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SOLDIERS BONUS NOW TAKING FORM

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE ABOUT TO MOVE—BELIEVED TO BE DIVIDED NINE TO SIX FOR HOUSE MEASURE WITH MODIFICATIONS

Washington, May 30.—The McCumber soldier's bonus plan apparently commanded a majority in the Senate finance committee today, but a formal vote was deferred until Wednesday to give Senators additional time to consider some amendments that were suggested.

Chairman McCumber expressed confidence after the session that his plan, which follows closely the house bill except that the land settlement feature has been eliminated, would be approved, and in this Democratic members of the committee agreed.

Both the McCumber proposal and the Smoot proposition to give veterans paid up insurance policies in lieu of all other forms of compensation was discussed at some length at the committee meeting, which was the first for discussion of the bonus to which the Democratic members were admitted. Senator McCumber presented his proposal in detail and Senator Smoot explained his plan.

The committee chairman said there had been no discussion of a cash bonus adding that there was not the money with which to pay cash.

Proponents of the McCumber plan appeared to be confident that the committee on Wednesday would order a favorable report on the amended house bill. In that event the measure would be placed on the Senate calendar, but whether it would replace the tariff bill in the near future remained to be decided.

The committee went into consideration of the bonus problem without any direct word from President Harding as to his views either on the McCumber plan or the Smoot proposal, both of which were laid before him in detail several weeks ago. Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, who has held several conferences with the executive on the subject, was not present, having not yet returned from Indiana, where he delivered the "keynote" address at the republican state convention.

The proposition of adding the Smith-McNary reclamation bill to the bonus measure in place of the discarded land settlement feature was not discussed at today's session, members said.

Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, and other Senators as well as some proponents of the reclamation measure in the House are behind a movement to this end. A sub-committee of finance committee republicans has been appointed to hear Representative Mondell of Wyoming, the House Republican leader, and others interested in the reclamation legislation. Changes in some of the administrative features of the bonus bill were discussed with the committee today by several army officers. These changes have been suggested by the War Department in the interest of facility in administering the compensation act.

Whatever the decision of the finance committee has between the two bonus proposals, indications point to a sharp, if not prolonged fight in the Senate over the legislation.

STRIKE BALLOTS TO RAILWAY MEN

MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYEES VOTE—IF MEN DECIDE TO QUIT WORK IT WILL BE EARLY IN JULY—MAY BRING WALKOUT

Detroit, May 30.—The executive council of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers this afternoon unanimously adopted a resolution instructing E. F. Grable, the president to send out strike ballots to all members of the organization and all non-union workers of the crafts affected by the wage cut ordered by the railroad labor board Sunday.

President Grable announced the ballots would be sent out immediately and that if the workers decided to strike in protest against the cut, the walkout would be effective about July 5. He estimated 478,000 members of the union and about 72,000 non-union workers would be asked to vote, virtually every railroad in the country with the exception of short lines and electric roads being affected.

The resolution adopted by the executive council which is composed of the officers of the union specified the ballots should ask whether or not the workers were willing to accept the cut and declared if they were not "the union will use the full economic powers of the organization to resist the reduction of wages ordered by the labor board."

President Grable said afterward he expected the returns would be in by July 1, explaining in case of a strike vote he was empowered to call the men out and he fixed July 5 as the tentative date by which arrangements could be completed to put the strike in effect. The wage cut is effective July 1 under the board order.

Houston, Texas, May 30.—The convention of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen adjourned today until Monday without having taken action on the motion to authorize the president and secretary to prepare instructions for firemen to leave the service in event the railroad labor board should hand down a decision reducing their wages.

The motion, it was said, apparently looks to the future in suggesting that general chairmen prepare in advance instruction blanks leaving blank the date for a walkout, the date suggested being the time that any wage cut should become effective. The motion was referred to the committee on the protective department.

It was understood that the committee has not reported to the convention. Brotherhood officials have indicated they are aware that discussion of firemen's wages by the labor board will not be taken up for several months. The motion states, however, that the "majority of the board intended to cut our wages."

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Major J. D. Fulp attended the meeting of the Alumni Association of P. C. at Clinton yesterday. He was reelected president of the Alumni Association at yesterday's meeting. About 80 other alumni were present and a splendid meeting was held. A banquet was enjoyed last evening in the Commercial Hall which was attended by 200 people.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought 20 3-4 cents on the local market today. Futures closed
 July 20.69
 October 20.26
 December 20.05
 January 19.81

SLOW PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS

TALK OF IRELAND MAY CONTINUE FOR DAYS—MR CHURCHILL'S EXPECTED STATEMENT TO HOUSE OF COMMONS MUST WAIT

London, May 30.—The Irish negotiations have made no apparent progress since Saturday and Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for the colonies, informed the house of commons today that they might continue for several days.

The joint conference was fixed for noon and then postponed to 3 o'clock this afternoon and finally until tomorrow. This seemingly was due to the long meeting of the British cabinet committee on Ireland. The Irish representatives waited most of the afternoon at their hotel for a summons to the prime minister's residence at Downing street.

Mr. Churchill's expected statement to the house of commons was postponed also, although he told the house that "owing to the urgency and gravity of the issues, parliament is entitled to the fullest information."

The members tried hard in the question hour to get some information from the government regarding its attitude towards the agreed Irish elections and other matters, but Mr. Churchill staved them off until he should make his formal statement. One question pressed by several members was whether all the members of the new Irish parliament would be obliged to take the oath of allegiance to the king.

The colonial secretary satisfied their curiosity on one point, asserting that the British commander of the forces in Ulster could not take the responsibility of moving his men into southern territory to meet threatened attacks except with instructions from the cabinet. He also revealed that the admiralty had sent vessels to Londonderry over Sunday at Sir James Craig's request. It was known only that one destroyer was outside Londonderry and the number of ships dispatched to that port was not divulged.

The impression grows that the differences between the government and the Sinn Feiners amount to an acute crisis, particularly in view of Mr. Churchill's reference to the urgency and gravity of the issues.

SAILS FRIDAY FOR ENGLAND

Rev. Dallas Takes Special Course of Study at Edinburgh

Rev. James M. Dallas, who has been pastor of the Greenville and Donalds churches for the past eleven years, leaves Friday morning for New York on his way to England, Scotland and France, where he will spend the summer months. Mr. Dallas sails next Tuesday on the S. S. Mauretania for Southampton, England, and expects to reach London about June 14th. After a visit to that city he will go to Edinburgh where he will spend some time in taking a special course of study. While in Scotland, he will for the third time, have the pleasure of preaching in his native city, which he has not visited for seventeen years. Before returning to the United States Mr. Dallas will visit the battlefields of France, and the grave of his nephew, who was killed in the great war, and who is buried in the British Military cemetery at Marquion.

FOOTBALL MEETING

A foot ball meeting was held in the high school this morning. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for next year. Claude Gambrell was chosen Captain to succeed Allen Long, by a unanimous vote, and Donald Harris succeeds Billy Long as Manager. This was the last meeting of the season.

CHINESE PROVINCES NOT PAYING TAXES

PEKING GOVERNMENT FACING A FINANCIAL CRISIS—THE TREASURY EMPTY—NORTH AND SOUTH CHINA UNABLE TO UNITE

Peking, May 30.—The Peking government is facing a financial crisis. It announces that it is unable to meet its ordinary current expenses and Finance Minister Tung Kang has appealed to the provinces to remit the revenues due the federal government which they have been retaining for local use.

Five million dollars is needed on the first of the month to pay the government employees, but it is explained that only a few thousands are left in the nation's treasury. Unless the provinces extend help, which they have not done for years the government says it will be embarrassed.

Reassembling of the old parliament, retirement of President Hsu Shih Chang, selection of a provincial president, and adoption of permanent leaders throughout the country as means of solving the problems which are crowding upon the nation. General Wu Pei Fu, in military control of northern China while on record as favoring the reconvening of the old parliament has not yet issued a formal call for its meeting. He is said to be sounding out the sentiment of the country, and also desires to know definitely what will be the attitude of Sun Yat Sen, head of the southern government.

It is said, that unless Dr. Sun agrees to abolish the Canton government on condition that President Hsu Shih Chang retires, unification of the north and south will be unattainable.

Dr. Sun, recognizing the powerful influence of the south in the matter, seems disinclined to agree with any scheme proposed by the northern government and his followers contend that Sun represents the only legal government. General Wu already has obtained assurance from the president of his willingness to retire and has urged that Sun likewise withdraw for the sake of the country.

It has been tentatively proposed that Li Yuan Hung be recalled as provisional president. He resigned from the presidency after the parliament was dissolved in 1917.

MUST PAY TAXES NOW

Extension Granted by Legislature Expires Soon.

Columbia, May 30.—South Carolina tax payers who have not yet paid their 1921 taxes, have until Thursday to see the county treasurers and meet their obligations without having executions made out against them. The extension granted by the legislature expires on June 1 and an 8 per cent. penalty goes into effect then. Executions are to be made up on June 1, but held by the treasurers until September 1 before being placed in the hands of the sheriffs.

ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT

The Parent-Teacher Association, through the kindness of Mr. Verchot, manager of the opera house, is giving a splendid program at the opera house this evening. Besides several rolls of pictures, a vaudeville and slight of hand show will be given by the graded school pupils assisted by Ralph Turner. The entertainment will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

Guests at Georgian Terrace.

Misses Mary Greene and Victoria Howie were guests Sunday evening of Miss Ruth Hall who gave a dinner party at the Georgian Terrace in compliment to a number of her college friends.

PLANS OF FRANCE REMAIN IN DOUBT

MAY NOT JOIN CONFERENCE AT THE HAGUE—PREMIER WOULD HAVE STATUS OF PROPOSED MEETING WELL UNDERSTOOD IN ADVANCE

Paris, May 30.—Premier Poincare, it was stated in well informed quarters this evening, will recommend to the chamber of deputies that France abstain from participation in the conference at The Hague on Russian affair unless it is well established in advance that the discussion will take place between experts as distinguished from diplomats.

The term experts, as understood in this connection excludes both diplomats and political leaders. It is known, for instance, that M. Poincare does not regard Foreign Minister Chicherin of Russia as an expert.

Three eventualities are being considered by the French government. Full participation in case the economic character of the conference is assured, provisional participation from June 15 until it appears from a week of conference whether it will keep out of politics, with retirement before the arrival of the Russians if politics creep in, and in this case the sending of an eye witness such as the United States sent to Genoa.

It is expected that the chamber will give Premier Poincare a free hand with the assurance that parliament will support him if he finds that the arrangements for The Hague meeting do not give sufficient guarantees that it will be a mere continuation of the Genoa conference.

J. S. STARK NOMINATED

J. S. Stark, J. M. Nickles, W. E. Leslie, E. C. Horton and Joe Anderson of Antreville attended the cooperative meeting in Aiken yesterday, the party going down from Abbeville through the country in two automobiles one car being driven by J. S. Stark and the other by W. G. McGowan, county agent.

The object of the meeting was to nominate two directors, to be voted on at a later date. Three names came before the meeting, J. S. Stark of Abbeville, W. T. Bailey of Greenwood and J. M. McNair of Aiken, and of these three J. S. Stark and J. M. McNair were nominated.

This district is composed of eight counties as follows: Abbeville, McCormick, Greenwood, Edgefield, Saluda, Aiken, Barnwell and Allendale.

JEFFORDS APPEALS

Columbia, May 30.—Frank M. Jeffords, convicted here of the murder of J. C. Arnette, his partner in a filling station, and sentenced to die by electrocution on June 15, made a personal appeal to the State Supreme Court today, which he filed with Judge W. H. Townsend. This automatically stays his sentence, as he has twenty days in which to perfect the appeal. Ira Harrison, who was convicted of the same crime and sentenced to die on the same day, has not appealed.

GRADUATION FRIDAY

The graduating exercises of the Abbeville High School will be held Friday evening at 8:30 in the opera house. The address will be made by President R. C. Grier of Erskine College.

ANDERSON VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leverett of Starr, Mrs. S. E. Leverett, Mrs. J. N. Land and John Land were in Abbeville today visiting Mrs. John Hafner.

GOVERNMENT WINS IN RAILROAD CASE

SUPREME COURT ORDERS DISSOLUTION OF OWNERSHIP. CENTRAL PACIFIC AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC MUST SPLIT COMBINE.

Washington, May 30.—Dissolution of ownership and control of the Central Pacific railway by the Southern Pacific company was ordered today by the supreme court in an opinion delivered by Justice Day. The decision in the case, which was the last of the railroad merger suits to be brought before the court, held that the two lines were competitive. Justices McReynolds and Brandeis, because of their official connection prior to going upon the bench, did not participate.

The court directed that a decree be entered severing the control by the Southern Pacific of the Central Pacific by stock ownership or by lease, but in accomplishing that end, so far as compatible, said the mortgage lien of the Union Trust company of New York should be protected.

The several terminal lines and cut-offs leading to San Francisco bay which have been constructed or acquired during the unified control of the two systems for convenient access to the bay and to the principal terminal facilities about the bay should be dealt with, the court declared, "either by way of apportionment or by provisions for joint or common use, in such manners as will secure to both companies such full, convenient and ready access to the bay and to terminal facilities thereon that each company will be able freely to compete with the other, to serve the public efficiently and to accomplish the purpose of the legislation under which it was constructed.

A like course should be pursued, Justice Day added, "in dealing with the lines extending from San Francisco bay to Sacramento and to Portland, Ore."

The case had been pending in the courts since February 11, 1914, when the United States asked the United States district court of Utah to restrain the two railroads, the Union Trust company of New York and the directors and officials of the Southern Pacific under the Sherman anti-trust and the Pacific railroad acts. The United States asserted the lines of the two railroads constituted competitive systems, and asked that the ownership acquired by the Southern Pacific of a controlling interest in the Central Pacific be declared unlawful.

A minute review of the history of the two railroads was given by Justice Day leading up to what he termed "the outstanding facts" of the physical operation of the two railroads.

"The Central Pacific with its Eastern connection at Ogden forms one great system of transportation between the East and the West," the opinion stated, "and the Southern Pacific with its roads and connections and steamboat lines, form another great transcontinental system for transportation from coast to coast. The Central Pacific constitutes some 800 miles of transcontinental line of which it is a part. The Southern Pacific system has practically its own lines of railroads and steamboat connections to New York via Galveston and New Orleans.

JURY HOLDS CROCKER

Charged With Killing The Alms House Superintendent
 Columbia, May 30.—The coroner's jury investigating the killing of the Rev. Vincent Davis, retired Methodist minister and superintendent of the Richland County alms house, who was shot to death at the alms house yesterday morning, tonight held James Watts Crocker, an inmate, for the deed. Mr. Davis was buried this afternoon.

FIRE AT COCA-COLA PLANT.

The fire alarm was sounded this morning about 8:30 o'clock. A truck in front of the Coca-Cola Plant was on fire, but the Company answered in good form and small damage was done. About 500 school children also answered the call, keeping up with the motor truck in the race.