

The American Legion

News: Local, State, National

Posts Here Plan Campaign in Support of Bond Issue of \$45,000,000 in State for Bonuses to Veterans

County Committee to Meet Thursday to Act on Proposed By-Laws Changes; Convention Plans Ready

The American Legion's national convention, to be held in Cleveland on September 27, 28 and 29, will be covered in detail by the American Legion Editor of The Tribune.

Legionnaires of New York City are planning to take an active part in the prelection campaign in this community, but, true to the organization's declaration of principles, the veterans will not discuss any question of political aspect.

The issue with which the Legion is concerned is the referendum to be submitted to the voters of New York State this fall, providing for a \$45,000,000 bond issue, the purpose of which will be to pay a bonus of \$10 for each month of service in the World War to every soldier, sailor or marine who enlisted from this commonwealth.

At the Albany convention last week a resolution was passed which in effect directed the officers of all Legion units to work hard for the passage of the referendum.

The first post to take up the question is the Manhattan Naval Post, of which Harold M. Schwab is commander. It is proposed to organize "flying squadrons" of speakers, who will talk to citizens of the service and the need for the legislation. Commander Schwab has evinced a desire to direct this work, and will be glad to hear from volunteers or from other posts, so that the city may be divided in districts.

New York County Meeting

The New York county committee will hold an important meeting next Thursday evening at the Hotel Pennsylvania. A bulletin on this meeting says:

"A list of changes in the county constitution was reported to the county convention by the committee on constitution and bylaws, but owing to the fact that there was no quorum at that time the county convention adjourned without taking action on these changes. If the changes are to be considered it is important that every member should attend this meeting."

"The attention of the commercial posts is called to Section 8 of the report of the committee on policy and post cooperation of the county convention, which refers to the abolition of all commercial posts by January 1. This provision was considered at our last county committee meeting, but was tabled until this meeting, so that the commercial posts could have an opportunity of raising what objections they see fit to the adoption of this suggestion."

A report of the state convention proceedings will be made at this meeting, and consideration given to a change in the state constitution, which authorizes the counties to pay the expenses of the delegates to the national convention, such expenses to be returned from the state treasury at such time as the state treasury is in a position to do so. The consideration of this change is of vital importance to every post, as it has to do with the expenditure of about \$1,800 of the county funds for this purpose."

Bronx County Celebrates

Members of several of the Bronx County posts turned out last Monday night for an officially welcome back from Albany their county chairman, William F. Deegan, who was elected first vice-commander of the New York Department.

The ceremony was held in the Valcour Club, the home of Walter Heckman Post, and was presided over by Jack Reidy, a state and national delegate, who made a report of the Albany proceedings. Daniel Sailing, official custodian of Bronx County's most interesting resolutions, also was a speaker.

Commander Deegan received a great reception from his comrades of the borough and gave an interesting outline of his plans for the new year. The Heckman Post's auxiliary also attended with some members of the auxiliary from the Arthur Viens Post.

On to Cleveland!

Apparently Cleveland's citizens have determined to make the national convention of 1920 one never to be forgotten by the veterans. A dispatch from Ohio says that never in all its history has that town been decorated as it now is in anticipation of its guests. The hotels have reserved virtually all their rooms for the delegates, and several private homes have been placed at the disposal of the visitors.

The Legion's national headquarters has been moved from Indianapolis to Cleveland and the officers are at the Hollenden Hotel.

The Row in Jersey

Exception has been taken by members of the Bernardsville (N. J.) Post to a report sent out from the state convention at Atlantic City that it was proved that the Bernardsville Post had designated trains it operated during the railroad strike as "Legion Specials."

William Clark, commander of the post, said yesterday that such a term has never been used, and he also emphatically denied that flags had been placed on the trains.

As for Thomas Meaney, labor leader, having settled the controversy between the post and state headquarters, during

Wilson Leaves Japanese Issue To Successor

Saghalin Island Dispute Also Will Be Found Upon White House Steps When Next President Arrives

Firm Note Sent to Tokio

Message Reported Sternest Ever Sent to Mikado; Veterans Urge Drastic Laws

By Carter Field

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—President Wilson does not intend to conclude the present controversy with Japan over

the California land question. It is probable that not even the controversy over Saghalin Island will be concluded, but that both will be passed on to the next Administration.

The Tribune correspondent learned this to-day from a source so close to the White House and State Department as to leave no doubt whatever as to its accuracy.

So that Harding or Cox, whichever is elected, will find this vexatious old problem, which has run through not only the term of Bainbridge Colby, but of Robert Lansing and even William Jennings Bryan, awaiting solution when he comes into office. The basket will still be upon the White House steps.

Veterans for Drastic Laws
Almost under the shadow of the State Department and the Japanese Embassy to-day, the Veterans of Foreign Wars adopted a resolution on the Japanese situation going much further than the proposed laws which California is to vote on in November, to which the Japanese government is taking such sharp exception.

The resolution goes a step further in that it would prevent Japanese children born in this country from becoming

American citizens. The proposed Japanese laws in California would still further hold land from the Japanese by putting restrictions around their leasing it, around the transferring of title to Japanese children born in this country when the land is actually for their parents who are not citizens, and forbidding absolutely Japanese ownership of stock in corporations owning or leasing land.

The State Department has been reliably informed that the referendum in California is not doubtful, but that the majority in the state is overwhelmingly in favor of the additional restrictions on Japanese land ownership. No one in the department doubts, therefore, that the question which Ambassador Shidehara has just been directed by his government to negotiate formally with this government is virtually sure to be settled by that California vote against what Japan regards as her interests.

Incidentally it was made clear to-day that the comments of the Japanese Minister as reported by cable this morning—to the effect that silence on the part of the American government had given consent, and that the United States now virtually acquiesced in Japan's determination to occupy Saghalin Island—were "highly premature."

The United States, it was said on

excellent authority, took a very firm stand on the whole question in its note. This is asserted to be the first time that this country has ever really taken a firm stand with regard to Japan. Further, it is said that this firm stand has actually had a good effect, but that the Japanese government is in a ticklish position politically and has been obliged to save its face, to a large extent, so as to avoid putting weapons in the hands of its political opposition at home.

This necessity is intensified, it is said, by Japan's jingo press, which has been anti-American for a long time, and is especially worked up now about the Saghalin Island and the California land situations.

Ellis Island Inmate Says Arrest Was Result of Enmity

Taduas Grigulinas, charged with being a member of the Communist party, was released from Ellis Island yesterday on the ground, so he alleges, that his commitment there was a result of personal enmity. By permission of Louis F. Post, Assistant Secretary of Labor, Grigulinas was paroled in custody of Rose Weiss, a lawyer, who will

depart to-night with the alien for Rockford, Ill., where he will be given a chance to prove his charges. The charge which obtained his release is that an interpreter employed in the Chicago office of the immigration service caused his arrest in a spirit of revenge.

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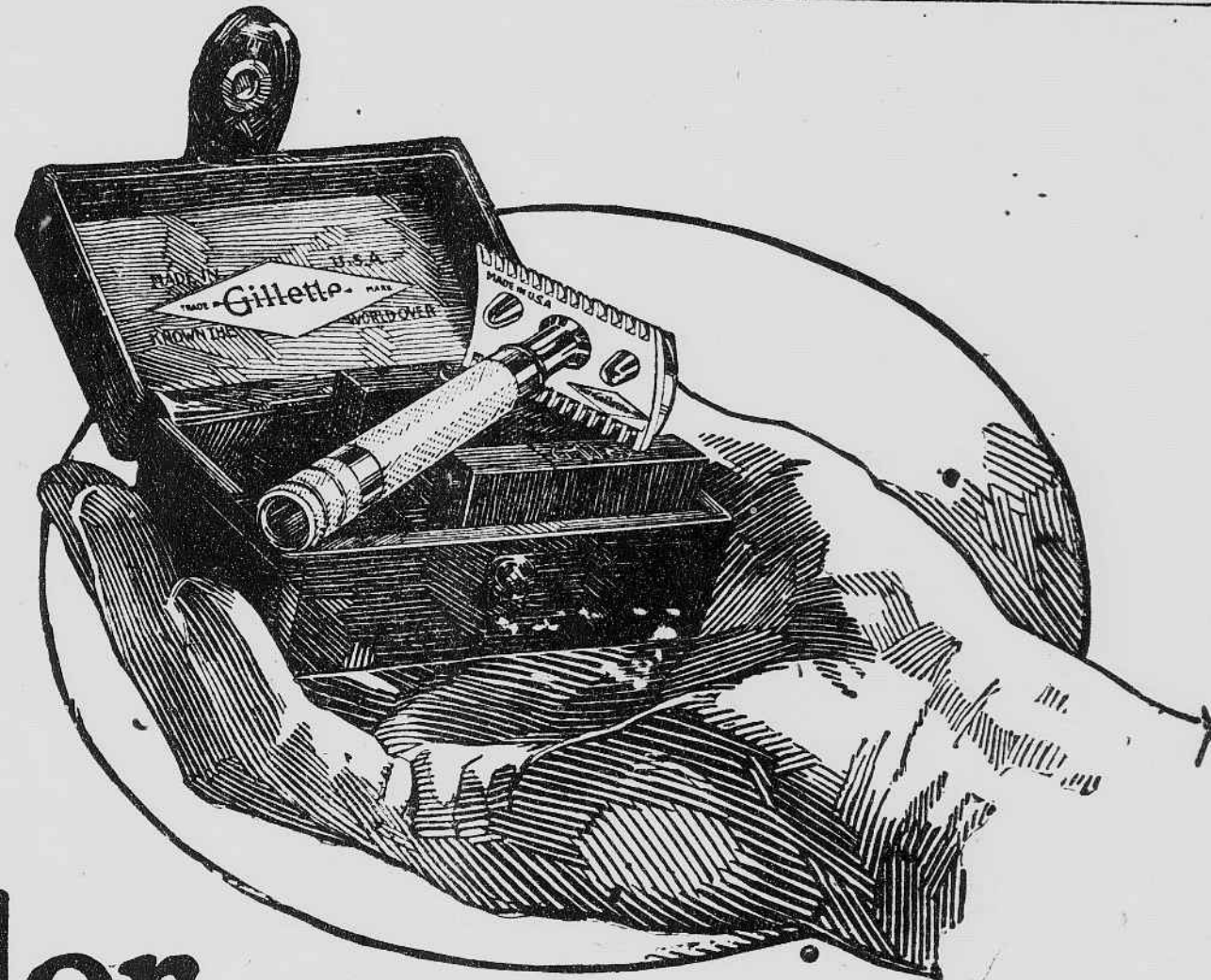
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