

Seek \$70,000,000 Taxes; \$57,000,000 in N. Y.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Feb. 19.—(By The Herald Staff.)

OMEWHERE on the books of the Bureau of Internal Revenue is the record of some seventy odd millions of dollars due to Uncle Sam from income taxes, of which \$57,000,000 is charged against the New York office.

Philadelphia is short \$7,000,000 and Chicago about the same amount, with several other cities showing shortages.

These shortages do not at all mean that there is anything criminal involved, but they do mean, Secretary Dover says, that there has been a lack of efficiency in that branch of the internal revenue service.

Representative Benjamin G. Humphries of the Third Mississippi district is one of the most vigorous opponents of the bonus raid. He is a Democrat and a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

His district is composed of eleven counties, the greatest area of which is thirty times as great as New York city.

The Humphries district has a total population of 349,662, as against more than 700,000 in the Bronx.

There are no large towns in Mr. Humphries' district. The people devote themselves to agriculture, largely the raising of cotton.

There are so few Republicans in the district that they did not nominate a candidate against Mr. Humphries two years ago.

Yet the Democratic Mississippi member is unalterably opposed to the bonus raid.

"I do not believe," he said to-day, "that the value of services of men who go out on the battlefield to fight for their country can be estimated in dollars and cents.

It is a great misfortune that many of them are being misled into making a demand for what they call 'adjusted compensation,' but which is in fact a service bonus, such as never before has been granted to any man before being asked by the soldiers of the Republic."

Since Mr. Humphries and several of his Democratic conferees representing Southern States have instanced their disapproval of the bonus raid, the professional propagandists of it have practically ceased repeating the charge that the only people against the bonus are the millionaires of Wall Street and big Republicans.

Chairman Fordney said to-night that he did not know when his committee would enter upon the preparation of the new bonus bill.

His committee will meet to-morrow to take a preliminary survey of any financial suggestions which may have developed over the week end.

It is not unlikely that the Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee who have expressed their disapproval of the secret conferences between the Republican members and officials of the American Legion will initiate similar conferences with a view of preventing the bonus from being passed.

Fordney from capitalizing such partisan political advantage as may result from his present activities.

PASTOR ASSAILS BONUS AS HUG BID FOR VOTES

Dr. Edwards Calls It Detestable Political Chicanery.

Speaking on "The Proposed Soldier Bonus" last night the Rev. Paul E. Edwards, pastor of the James M. E. Church, held avenue and Monroe street, Brooklyn, declared that the proposed legislation went through now it would constitute "one of the most colossal attempts at vote buying the country has ever witnessed."

"Bonuses cannot be handed out large enough to buy the suffrage of those stalwart, clear thinking, true hearted young men who went with the colors in 1917-1918," Dr. Edwards said, "and many of the real patriots who were in service render the offering of a cash payment for services which they rendered without thought of personal gain or fear of individual sacrifice. We are not to be deceived by the propaganda which is being used to show our deep gratitude and appreciation to these men, and a concern for the economic welfare of the entire country, and many of us are persuaded that the country should receive the call."

'LEGION OF HONOR' PEDDLED IN GENEVA Sold in Installments for 2,500 Francs by Swindlers.

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Gullible seekers after ribbons of the Legion of Honor are being duped by an organization which has been working in Geneva since the League of Nations added doubtful lustre to the Swiss city.

So daring have operators of the swindle become that they are offering to obtain any distinction desired for not less than 2,500 francs, only half of it to be paid down and the remainder when the ribbon is conferred.

BONUS FAILS BEFORE LIGHT OF PUBLICITY

Messages to Members of Congress Show Change of Sentiment.

DELUGE OF PROTESTS

Attack Led by 'N. Y. Herald' Impresses Official Washington.

PRaise FROM OPPONENTS

Fordney Admits Fairness of Stand—Legion Agent Says It Is City View.

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The editorial attitude of THE NEW YORK HERALD and its presentation of the facts relating to the bonus project have attracted widespread attention among officials of the Government and members of the two houses of Congress.

A substantial percentage of the most voluminous shower of protests ever received during a legislative fight inclose editorials and news articles from THE NEW YORK HERALD.

The majority of the statements concerning the editorial comment and presentation of bonus facts contained unqualified praise for both.

Some of the striking editorials printed by THE NEW YORK HERALD are credited by correspondents writing to their Senators and Representatives with having influenced a reversal of opinions originally held.

Below are comments made by Senators regarding the value of the public service rendered by this newspaper:

Senator Edge, Republican (N. J.)— "I am convinced that THE NEW YORK HERALD's clear and unbiased presentation of the financial results of the proposed cash bonus legislation has done much to crystallize the remarkably strong sentiment which has developed among the people of this State."

Senator Smoot, Republican (Utah)— "THE NEW YORK HERALD is doing a great public service in its wide discussion of the bonus question. I wish more of our great American newspapers would devote more attention to the subject. In that way public opinion would be crystallized and those of us in charge of the legislation would be in a position to act wisely and well."

Senator Watson, Republican (Ind.)— "THE NEW YORK HERALD has been throwing some interesting light on the bonus issue. I have just received from a hearing bonus sent out by the National Chamber of Commerce, which has expressed unqualified opposition to the cash feature. There is no reason why the bonus should be any more favored than the other projects in business, settlement here appears favorable to some Governmental measure to aid ex-service men, but without a straight cash bonus."

South Carolina Post Votes Against Bonus.

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CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 19.—The only vote taken by Charleston Post, American Legion, on the bonus question, was in the latter part of 1921, when it went on record in opposition to the bonus. Resolutions indorsing aid for disabled men were passed at that time.

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday on the bonus question, approved the section providing for national legislation to enable ex-service men to obtain vocational training. Opposition to other sections was expressed by many leading business men in Indiana, as they contend any method of financing the proposition will be a serious blow to industry, which now seems to be recovering from its slump.

A majority of ex-service men would not indorse the policy of THE NEW YORK HERALD in its fight against the bonus—which is many and in the open—I am not indifferently to the opinions expressed by the great newspapers.

Senator Walsh, Democrat (Mont.)— "I cannot agree with the policy of THE NEW YORK HERALD on the bonus. I am for the bonus, and the vast majority of the people of this State are for it. Unless favored by an adjusted compensation for the ex-service men I will not feel that I was properly representing the people of my State."

Senator Gagner, Republican (Kan.)— "Although I do not agree with the policy of THE NEW YORK HERALD on the bonus there is no denying the fact that that great journal has stirred up discussion of the subject which should be commended for its enterprise. I believe all great public questions should be discussed freely and fully from all angles, and I make no exception of the bonus bill in that respect. It should win or lose on its merits. However, I am strongly for a bonus bill, and as long as we are committed to such a measure, we should enact such legislation cheerfully and as early as possible."

Senator Harrison, Democrat (Miss.)— "While not indorsing the policy of THE NEW YORK HERALD on the bonus there is no denying the fact that that great journal is conducting a powerful and effective crusade from its point of view. I am for the bonus, and I believe the sales tax proposition, advocated by the President, is just a move to kill the subject, as there is not a chance Congress will indorse that plan and any other means of financing it will be vetoed in all probability by the President."

Senator Ladd, Republican (N. D.)— "THE NEW YORK HERALD is coralling the opposition to the bonus in a most effective way. However, I am for a bonus and I am opposed to the sales tax plan. Both political parties are committed to a bonus and since we are morally bound to pass the measure I cannot see how we can sidestep the issue."

Senator Warren, Republican (Wyo.)— recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry on the battlefield during the Civil War, has written to the editor of THE NEW YORK HERALD expressing his appreciation of the way the campaign has been conducted.

Representative John Garner, Democrat (Texas), a member of the Ways and Means Committee—"THE NEW YORK HERALD is giving remarkable service to the country for the way the fight against the bonus is being conducted. I am in hearty accord with the high motives that are behind the campaign. As THE HERALD points out, this is not a partisan or capitalistic fight, but a sincere effort to show that the whole idea of a bonus is wrong. I am against the bonus for many reasons. The idea that you can adjust the compensation of those who fought in the Civil War is a ridiculous one. Can you say that it is worth \$1 a day to have remained in the United States and \$1.25 to have gone overseas? It is the duty of young men to fight for their country in time of emergency. I do not believe the service men are a unit in demanding such a Treasury raid."

Representative Humphries (Dem., Miss.), a veteran of the Civil War, has written to the editor of THE NEW YORK HERALD, expressing his sympathy with the demand for a bonus for

OPPOSE THE BONUS PLAN GROWING IN SOUTH

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organized opposition to the general bonus plan.

No action on the pending proposition has been taken by American Legion posts so far as can be learned. It is stated, however, that there is at least a small division of sentiment on the part of Texas war veterans as to whether they be paid extra compensation for their services. This is evidenced also by private discussions of the subject.

Virginia Also Is Opposed: Would Aid Victims of the War.

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RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 19.—The Richmond Chamber of Commerce is unqualifiedly opposed to the soldier bonus. Two years ago the chamber adopted resolutions which were adopted by the State, also on record against the bonus. Both these bodies, however, favor a bonus for crippled soldiers, their dependents and for dependents of soldiers who meet death in the service.

Tennessee Against Bonus: Want Help for Disabled.

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 19.—Two factors are outstanding here against the soldier bonus bill which is now pending before Congress. The Knoxville Automobile Club, composed of several hundred members, has protested to Tennessee members of Congress on the proposition to tax automobiles and gasoline to raise a fund for the bonus.

Fine Record in War.

Col. Little spoke of the gallant record of the "Fighting Fifteenth." After having been wrecked three times en route it arrived in France on December 27, 1917, and began fighting in the following April in the Champagne district. One of its early actions was that it was "first to the Rhine" on November 29, 1918. Its regimental casualties included 533 killed and 1,246 wounded. It had the distinction of never having lost a prisoner, no enemy nor an inch of ground. Its personnel won 154 individual decorations and the regiment as a unit received in addition on December 13, 1918, the collective citation, when France pinned the Croix de Guerre to its colors.

U. S. FLEET ENGAGED AS IN REAL BATTLE

Sailors Landed and Big Guns Used Off Cuba.

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GUANTANAMO, Cuba, Feb. 19 (Associated Press).—Actual battle conditions have been approximated in the work of the sailors in practicing the United States Atlantic fleet, now engaged in winter maneuvers here. Landing forces of 500 men are sent ashore daily, rolling through the work of landing as if under hostile fire.

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