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ASK SENATE TO DEFER BONUS

Soldier Relief to be Only Subject Mentioned in Plea

SENATE DEBATES BILL

Legion Assails Plan For Delay, Calling Action Mere Subterfuge (Inter- est Now \$972,000,000)

Washington, July 12.—President Harding plans to appear before the Senate tomorrow and ask for temporary postponement of the Soldier Bonus bill.

Plans for the President's address were discussed late yesterday by the Executive with Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican leader, and Senator Curtis, of Kansas, Republican whip. It is understood that the Bonus bill will be the only subject touched upon in the address and that suggestions for a joint address to the Congress or the transmission only of a message have been abandoned.

The President, it was said, had expected to address the Senate yesterday, but was prevented by pressure of other business. He is now expected to speak in the Senate Chamber tomorrow afternoon, but if delayed further it is expected that he will do so not later than Wednesday.

Decision to address the Senate on the Bonus bill at the earliest opportunity was reached by the President in conference with the Republican leaders at the White House while the Senate was debating the measure. Senators Lodge and Curtis were said to have given him assurances that a motion to recommit the Bonus bill would be adopted. At the conference the entire legislative situation was said to have been discussed, although it was added that the President in speaking to the Senate would not discuss tariff or tax legislation.

When the Senate resumed consideration of the Soldier Bonus bill yesterday, Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, introduced an amendment directing the Secretary of the Treasury to collect interest on Allied debts, the fund to be set aside to pay the bill's expense.

"Why is it the governments cannot pay their interest?" Senator Norris asked, adding that in some cases it probably was impossible and in few instances that the entire loans would be lost.

"But in the main the foreign governments are paying interest on their own bonds just as we are," he said.

Senator Norris said he was advised by the Treasury that accrued interest on the foreign loans on May 15 was \$922,000,000. Greece and Cuba alone, he said, had paid all their interest.

Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, objected to the provision of the Norris amendment directing the Secretary of the Treasury to collect the interest due on foreign loans, explaining that the provision might be a direction to do the impossible.

Senator McCumber attacked the Norris amendment, declaring he could see no reason why the receipts from the foreign loans should be applied to any specific indebtedness.

Senator Wadsworth described as "a grave mistake" the institution of the system whereby men in service during the World War were compelled to turn over a portion of their pay as allotments to their dependents. To rectify that mistake he proposed that the Government return to the men the money turned over for allotment purposes. He said he had been advised this would amount to about \$350,000,000 and would benefit those most needing a bonus.

Designation of the pending bill as an adjusted compensation measure was described by Senator Wadsworth as misnomer, because, he said, it would distribute cash indiscriminately and without regard to need.

Plans to delay consideration of the bonus measure were attacked by the legislative committee of the American Legion in a statement last night. It referred to the letter of Secretary Mellon urging that consideration be deferred as "intellectually dishonest."

Chautauqua Open

Large Attendance Despite Rain—Excellent Program

Amid a downpour of rain the third Alexandria Chautauqua opened its sessions under the big tent yesterday afternoon, but even this did not dampen the ardor and enthusiasm of the Chautauquans who had gathered to greet the new Superintendent, Rev. Joseph Schuertz, who with his genial smile immediately won his audience after a brief introduction by Samuel W. Pitts, chairman of Alexandria's Chautauqua guarantors.

Scarcely if ever, has an Alexandria audience had its privilege of enjoying two such delightful musical programs as those presented by the four artists who contributed to both the afternoon's and evening's entertainment. Miss Georgia Price as harpist won much applause by her delicate interpretation and mastery of that wonderful instrument which is so seldom heard by local audiences. Miss Ballentine, pianist, showed her unusual talent, with several numbers especially the composition of Rachmaninoff which appeared on her evening program.

As an encore the old fashioned music box was delightful. Miss Melrose, soprano, pleased all by her clear, true voice and her splendid rendition of all her numbers. As a reader of exceptional charm and merit we are sure Miss Katharine V. Palmstock has few rivals. Her impersonations were exceptionally well done and were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The decider of the evening program, Edith A. Boyd, won his audience from the start, and under the title of "The Advantage of a Handicap" made a stirring appeal to youth to overcome all handicaps whether physical or financial and secure the privileges of an education.

At the close of the afternoon program the Junior Chautauquans organized with the following officers elected to serve for Junior Term: Mayor Thornton Goodis.

Clerk, Edwina Carver.
Commissioner of Law and Order, H. Burdette Caton.

The Boston Musicians Quintet will furnish the music for the afternoon and evening Chautauqua sessions today and tonight. Dr. Frank Behn will lecture on "All the World and Our-Selves" tomorrow, Wednesday night, the Comus Players will present a feature program, the comedy drama "Nothing But The Truth."

Appeal For Playgrounds

Need Funds to Further Work— Thank Participants in Entertainment

Members of the Friends' Playground committee wish to thank all those who helped to make the entertainment given for the benefit of the playgrounds a success, especially those who took part in various acts presented. The funds realized from the entertainment will go toward purchasing equipment for the grounds which is regarded as absolutely necessary for a well regulated playground.

The purchase of this equipment is expensive, as only the most substantial kind will stand the wear and tear incident to use in a general playground and remain safe for use. Iron slides, swings etc., are usually used. All equipment secured must be selected with care for its safety and durability.

The association now needs several hundred dollars additional to purchase a few of the articles most needed at the grounds and they appeal to the citizens in general to come forward and help the committee in securing the necessary outfit by either donating money or giving some of the articles needed. Any contribution may be sent to Mrs. Taylor Bueke, treasurer, or any member of the committee.

There are few persons in Alexandria who know their grounds around Washington school for boys on the east side of Washington street between Wolfe and Wilkes streets, which Gen. Washington donated by will to Alexandria for a public school were used for a playground seventy-seven years ago and that today there are 4,000 children among us. They urgently appeal to the citizens to do something to help provide an adequate place for the little ones in order that they may be kept off the streets. "Let These Little Children Come Unto Me" was the command of one who loved them.

CITY MANAGER PLAN PETITION READY

Soon to be Presented to Court Calling For Elec- tion October 3

DISCUSS ROAD WORK

Directors of Chamber of Commerce Protest Against Removal of Medi- cal School for U. of Va.

It was announced yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce that the required number of signatures had been obtained to the petition circulated calling for a special election on the city manager plan of government, and it was stated that the petition probably will be presented shortly to the judge of the circuit court of this city. Judge S. G. Brent will be asked to call an election for the purpose of having the freeholders decide this question October 3.

Another matter of importance discussed by the board of directors was the diverting of the Little River Turnpike road as part of the Lee Highway and it was explained that the order of improvements cannot be changed without a special act of the legislature.

A resolution was adopted protesting against the proposed removal of the University of Virginia Medical School from the University to Richmond. The question of the establishment of a ferry service between this city and the Maryland side of the river, known as Fox's ferry it was announced has taken definite shape.

George H. Evans, business manager of the chamber of commerce, made a report on the development of back country resources and expressed hope that much good would result from the efforts along this line.

A resolution was adopted in the interest of disabled soldiers and their families.

Dr. Chester A. Amos, of Rosemont, was elected to membership. The board of directors adjourned till September.

Police To Collect

Start After Unpaid Merchants' Licen- se Taxes Monday

Mayor J. M. Duncan announces today that on and after next Monday the members of the police department will begin collecting all unpaid merchants' license taxes. All who have not yet paid are advised to do so by the mayor. The bills unpaid will be placed in the hands of the policemen next Monday. These licenses were due and payable June 1.

Body From Overseas

Sergt. Cyril B. Mosher Was Well- Known Here

Word has been received here of the arrival at Hoboken N. J., of the body of Sergt. Cyril B. Mosher, Battery D, 12th Field Artillery.

Sergt. Mosher, who had many friends in this city, was killed in action on the morning of June 18th, 1918, at Chateau Thierry. His remains will be forwarded to East Greenwich, R. I., and buried with military honors by the American Legion and Vauxton Continentals.

Officers Installed

Knights of Pythias Officers Take Places

The following newly elected officers of Oriental Lodge No. 6, Knights of Pythias, were installed last night by Past Chancellor J. T. Luckett, acting deputy grand chancellor C. H. Pennington, chancellor commander; Joseph Reeves, vice chancellor; G. H. McIntosh, prelate; W. D. Jamnier, master of work; Elmer Noirs, K of R and S. S.; Harry A. Field, master of ceremonies; George W. Bentz, sr., master of exchequer; L. D. Sullivan, master of finance; L. M. Davis,anner guard; J. H. Mansfield, outer guard; James Haynes, was elected representative to the grand lodge and W. D. Jamnier, alternate to representative.

VIEWS GIVEN BY TWO CANDIDATES

Reply to Letter Sent By Chamber of Com- merce

HIGHWAY TO VALLEY

Responses From Chas. Henry Smith and Capt. E. W. Jordan, Candi- dates For Legislature Published

The Chamber of Commerce is anxious to see the highway between this city and the Valley of Virginia improved. It is worked hard toward this end and it is still continuing the fight and hopes to have its efforts rewarded shortly. With this object in view a letter recently was sent out to the various candidates for the state legislature to obtain their views on the subject and the letter sent by the chamber of commerce and the replies received from Charles Henry Smith and Capt. E. W. Jordan follow:

June 24, 1921.

Dear Sir:
This organization, in conjunction with the other interests in our city, has worked very hard for nearly four years for the highway from here to the Valley of Virginia which is now a part of the State Highway program as agreed upon by the General Assembly.

There are many reasons why this highway is important to Alexandria, but the main reason is that it opens up such a splendid farming section to this community.

If you will make a study of our local conditions you will find that we have a city of about 20,000 people with a very restricted outlying farming section. This means that our entire population fails to enjoy the benefits obtained from securing food stuffs and other products direct from the farms and you can very readily see what it will mean to this city to be put in direct touch with Fairfax, Loudoun, Fauquier and Clark counties and the Valley of Virginia by modern motor truck lines over a good highway.

This is a matter of such great importance to this entire community that we are asking the different candidates for the House of Delegates if they will advise us what their position would be, if elected, in case any change from the present program should be agitated.

We would greatly appreciate a definite expression of opinion from you on this subject.

Yours very truly,
W. A. SMOOT,
President.

June 25, 1921.

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Alexandria, Virginia.

Dear Sirs:

(Attention: Honorable W. A. Smoot, President.)

I am in receipt of your communication of the 24th instant requesting a definite expression of opinion from me on the subject of the proposed change of plans with regard to the improvement of the highway leading out of Alexandria to the Valley of Virginia, following the course of the Little River Turnpike, which, I believe is designated as Route No. 6, of the Virginia State Highway Commission's program of rebuilding in this State.

I thank you for this communication and assure you that I am pleased to give you a definite promise in that regard.

While it is true that I have not been in Alexandria City for a great number of years, yet I came here with the fixed purpose of adopting Alexandria as my permanent home. I have cast my lot with its people. I have invested what little money I have with and among the people of Alexandria and I have done everything that I know how to do to show my good faith in coming among you. My interests are here. My business is here. My friends are here and I stand unalterably for anything which tends to make a better and greater Alexandria.

I unqualifiedly and unhesitatingly state that I am absolutely opposed to any proposed change in the routing of Route No. 6, as formerly designated.

TORCH APPLIED FACTIONS CLASH

Frequent Outbreaks Again Occur in Capital of Ulster

OFF FOR LONDON

Conference With Lloyd George Will Open Thursday—Officials Are Op- timistic That Pace Will Result

Belfast, July 12.—Barricading, which was one of the worst features of Sunday's disorders, increased last night, there being frequent outbreaks. A fire at SHERIFF STREET, where the corporation stores are situated, was quenched, but several spirit groceries in the Leopold district were burned out. The police were fired upon last night in York street, but no one was hit.

There was much excitement throughout the evening, with revolver and rifle firing in several districts. No serious casualties have been reported. Several persons, however, had to be taken to hospitals for the treatment of injuries from assaults other than shooting. The fire brigade was called out to 14 fires.

In the extent of material damage to property, Sunday's rioting here can be compared to that during the Dublin rising in 1916. A fierce and savage spirit animated the factions throughout the whole day and evening and large areas of the city were swept by revolver and machine gun fire.

From the confusion of conflicting accounts printed by the various party newspapers an attempt to impute responsibility for the disturbance cannot be made, but it is clear it was a three fold fight between Sinn Fein and Unionist snipers and Crown forces.

Special Ulster policemen declined to continue on street duty yesterday as they have been denied permission to carry arms. During the afternoon an officer attached to military headquarters was attacked while passing through the Falls district and his revolver was taken from him. A procession of Orangemen passing through York street was attacked by a party of men with guns. They came boldly into the open, but their volleys proved harmless.

London, July 12.—"I will be in London for a conference with you on Thursday next."

This telegram to Prime Minister Lloyd George was read to the House of Commons this evening amidst wild cheers from the members.

The Irish delegation to leave Dublin today, accompanying Mr. De Valera, will include Arthur Griffith, Robert Barton and Austin Stack. Mr. Barton, who has just been released from a British prison, is a Wicklow land owner. Formerly he was in the British Army and now he is the "minister of agriculture of the Irish republic."

Mr. Stack is the "republican minister of home affairs." He has been imprisoned several times and on one occasion made a sensational escape from Manchester jail.

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Ready For Camp Trip

Pioneers to go to Camp July 26—May Be Permanent Camp

Camp Rust may become a permanent camp the Y. M. C. A., has just announced. This announcement came as a result of a conference in Washington yesterday between the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and David N. Rust, Jr., the proprietor of Rock Creek Dairy Farm on which the camp is located.

Secretary Wallace was arranging final details of the Pioneer camp which begins July 26 and closes August 5 at Camp Rust, when he unfolded his ambitions for a permanent camp which would accommodate many groups for years to come. Mr. Rust then advised a thorough tour of the camp site this year with the statement that if Mr. Wallace was well pleased with it as he hoped he would be, he would gladly give his consent for a permanent camp.

Mr. Wallace states that not only the Y. M. C. A. camps will be held there for all ages but Sunday school and young people's society conferences and other groups would be invited. Electric lights will be installed, permanent shelters erected, and the place made ideal for such camps and conferences.

It is proposed, however, not to thoroughly "civilize" the camp by making it a small village or settlement, but rather to keep it wild and natural in its present state which is certainly most beautiful. Fishing, boating and swimming are all possible and there is an abundance of open space for all kinds of camp activities. Mr. Wallace states that the camp can easily accommodate two hundred with little additional equipment.

TWO MYSTERY SHIPS REPORTED IN ATLANTIC

New York, July 12.—Two reports of strange happenings out on the Atlantic were brought here today by steamships. The little Norwegian freighter Fort Morgan came into port raked and torn from a collision south of Diamond Shoals with an unknown schooner that was sailing without lights, her officers said. Then the British freighter Croxeth Hall reported that a mysterious steamer, running without lights circled around her 750 miles southeast of Halifax and vanished in the night without giving her identity.

It takes quite a ship to sail around the Croxeth Hall, which was formerly one of the German freighters and steams along at 10 knots and better. She came from Antwerp. Her master, Captain Spence, said the stranger which appeared to be a small freighter, was first sighted ahead, showing a stern light. The Croxeth Hall caught up with her and the latter suddenly veered off and robbed stern. Then the stranger with a burst of speed, came right at the Britisher and passed up around her. The red and green running lights of the strangely acting vessel were not burning and when the Croxeth Hall first overhauled her the stern light disappeared.

Repeated efforts were made by Captain Spence to signal the other vessel by flashlight code and wireless but she did not answer the inquiries for her identity. She ran with the Croxeth Hall for a time and then moved off out of sight.

The Fort Morgan had her funnel torn down and wreckage strewn about her deck from her collision. She brought a cargo of bananas from Jamaica. When she came steaming up the coast without a funnel the men on the pilot boat could hardly believe their eyes.

When she was 60 miles south by east of Cape Hatteras, at 8:30 p. m. Saturday, a sailing vessel without lights was passed. Half an hour later the lookout sang out: "Ship off port bow, sir." Capt. Erling Hervig was in his bunk and Chief Marces Barstad was on the bridge.

It was seen that the sailing vessel was without lights and the night was dark. The Fort Morgan's helm was put over hard and she tried to get away, but the sailer came on. Her high jibboom struck the port end of the steamer's bridge, tearing that side of the bridge away. It raked aft, ripping out part of the officers' quarters. Fortunately, no one was scupper there. The jibboom next caught the steamer's funnel and moved it down, together with the mainmast. The Fort Morgan, careened and her electric lights went out.

The zenith in panatillo has been received by the New Vendome Hotel, of Evansville, Ind. Only gentlemen wearing belts are permitted to remove their coats. New York Illustrated News.

CONFERENCE IS BELIEVED ASSURED

Lloyd George Tells Com- mons Empire Pleased With Invitation

FOR DISARMAMENT

Scope of Parley Undetermined—Amity With United States British Aim Says Premier

Washington, July 12.—The suggestion of President Harding looking to a disarmament conference at Washington was expected by officials here today to meet a ready response from the capitals of the powers concerned. The probable attitude of the powers toward such a proposal, it was said, was soundly in advance through American embassies and legations abroad, and the impression was gained that replies to formal invitations to such a conference would prove favorable.

Tending to confirm this belief, in the opinion of officials, was the statement of Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons today welcoming the initiative of President Harding in the matter.

In the preliminary questioning through American representatives it is understood that the Far Eastern question was mentioned to determine if this would be considered as a proper subject for discussion in connection with consideration of disarmament. It has been indicated that as a result the impression was given that this question would be treated prominently in the conference program.

The scope of the proposed conference, however, is understood not to have been definitely determined while the details of organization will be left until formal acceptance to the invitation have been received. In this connection, it was said today that before the conference actually meets there may be some definition of the subjects to be considered and an understanding given of what the powers consider their special interests.

No date for the gathering has as yet been set, nor has the American representation to the conference been determined, although it is believed that Secretary Hughes may head the American delegation. Whether any decisions reached will require special treaties or other forms of agreement is a subject which officials have indicated is too early for discussion.

London, July 12.—Premier Lloyd George in a lengthy statement to the House of Commons yesterday gave a full and frank explanation of the steps leading to the proposed conference for the discussion of armaments. The first principle of the British policy, he declared, was friendly co-operation with the United States.

"We are all convinced," said the Prime Minister, "that upon this, more than any single factor, depend the peace and well-being of the world."

The initiative of President Harding with respect to an international conference on the limitation of armaments had been received with the utmost pleasure by Great Britain, said Mr. Lloyd George, and he added that he spoke for the Empire as a whole.

At the same time Great Britain desired to maintain close friendship and co-operation with Japan, which harmonized the influences of the two great Asiatic powers and constituted an essential safeguard to the well-being of the British Empire and the peace of the East. The "open door" in China was another aim of the Government, together with opportunities for peaceful progress and development of the Chinese.

Norfolk—Lack of funds has caused the Norfolk navy yard to operate on half time beginning Monday. Two thousand men have been laid off for nine days under present plans, but the layoff may be indefinite unless the deficit at the navy yard is made up within that period.

Bethel—Record crowds are continuing to attend the revival meetings being conducted by Rev. "Bible" A. Sunday, famous evangelist of Norton, according to advices received here. It is estimated that 1,200 have "hit the saving trail" since the services opened.