

### BUSINESS NOW RUSHING SOLONS

EVERYBODY HAS A BILL OR TWO AND SUB-COMMITTEES WORK NIGHT AND DAY

SOLDIERS' BONUS BILL IS PASSED

Appropriations Being Cut While Soldiers' Bonus Bill Goes Through Clean

(By G. L. CASWELL)

Des Moines, March 21, 1921. Adjournment of the General Assembly on April 8 is probable, as both House and Senate have adopted the resolution setting that date for the end of the session. However, a motion to reconsider the vote on the resolution is on the records and the date can thus be held open for making any necessary change. The hope is that sixty members of the House have agreed to support a resolution requesting the governor to call the special session for finishing up Code revision to begin the latter part of next November. It is said the farmer members of the House do not propose to let the lawyers and bankers and other interests whose slack time is in the summer months keep them here during their own busy season, hence the later date set for the special session.

To keep faith with the constituents whom they promised in the last campaign they would serve by keeping down state appropriations and extravaganzas, members of the House last Wednesday cut the heart out of the state fair appropriation bill, and left the state fair board to hobble along for the next two years on what the fair can take in of itself. The necessary paving and some land purchases will be taken care of and that is all. The balance to be paid on the big new cattle barn will stand against the profits of the last fair. And what has happened to the fair board will happen to many other boards and departments, it is said. Possibly even to the state educational institutions. The idea of making a record in legislation by heading off half a mill of appropriations may look all right, but after all it is the twenty and forty and fifty mill levies out at their homes that makes the members' taxes high. All the state appropriations asked for together would probably not cause an increase of three mills in the state tax levy, as one mill levy now raised over a million dollars for state purposes—and there are numerous other sources of revenue which the state draws upon for funds to keep things going.

**Soldiers' Bonus Goes**  
Included in the taxes of the next decade will be the payment of the bonus to the boys of the recent war. The Senate last Monday after a heated debate passed the House bill providing that bonds for \$22,000,000 be issued to pay such bonus to the world war veterans, leaving out the World War Army Training Corps boys who were not in the regular army service. Senator Stoddard of Woodbury county made a noble fight to include these S. A. T. C. boys, and had much sympathy in the matter, but not enough votes. The Senate thus receded from the amendments it stuck on the House bill and passed the latter bill as it came over to them. Thus the people of the state will vote directly on the bond issue at the regular election in 1922—and it will carry, of course.

Two bills to place a license on the sale of cigarettes, one also on tobacco, are pending in the House, and either bill would bring in revenue sufficient to pay the interest on these \$22,000,000 soldiers' bonus bonds and leave some to pay on the principal each year—and the American Legion boys who got their "fags" from home while in France would enjoy paying for them here and thus help make up for the school funds what taxes it

takes for the bonus. Another big source of revenue may possibly be tapped in the five cents per \$100 of capital tax on corporations in this state. Numerous other possibilities of additional revenue are attracting the attention of solons at this time.

**State Fair Board**  
When Representative Fred McCulloch of Iowa county, introduced House File 531 requiring the election of members of the Iowa State Fair board by congressional districts at the annual meeting of the state agricultural convention he started a fight that promises to equal highway fights of recent sessions. Mr. McCulloch is one of the progressive scientific farmers who carries off the principal prizes in live stock and corn. He is an authority on agricultural matters and an aggressive friend of the state fair. But—he declares the state board is not representative of the districts because the state convention which is controlled by the state fair management selects the members at large when they should be selected without interference of the state management by districts. The bill is expected to be brought on the floor in a few days. Eventually Mr. McCulloch hopes to see the organization divided by establishing a great agricultural department separated from the state fair organization.

**Cleaning Out Tuberculosis**  
The house has passed Knickerbocker's bill appropriating \$250,000 to continue the work of cleaning out tubercular cattle. This money will be added to an equal amount appropriated by the federal government in the hope that every herd in Iowa which supplies milk to the public will be tested and the diseased animals slaughtered. Mr. Knickerbocker explained that while this was an expensive way to rid the state of tuberculosis in both animals and human beings it was the only method of procedure at this time. The state delayed too long and permitted other states surrounding Iowa which have drastic laws regulating diseased cattle to damp their cattle which would not stand the test in their own states on the farms of Iowa. He declares the milk situation in this state was frightful and that many dairymen who were selling their milk for children to consume would not feed the same milk to their own hogs because hogs are as susceptible to tuberculosis as children. The appropriation is for the purpose of compensating in part for the loss of live stock which are pronounced by federal inspectors to be being tubercular.

**Railroad Legislation Asked**  
The shippers of Iowa as represented in the commercial organizations of the larger cities of the state are asking that more power be given the state railway commission in changing rates for the purpose of harmonizing them with interstate rates governed by the interstate commerce commission. In many instances the rates fixed by Iowa are above those which would prevail if Iowa statutes would permit. Instead of being helpful to Iowa shippers the state rates in many instances are a detriment. In an effort to retain the legacy established by Gov. Larrabee that the state had the right to regulate rates and at the same time conform to the advantages provided by the interstate commerce commission is the problem which confronts shippers at this time. In bringing about an agreement the old controversy concerning the "long and short haul" exploited more than a quarter of a century ago comes up for adjustment. Members of the Iowa Traffic league composed of expert shippers, traffic men of the commercial organizations advised with the railroad committees concerning proposed changes in the state law. Carefully prepared schedules were shown legislators showing injustices because of present laws. Because of these Council Bluffs pays a higher freight rate on coal mined at Centerville than Omaha. Because of the inter state rates Centerville or any other Iowa coal is shipped outside of the state at a much cheaper rate than an equal number of miles through Iowa. Another hearing is to be had on Thursday of this week to which both

shippers and railroad officials are invited in an effort to formulate a report that will attempt to solve the traffic problems which are now of vital concern to all interests. The senate has passed a bill placing railroads of less than twenty-five miles in length under the jurisdiction of the state railroad commission. This is calculated to regulate the Waukon line of a dozen miles and the Tabor limited short line of an equal amount of mileage. The Waukon line management is said to have been acting entirely too independent as a fair weather road. This road is in the extreme northeast corner of the state while the Tabor line is in the extreme southwest corner. The stockholders of the Tabor line have just purchased a new varnished passenger coach the first since the line was built a number of years ago and the senate feels that the line should be regulated.

**Constitutional Convention**  
The House settled once and for all the arrangements for the constitutional conventions which must be held soon to revise the Iowa constitution. A bill was passed in amended form making May 1923, the time for holding the convention, delegates to be selected regardless of sex from each representative district in the primary of the 1922 election. By this bill con-con delegates will be elected on partisan tickets of the Senate approves of the same plan.

**Senate Close On Highways**  
The senate refused to indefinitely postpone the Mead bill which would abolish the present form of a Highway Commission and create a State Highway Engineer with four subsidiary departments situated in Des Moines to have charge of Iowa road work. The new chief engineer would be only advisory. Practically all power would go back to county boards of supervisors. The question came up in the senate on a motion to indefinitely postpone. The author of the bill supported by other opponents of the highway commission urged that the bill be given a place on the calendar where its merits could be considered in open session. The motion to postpone was lost by a vote of 24 to 25. It is not generally believed that the opposition to the highway commission have 25 votes as two senators privately declared that they were not for the bill but through courtesy they believed that the bill should have open consideration. The house, however, in every instance has violently declared against tampering with the highway law.

**Other Measures**  
No Amusement Tax—the senate defeated the amusement tax law. Bands—Both houses have agreed that cities may tax themselves for the support of bands. Industrial Court—If mobs continue to rule industrial districts as they have in Des Moines for the last week Kime's industrial court bill will surely be dragged out of the rubbish pile where it was scrapped ten days ago and be passed by both houses. Soldiers Exempted—The senate exempts soldiers of the world war from taxation up to \$500, Spanish American war veterans up to \$1,800 and civil war veterans up to \$3,000.

**Farm Legislation**—Legislation for the establishment of co-operative banking and marketing organizations was considered at a joint meeting of the agricultural and labor committees of the house and senate. Bill relating to this matter, now pending in the general assembly, were considered. **Uniform Laws**—Senator Dutcher's bill creating a uniform law commission to confer with like commissions in other states for the purpose of making the various states' laws more nearly uniform, was favorably reported by the judiciary committee and will be acted on by the senate soon. Marriage, divorce, court procedure are some of the subjects in which it is hoped that the different states' laws may be made more uniform. **Philosophy.**  
If I live another couple of years I ought to be able to hold out for the rest of my life.—Christiana Tyrians.

### TEXANS KILL 2 U. S. DRY AGENTS

Hunt for Whisky on Ranch Near El Paso Leads to Double Killing.

### BOOZE BEVERAGE MEN HIT

Prohibition Has Brought in Its Wake Hundreds of Mushroom Business Establishments Engaged in Making of Booze Beverages, According to Chemists.

El Paso, Tex., March 23.—Federal Prohibition Agents S. E. Beckett and Arch Woods were shot to death when prohibition agents were hunting for liquor on a ranch owned by Nell T. Shearman, near this city.

Federal officers were given a tip last night that a load of 23 cases of liquor was to be sent across the line intended for a ranch, according to members of the raiding party. Approaching the ranch, the officers searched an automobile, but found nothing.

The posse was nearing the house when a voice shouted at them to halt. The officers did not stop. A volley of shots followed. Beckett and Woods both fell mortally wounded.

**Escape in Darkness.**  
The remaining officers fired from woodsheds and barns, returning fire from the house. When the firing from the house ceased, the officers entered the place. Nobody was there. Officers think the men in the house crawled out through the darkness and followed the river's course into El Paso.

**Assail Booze Beverage Makers.**  
Washington, March 23.—Prohibition has brought in its wake hundreds of mushroom business establishments engaged solely in "the making of booze beverages," speakers declared at a conference here of pharmaceutical manufacturers and manufacturing chemists. The conference was called to discuss the prohibition law and regulations as they affect the manufacture of medicines containing alcohol.

### PORTER WRECK BLAME FIXED

Interstate Commerce Commission Report Says Engineer Overlooked Signals.

Washington, March 23.—The recent wreck at Porter, Ind., which resulted in the death of 37 and injury to 20 persons, the interstate commerce commission bureau, on safety announces, "again, calls attention to the necessity for an automatic train control device to be used in connection with existing signal equipment for the purpose of automatically controlling the speed of a train in case the engineman for any reason fails properly to observe signals indications and to operate his train accordingly. The bureau finds that the failure of Engineer Long, employed by the Michigan Central railroad, to observe certain signals was the cause of the wreck. A contributing cause of the wreck, the bureau's report added, was the failure of Fireman Block, also of the Michigan Central train, to observe properly the signal indication at the crossing where the wreck occurred and to convey the correct information to Engineman Long.

### \$600,000,000 TAKEN BY U. S.

Income Tax Receipts for March Returns Exceed Mellon's Estimate by \$100,000,000.

Washington, March 13.—Approximately \$600,000,000 was collected by the government in income and profits taxes up to last Saturday night, according to the treasury. This is \$100,000,000 in excess of the estimate made by Secretary Mellon for the March 15 return, and was the limit expected by officials in view of changed

conditions in the country. About \$850,000,000 was collected for the same quarter a year ago, but the showing so far was regarded as excellent for this quarter. Complete reports on the amount collected will not be available for several days because of delays in hearing from outlying districts.

### TWO KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

Fliers Attempt Landing From Too Low an Altitude at West Palm Beach.

West Palm Beach, Fla., March 23.—Attempting a landing from too low an altitude, Lee Rothert of this city and J. H. Farrington of Saranac Lake, N. Y., were killed here, their seaplane striking the earth within 20 feet of the water and safety. Rothert, who was driving the plane, became confused and lost control of the machine as it neared the earth, according to those who witnessed the accident.

**Will O. K. Agreement.**  
New York, March 23.—Bishop Yoshiyasu Hira-Iwa of the Japan Methodist church, now in this city, declared that while he was in Washington Count Shidehara, Japanese ambassador, had expressed to his belief that the Harding administration would adopt the Morris-Shidehara agreement in final settlement of the Japanese situation in California.

**Proposing in Siam.**  
In Siam a declaration of marriage is very simple. It is considered a proposal merely to offer a lady a flower, or to take a light from a cigaret if she is holding it in her mouth, so that even the most timid of youths need not fear the ordeal.

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