

The American Legion

News: Local, State, National

The hearing at Albany two weeks ago, at which delegates from American Legion posts all over New York state met and expressed themselves overwhelmingly in favor of a bonus, has been productive of decisive action on the part of the Legion leaders in this state.

War Veterans Demand Bonus

At a meeting of the state executive committee, called Saturday night and lasting until early yesterday morning, that body accepted the recommendations of the majority, voted to demand a bonus from both nation and state and in the case of soldiers who had died in the service, provided that the next of kin, should he, or she, not have been insured, be given the additional compensation.

The committee decided to abandon the plan to have the posts of the state vote on the bonus by referendum. It was obvious that the sentiment against a bonus was insignificant, that the members believed it would be a waste of time.

The executive committee announced through State Commander Wade H. Hayes that it stands squarely behind the National American Legion program for adjusted compensation from the Federal government and also asks a bonus of \$10 a month for each month of service.

The resolutions adopted at the executive committee conference Saturday night were three in number. The first reads in part: "We find the sentiment throughout the state overwhelmingly in favor of endorsing the action of the national executive committee in recommending adjusted compensation on the basis of fifty dollars for each month of service."

The resolution further provides that this Federal compensation shall not be paid any persons who refused to submit to military discipline, that is "conscientious objectors" and slackers, or draft dodgers. That loans on farms, or homes, shall be made available only to pay off existing obligations on such homes or farms purchased prior to the application for such aid; that such compensation may not be collected for months extending twenty-four in number, and that the nearest of kin of those in service, who died without insurance, shall be entitled to these benefits.

It is suggested that this compensation be granted in the form of government bonds, non-negotiable, for five years, but carrying the privilege of loans up to 50 per cent of the face thereof at interest in case of default of payment the bank to surrender the bonds to the Treasury for cancellation and receive the amount of the loan.

The resolution with reference to state compensation at \$10 for each month in service provides that the limit of twenty-four months and restricts the payment to those persons who were legal residents of the state when they entered service. "Conscientious objectors," dishonorably discharged persons and draft dodgers are refused such payments.

The third resolution calls for sufficient additional compensation for all disabled ex-service men, both from the state and the Federal government, to "assure them a comfortable living."

The resolutions will now be presented by the state commander to all members of the Legislature in this state, and to all Congressmen and two Senators in Washington from this state, where the committee on Ways and Means is now holding hearings on Federal compensation.

Mr. Hayes announced yesterday that it is his intention to push this matter vigorously by every means at his command.

The executive committee also elected Samuel E. Aronowitz, of Albany, as state adjutant to replace Mr. Hayes, who was elected state commander a month ago upon the resignation of Commander Russell E. Sard, of Albany, because of business pressure.

Mr. Aronowitz has been serving in Albany as the representative of the state legislative committee of the Legion.

Lieutenant Colonel D. D. Eisenhower of the Tank Corps, has issued an official memorandum urging all ex-tankers to form American Legion posts. There is a Tank Corps post, 715, in New York, and it will hold a reunion to-morrow night at 248 East Thirty-fourth Street.

John M. Hennessey Post, 606, will meet next Monday night at Eagles' Hall, the Bronx.

Lorraine Cross Post is conducting a membership drive to enroll 2,500 men who served with the 79th Division. The next meeting will be Thursday night at 123 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn.

A dance will be given by the Washington Heights Post next Friday night at the 22d Regiment Armory, 188th Street and Broadway.

Wounded veterans of the Major James A. McKenna Post will give a dance to-morrow night at the Commodore Hall. The proceeds of the dance will be used for the maintenance of permanent headquarters and the purchase of a new stand of colors.

Lester T. Lambert Post, 695, has perfected plans for the "Shamrock Dance" Wednesday night at St. Ambrose's Hall, Tompkins and DeKalb avenues, Brooklyn.

U. S. Attaches in Europe Stupid, Says Traveler

Got Only Excuses During 11 Months He Asked for Passports Out of Germany, Asserts Robt. P. Williams

Food Lack Pinched Family

Women Who Are Helping to Rebuild France Arrive to Tell of Nation's Courage

Manhattan Naval Protest

French Diplomats Held Up

LEGION NOTES

Post Activities

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Mrs. Wilson Aids Victory Memorial Building Plan

Accepts Honorary Presidency of \$10,000,000 National War Commemoration Project

Justice Philbin Was Ill Several Days of Pneumonia; Was Named District Attorney in 1900 by Roosevelt

He Was a Member of the Commission That Investigated Ellis Island in 1901

Former Official Came Into Prominence '15 When He Removed Jerome From Thaw Prosecution

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Bonnie Thornton's Funeral Body of Former Vaudeville Actress to Lie in State

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Thornton, singer and actress, better known to old-time vaudeville patrons as Bonnie Thornton, who died at Bellevue Hospital Saturday, will be held to-morrow morning at St. Malachy's Church, where a mass of requiem will be celebrated at 10 o'clock.

Hundreds of messages of sympathy were received yesterday by James Thornton, the actress's husband.

Justice Philbin was born in this city on July 24, 1857, the son of Stephen and Eliza Philbin. He was educated at the College of St. Francis Xavier and Seton Hall, South Orange, N. J., from which institution he received the degree of Doctor of Letters in 1904.

Justice Philbin served as the Commissioner of the State Board of Charities from 1899 to 1900. He was appointed District Attorney of New York City in 1901, and served until 1902, when he was appointed a member of the commission to investigate conditions at the Ellis Island Immigrant Station.

Justice Philbin was a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of New York City, the Charity Organization Society, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the Irish Industrial Society of America, and was a director of the Prisoners' Aid Association.

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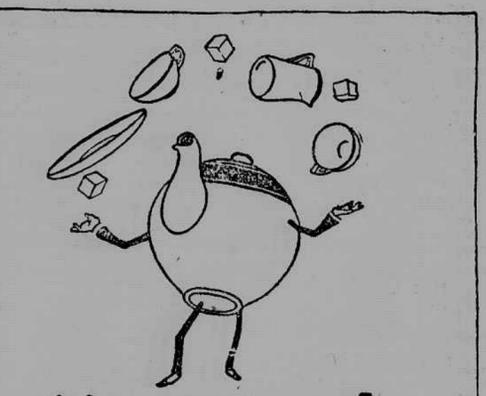
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Daniels Says U. S. Needs Big Task to Fire National Spirit

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 14.—America must assume some gigantic task of world service or "recreate to the consecration we made on April 6, 1917," Secretary Daniels said here to-day, speaking to the midshipmen of the Naval Academy.

"The problem of world statesmanship to-day," he said, "is to find some task that will give the national imagination and noble national enthusiasm. What shall it be? Can we escape our responsibility for aiding in securing the conditions for peace in the Balkans and in the Near East? Can we accept a mandatory for Turkey with the blessings to the world that would follow? Is it our job to give more aid in the development of Mexico and our Central and South American neighbors?"

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