

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Congress Passes Veterans' Bonus Loan Measure, Despite Hoover and Mellon—Chairman Legge to Leave the Farm Board.

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Speaker Longworth

FOLLOWING the lead of Speaker Nicholas Longworth, nearly all the Republican members of the house of representatives deserted the administration and voted with the Democrats for the passage of the bill increasing maximum loans on bonus certificates held by World war veterans from 22 1/2 per cent to 50 per cent of their face value.

As soon as the bill was handed up to the senate its proponents in that body took steps to hold up nearly all other legislation in order to get it through before Friday night. They were determined that it should not be killed by a pocket veto, which would be possible if speedy action were not obtained.

The bill was passed by the senate by a vote of 72 to 12, all the nays being Republicans.

Administration leaders in both houses admitted that there was no hope that a veto by the President could be sustained. Secretary Mellon's arguments against the bill and the figures he gave as to its cost to the government were vigorously disputed by many representatives and senators.

The house followed up its passage of the bonus loan bill by passing without roll call a bill authorizing the expenditure of \$12,500,000 for construction of veterans' hospitals and a bill authorizing the expenditure of \$2,850,000 for additional facilities at national soldiers' homes.

ENACTMENT by congress of the interior department appropriation bill carrying the \$20,000,000 drought relief loan and its official approval by the President removed most of the danger of a special session, despite the controversy over the veterans' bonus loan.

SENATE and house conferees agreed on a compromise resolution which provides for government production, transmission and sale of power at the Muscle Shoals plant, as in the original Norris resolution.

SOON after March 4 next, Alexander Legge, chairman of the federal farm board, will retire from that body and hand over his multitudinous troubles to another. It is believed in Washington that his successor will be James C. Stone, now vice chairman of the board and formerly an assistant secretary of commerce.

board work have prevented his leaving it before this.

At least three other members of the board may drop out before long, it is understood. They are: C. C. Tenge, fruit and vegetables representative, Samuel R. McKelvie, wheat member, and William F. Schilling, the dairy member.



Postmaster Gen. Brown

for the next fiscal year. He said schedules were not being met, connections at junction points not being completed and average speed not kept up to standard.

In his speech to the operators, Brown warned they could not look for support from military branches of the government since these "were not at all enthusiastic about any part civil aeronautics might play in any preparedness program."

This brought from Rear Admiral Moffett, chief of the navy bureau of aeronautics, the statement that he was sure no one in naval aviation ever had spoken with contempt about civil or commercial pilots and airmen or what they have accomplished.

ABOUT the same time some senators learned that Mr. Brown and the interstate commerce commission were contemplating making increases in the parcel post rates. Declaring this would cost the American people \$7,000,000, Senator McKellar of Tennessee offered a resolution asking Mr. Brown not to make the changes until they have been approved by congress.

PRESIDENT HOOVER put his signature to the bill providing for a 44-hour week for postal employees, which becomes effective July 1 and will affect 150,000 letter carriers, office clerks and railway service men.

SENATORS, mostly Democratic, gave considerable of their time for several days to debating the wet and dry question. Millard Tydings of Maryland, wet, obtained the adoption of a resolution calling on the Wickersham commission to forward to the senate the testimony on which the commission based its recent report on prohibition.

Next day Senator Wagner of New York delivered a prepared speech calling on the Democratic party to lead the way to prohibition reform and attacking the President for "throwing away" the opportunity offered by the Wickersham report "to lead a grateful people out of the morass of

criminality, corruption and hypocrisy in which we have been bogged for eleven years."

The method of bringing about improved conditions which the commission did not discuss was, he said, that of state option under federal control. He offered a plan under such a method. He would have repeal, but with a joint agreement between federal and state governments, as part of the state's repealing action, to guarantee state control without the saloon.

ETHELBERT STEWART, commissioner of labor statistics, presented to the senate committee on food costs a mass of government statistics showing a wide discrepancy between the prices paid by consumers for milk and dairy products and the prices received by farmers.

Representatives of the dairy industry testified the consumer was receiving the full benefit of reductions in the wholesale prices of their products.

FOUR days of political jockeying in Spain ended with the formation of a new monarchist cabinet headed by Admiral Juan Bautista Aznar. For the time being both revolution and the renewal of a military dictatorship were avoided.

It is believed Admiral Aznar will consent to a special session of the parliament which will make certain reforms in the constitution, leaving the powers of the throne unimpaired.



Vice Admiral A. L. Willard

VARIOUS problems of naval warfare, especially that of the relative value of the heavily armored battleship and the airplane, may be solved in the great war game of the navy which began at the start of the week in Panama waters.

The attacking or "Black" fleet was not nearly so strong in planes but more powerful in other respects. It was commanded by Admiral Frank H. Schofield. The "Blacks" had about eighty planes, forty from the aircraft carrier Langley and the rest from battleships and a division of new 10,000-ton "treaty" cruisers.

The umpire ship was the Texas, flagship of Admiral Jehu V. Chase, commander in chief of the United States fleet and general director of the war game.

WHILE the alleged Iniquities of postal leases are still under investigation, the house gave its approval to a program for wider federal ownership of postal facilities which has the backing of the administration.

DEATHS of the week included those of Louis Mann, veteran comedian; Gov. Frank C. Emerson of Wyoming; W. R. Merriam, former governor of Minnesota, and Louis Wolheim, movie and stage actor.

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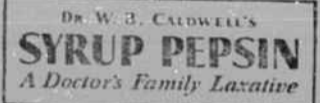
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James C. Stone



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