by his first wife on the other. It is believed that even more information is in the possession of the scores of others who joined the show every spring and accompanied it on its

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RACES 8,000 MILES TO HUSBAND'S BEDSIDE

HONOLULU, March 16.—Mrs. William Beith is expected to arrive at New York Friday in an 8,000-mile race with death from London to the bedside of her husband here. She will take a trans-continental train immediately to connect with the steamship Matsonia departing from San Francisco March 22.

Beith, whose home is in London, arrived here on Australia on the Matsonia March 5, and was taken from the ship to a hospital.

BILL THAT CURBS THEATRE TICKET "SPECS" PASSED

Can't Charge More Than Fifty Cents on Any Ticket They Handle.

TAXI MEASURE WINS. Protection to Fares in Case of Accident Guaranteed—Evening World Victory.

By Sophie Irene Loeb. (Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, March 16.—With the able co-operation of Senator Ward V. Tolbert and Assemblymen Maurice Bloch and Victor Kaufmann of New York City and Senator Charles W. Walton of Kingston two measures of vital importance to everybody who attends the theatre or uses public taxicabs, which were originated and advocated by The Evening World, have passed the Legislature and await the signature of Gov. Miller.

The Walton-Bloch bill insures that ticket speculators will not charge more than an advance of 50 cents on each ticket they handle. This measure has been framed to conform with the latest decisions of the courts and the authors of the bill and legal advisers are certain that it will stick.

Protection to users of taxicabs in case of accident is guaranteed by the Tolbert Kaufmann bill, which requires that every person or corporation operating a motor passenger vehicle except a street car shall be bonded for \$2,500 or be protected, for the benefit of passengers, by a \$2,500 insurance policy.

"I am confident the Governor will sign this bill," said Senator Walton today, "as I know how anxious he is to see this abuse corrected. This bill was passed unanimously by both Houses and demonstrates clearly the great need of such legislation."

"All politics has been laid aside in this statute, since every visitor to New York from up-State, as well as the people in New York, have been long suffering and practically unable to secure good seats in theatres unless they pay sometimes several hundred per cent. above the box office price."

Assemblyman Maurice Bloch also stated that the members of the House were very anxious that such a bill be passed as would correct the deplorable conditions obtaining not only in New York City but in the entire State. "Everybody wanted to vote for it," he said.

The various provisions of this bill are stated below.

The other bill that passed both Houses yesterday was the Tolbert-Kaufmann bill, which provides that all taxicab owners or persons running cars for hire shall be required to give a bond of \$2,500 as an indemnity against injuring people by reckless driving.

Senator Tolbert in defending the measure stated the public had no protection from taxicab owners who did not of their own accord take out

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OXYGEN BURNED, 3 DIE IN HOME

Gas Stove Left Lighted When Family Retired Last Night.

Neighbors in the house at No. 142 Keap Street, Brooklyn, calling upon the family of Benjamin Bernoff today were unable to get a response to their knocks.

They informed the police, Mr. and Mrs. Bernoff, thirty-five years each, and their son, William, eleven, were found dead in the bedroom. The door was closed, as were the windows, and a gas stove was found burning.

Dr. Jacobs said death had resulted from the burning up of the oxygen in the room. The case was reported to the Medical Examiner as accidental death.

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MME. MATZENAUER TO DIVORCE CHAUFFEUR-HUSBAND SHE SAYS SHE THREW OUT OF APARTMENT



Singer Charges He Lavished Her Money on "Old Lady of About Fifty."

ST. LOUIS, March 16 (Associated Press).—Mme. Margaret Matzenauer, grand opera singer, in a statement to the Associated Press today denied statements of her chauffeur-husband, Floyd Glotzbach, that he had deserted her and emphasized that she "threw him out of my New York apartment Jan. 26."

The diva asserted she has pending in New York proceedings for absolute divorce on the alleged grounds of infidelity, naming as co-respondent "an old lady of about fifty" of Carmel, Cal., and that papers were served on Glotzbach on Jan. 27.

The singer declared she had given Glotzbach \$150 a month, but in spite of this, she "had to pay for every thread he wore." She stated that, although she allowed him to "live the life of a prince," he publicly denied their marriage in a letter to a newspaper in Carmel.

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10 HOUSING BILLS PASSED BY SENATE TO BE REPORTED OUT IN ASSEMBLY TO-DAY

BRONX DEMOCRATS CHOOSE 3 LEADERS IN MURPHY'S PLACE

Flynn to Head Lower, Nugent Middle and O'Neill Upper Parts of Borough.

A meeting of the ten members of the Democratic Executive Committee of the Bronx was held this afternoon at headquarters in Tremont Avenue to ratify formally an agreement unofficially reached by the members in a conference this morning by which there will be three leaders of the party in the Bronx to succeed the late Arthur Murphy. This is a compromise arrangement which takes care of the three leading aspirants to the leadership and is to last one year.

The men selected are Stephen A. Nugent, leader of the Fourth District and former Deputy Commissioner of Charities; Thomas H. O'Neill, leader of the Sixth District and Under Sheriff; and Sheriff Edward J. Flynn, who is not a district leader.

The borough will be divided into three sections. Flynn will look after the lower end, Nugent the middle and O'Neill the territory in the north adjoining the Westchester line.

Also includes increase for Comptroller and Aldermanic Head. (Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, March 16.—The Downing bill increasing the salary of the Mayor and Comptroller of New York City from \$15,000 to \$25,000, and the salary of the President of the Board of Aldermen from \$5,000 to \$15,000 was passed today by the Assembly and now goes to Mayor Hylan for his signature or veto.

Voting against it were Assemblymen Ullman, Kaufmann, Steinberg and Jesse of New York City. Mayor Hylan vetoed a similar measure last year.

Miller sets March 20 as war veterans' day.

ALBANY, March 16.—In a proclamation issued today, Gov. Miller endorses the plan of the American Legion to fix March 20 as a day to call public attention to the needs of many veterans of the World War, and calls on employers generally to furnish work for them, if possible.

The Governor says that aid in the form of employment for the veterans "is the most substantial that can be given and offers the best assurance of permanent benefit."

ALBANY, March 16.—The bill extending the power of making further extension left with the State Superintendent of Insurance. There was some debate over this bill and eleven voted against it. The negative votes were Ames, Bloomfield, Campbell, Dick, Fearon, Knight, Swift, Thayer, Towner, Whitley and Wiswall. Not voting: Draper, Kavanaugh and Lockwood.

Requiring all insurance companies other than life to dispose of corporate stocks, except those of municipal corporations, and of all securities other than those in which saving banks and life insurance companies may now invest, within five years of the passage of this bill. If the bill should become the law it will place all insurance companies on the same footing with respect to their investment. The law at present requires life insurance companies to dispose of their stocks by Dec. 31, 1925. Against the bill were: Ames, Campbell, Dick, Fearon, Ferris, Gibbs, Hewitt, Knight, Lowman, Pitches, Swift, Thayer, Towner, Walcott, Whitley, Wiswall. Not voting: Draper, Bloomfield, Kavanaugh.

Compelling savings banks to invest at least 50 per cent. all investable funds hereafter invested by them in bond and mortgage, until at least 40 per cent. of all deposit and guaranty funds shall be and remain so invested. Chairman Lockwood's explanation of the proposed measure was that while as a whole the savings banks have 49 per cent. of their deposits so invested, and some of the

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