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Secretary of the Treasury Mellon pleads with Congress not to pass the soldiers' bonus bill, urging that neither the national treasury nor the federal taxpayer is in a condition to bear the additional burden of expense the payment of the bonus would impose. However this may be, and whatever merit or demerit may underlie the whole question, in our judgment Congress is not being influenced largely by these considerations in its attitude toward the bill. The bill will doubtless be passed during this extra session of Congress as a matter of political expediency. The members of that body have an eye to their own future first of all in every relation in which they serve as the guardians of public interest and welfare. This may sound cynical, but nevertheless it is founded in the truth of unbroken precedent, not only in this government but in governments the world over. A public man is in almost every instance a public man not because of his love for the public, but because he finds himself serving his own interests best in that capacity, and in that he differs little after all from the rest of us. But to resume. There are nearly four million ex soldiers in the country and practically all, actively or quiescently, favorable to the payment of the bonus as quickly as it may be done, regardless of the present financial condition of the government. Each of these soldiers is a voter and each, through family interest, can influence one or more other voters, which gives the matter of satisfying the demand for the bonus a political significance no man in public life disposed to remain in it is going to ignore. The public generally is used to being taxed, and can always be jollied along in the next political campaign with promises of economy in governmental expenses, but the individual ex soldier may not be offended with impunity. He would in most cases show his resentment at the polls.

Georges was easily healed, but he has a large and comforting financial plaster.

Never see a gravel dirt road that was hard after the frost went out and a week's rain had soaked it?

The chairman of the Democratic State Committee threatens the new judicial redistricting bill with the referendum if the Legislature passes it on the grounds that it so gerrymanders the districts that the Republicans would have a preponderance of the judges elected. There it is again, the sublimity of nerve with which the Missouri Democracy protests its horror of the unfairness at having to swallow the same medicine it so joyously crammed down the throats of the Republicans for past four or five decades. They are suddenly a virtuous and fair minded lot, the Missouri Democracy! Carrying the state by a majority of 150,000 at the last election, the Republican party controls the upper house of the Legislature by the scant margin of one vote, and why? Because even in the face of the tremendous Republican vote, the state senatorial districts are so unfairly gerrymandered in the interest of the Democrats that the latter were still almost left in control of the Senate. They laid out the congressional district and judicial districts on the same principle—hogging the "preponderance" of them. And did the Republicans protest this injustice, all they got was the laugh. Now let them have the same to the limit.

The anti-prohibition parade in New York on the Fourth draws attention to the fact that the workhouse in Cincinnati has been locked up, tenantless, because of prohibition.

If England and Japan renew their treaty for mutual advantage, let the United States and China enter into a similar arrangement. All' fair in peace as well as war.

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Propositions Submitted to the Legal Voters of Missouri at the Special Election August 2, 1921.

PROPOSITION NO. 1.

There shall be submitted to the voters of the State of Missouri at a special election to be held on the first Tuesday in August, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, the question:

"SHALL THERE BE A CONVENTION TO REVISE AND AMEND THE CONSTITUTION?"

PROPOSITION NO. 2.

Proposed constitutional amendment enabling women to hold any office in this state.

Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to the constitution relating to the eligibility of women to hold any office in this state.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1920, or at a special election to be called by the governor for the purpose, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for their approval or rejection, an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Missouri, adding another section thereof, to be known as section 11a, to article IV thereof, between section 11 and section 12, to read as follows:

Section 11a. Women may be elected or appointed to any office in this state in accordance with the laws governing such election or appointment, except that no woman shall be eligible to the office of governor or lieutenant governor unless she shall have been a citizen and resident of this state for twenty years next preceding her election or appointment, and no woman shall be eligible to the office of secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, or attorney general unless she shall have been a citizen and resident of this state for ten years next preceding her election or appointment. Laws may be enacted prescribing the additional qualifications of women for any office or position of trust or profit in this state, and providing that women may be appointed to any office or position of trust or profit in this state in the same manner as men may be appointed thereto, and that women may be appointed or elected to any office or position of trust or profit in any city, town or village in this state in the same manner as men may be appointed or elected thereto in such city, town or village.

Approved March 11, 1921.

PROPOSITION NO. 3.

Proposed constitutional amendment providing that the interest of the sixty million dollar authorized road bond issue may be paid from motor vehicle license fees.

Joint and concurrent resolution to amend section 11 of article IX of the Constitution of Missouri, by inserting the words "and interest" between the words "principal" and "and" in line 19 of said section.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1920, or at a special election to be called by the governor for the purpose, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for their approval or rejection, an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Missouri, adding a new section to be known as section 11b, to read as follows:

Section 11b. In addition to the exceptions made and created in sections 11 and 11a, the General Assembly shall have power to pay the interest and principal of the state road bonds from the motor vehicle license fees.

Approved March 11, 1921.

PROPOSITION NO. 4.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Authorizing the Legislature to Incur and Provide for Taxation for the Payment of Indebtedness not Exceeding Fifteen Million Dollars for Bonuses to Soldiers and Sailors.

JOINT AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri an amendment to article IV of the Constitution of the State of Missouri, authorizing the general assembly to contract a debt or liability in behalf of the state of Missouri and to pay a bonus to an amount not exceeding fifteen million dollars for the purpose of paying a bonus to bona fide residents of the state of Missouri, and to certain surviving members of such residents who served in any branch of the military or naval forces of the United States of America at any time between the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and providing for the payment of such indebtedness.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1920, or at a special election called by the governor for the purpose, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for their approval or rejection, an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Missouri, adding another section thereof, between section eleven and section 12, a new section to be known as section 11b, to read as follows:

Sec. 11b. In addition to the exceptions made and created in sections 11 and 11a, the General Assembly shall have power to pay the bonus of paying to such bona fide residents of the State of Missouri who served honorably in the military or naval forces of the United States of America at any time between the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and eighteen, a bonus of ten dollars for each and every month, or major fraction of a month, that such resident was in active service, to contract or to authorize the contracting of a debt or liability on behalf of the state, and to issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness therefor, not exceeding in the aggregate fifteen millions of dollars, such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent, shall be payable semi-annually, shall not mature later than twenty years from the date of issuance thereof. The said bonds and the interest thereon shall, and are hereby, pledged to be paid out of a fund to be provided by the levy and collection of a direct annual tax upon all taxable property in the state. It shall be the duty of the state auditor annually, on or before the first day of July, to determine the rate of taxation necessary to raise the amount of money needed for that year to pay the principal and interest maturing in the next succeeding year, taking into consideration available funds, delinquencies and the cost of collection. The auditor shall annually certify the rate of taxation so determined to the clerk of the county court of each county and to the assessor or other officer in the city of St. Louis whose duty it may be to make up and certify the tax books wherein are extended the state taxes. It will be the duty of said clerks and the said assessors or other proper officer in the city of St. Louis to extend upon the tax books the taxes to be collected and certify the same to the collector of the revenue of their respective counties, and the city of St. Louis, who shall collect such taxes at the same time and in the same manner and by the same means as are now or may hereafter be provided by law for the collection of state and county taxes, and pay the same into the state treasury. The legislature shall enact such laws as may be necessary to carry into effect this amendment.

Approved March 18, 1921.

STATE OF MISSOURI } ss.
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Charles Becker, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of three joint and concurrent resolutions of the Fifty-first General Assembly of the State of Missouri, proposing amendments to the Constitution of said state, and a proposition to hold a Constitutional Convention, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the state of Missouri at a special election to be held on the second Tuesday of August, 1921.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State.

Done at the City of Jefferson this 23rd day of June, 1921.

CHARLES BECKER,
Secretary of State.

(SEAL)

No. 1
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Washington County Circuit Court, to August term, A. D., 1921, in vacation, June 22nd, 1921.

In the circuit court of Washington county, to August term, 1921.

State of Missouri, County of Washington, ss.

State of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of George Carr, collector of the revenue of Washington county in the State of Missouri, plaintiff,

against

John H. Roper, and the unknown heirs, consorts, devisees, donees, aliences, immediate, mesne and remote, voluntary and involuntary grantees of John H. Roper, and all unknown persons interested in the real estate herein described, defendants.

At this day comes the plaintiff herein by attorney, before the undersigned clerk of the circuit court in vacation, and files his petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that John H. Roper, and the unknown heirs, consorts, devisees, donees, aliences, immediate, mesne and remote, voluntary and involuntary grantees of John H. Roper, the defendants herein, are not residents of the State of Missouri.

Plaintiff further states that he verily believes there are certain parcels of land in this county and in the real estate herein described, which taxes have remained unpaid because they are unknown to him; that the amounts of said taxes, penalties and costs thereon are as shown by the tax books in the hands of the collector of this county, and that said taxes are a lien on said real estate, and that said defendants are the owners of said real estate, and that said taxes are delinquent and unpaid