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## SOLDIERS WILL NOT GET BONUS

### President Harding Vetoes Measure Over Protest of American Legion

Washington, Sept. 20.—This reference must now be to "the late soldier bonus bill," for the obsequies over the bill were held in the Senate shortly before 6 o'clock today, the adjusted compensation bill having suffered a violent death at the hands of 28 United States Senators after knock-out drops had been administered by President Harding. In the list of the 28 who slew the bill are the names of twenty-one Republicans and seven Democrats. There were forty-four votes in favor of refusing to sustain the veto of President Harding, a total of 72 votes being cast, and that the veto might have been overturned required 48 votes, while but 44 were registered.

There will be all kinds of "ifs" and "ands" as to what might have happened if there had been a full attendance of Senators, but a summing up of the Absentee and paired vote shows that seven Senators who favored the veto were paired with fourteen Senators who would have voted not to sustain, that there were absent three Senators not paired who were in favor of the bill, these being Senator Elkins, West Virginia, Republican; Senators Watson, of Georgia and Stoney, of Kentucky, Democrats. But even if they had been present their votes would not have saved the bill, for with three more votes added to the total there would have been 75 voting with 50 votes required to overturn the veto, while the three votes added to those cast would have been but 47. The record shows that with all Senators present and voting there would have been 35 votes to sustain the veto, with but 33 required.

The House this morning, by a vote of 258 to 54, voted to override the veto of the bonus. The vote was an overwhelming one against President Harding's position, a repudiation of his argument, this sustained by a narrow margin in the Senate. In the voting in both the House and the Senate the North Carolina delegation was against the veto of the President and in favor of giving the adjusted compensation to the former service men. Senator Overman, absent from the Senate because of a fractured ankle, was paired against the veto, Congressman Kitchen, absent because of the illness, was also paired against sustaining the President. So the entire North Carolina delegation goes on record as favoring the soldier bonus. Both Senators Swanson and Glass, of Virginia, voted in favor of the veto, Senator Smith in favor of the bonus. The entire South Carolina delegation in the House voted against the veto, while Virginia split.

The House moved swiftly this morning, had no debate on the matter, and the announcement of the result favoring the bonus by big figures was greeted by a storm of cheering and hand-clapping from both the floor and the galleries. Nineteen Democrats and thirty-five Republicans voted to sustain the veto. In the Senate the adverse vote against the bonus bill was greeted with absolute silence. As soon as the vote was announced the galleries, occupied largely by men and understood to be composed of large numbers of former service men, were emptied, signs of disappointment being in evidence on the faces of the men as they left.

The American Legion forces kept up the fight to the last moment, but to no avail. There was a final appeal made to the members of Congress to enact the bonus bill over the President's veto, but it did not change the result that had been forecast as to the vote in the Senate. There was distributed to both members of the House and Senate this morning the final appeal of the legion, this signed by Hamford MacNider reading:

"To members of the Congress: After three years of careful consideration the representatives of the people in Congress have repeatedly given the adjusted compensation legislation their approval. President Harding opposes its enactment into law. Apparently agreeing with the principle, he is unwilling that the handicap of those who suffered their lives and brought safety to the nation should be adjusted.

"It is our firm belief that the economic rehabilitation of the veteran is so necessary to the welfare of the

country that immediate passage of this bill should not be delayed. The splendid stand of those men in the House and in the Senate who have fought so hard for the service men gives us confidence and assurance that they will sustain a cause they believe to be just."

## PARDONS ARE ASKED FOR THE ALLEN CLAN

### Petitions, Reported To Have 60,000 Signatures, Are Filed With Governor

Richmond, Va., Sept. 23.—Petitions which it was claimed carried 60,000 signatures were presented to Governor E. Lee Trinkle here this afternoon by a delegation of prominent men and women from many parts of the state who are seeking pardons for Sidna and Friel Allen, and Wesley and Sidna Edwards, now serving sentence in the state penitentiary here for participation in the Hillsville courthouse shooting, March 14, 1912, when Judge T. L. Masalo, Commonwealth's Attorney W. M. Foster and three other persons were killed.

Floyd Allen and his son, Claude were electrocuted for their part in the crime, the four for whom clemency is sought have served ten years.

Governor Trinkle promised to give the case early consideration. In addition to the petitions, counsel for the men also gave the governor letters from twenty three of the twenty four jurors, before whom Sidna Allen twice went on trial, in which executive clemency was urged.

## Fire Accomplishes What The Sword Failed To Do

Smyrna, Sept. 20.—Fire has accomplished for the Turks what the sword failed to do. Asia Minor, the cradle of Christianity, will soon be depopulated of Christians. Many of those in Smyrna who were not snatched from death by American and other rescuers are disappearing into the hills, some voluntarily, many by force. Others are dying of exhaustion, fright or exposure on the shattered stone waterfront of the benighted city.

The only cry American correspondents hear is:

"Won't America come and save us." Mustafa Kemal's order permitting the American and allied ships to enter the harbor to evacuate the victims has relieved the anguish of both refugees and relief workers, but every day's delay in the arrival of the vessels means the death of many. Less than 50,000 Christians remained huddled on the quay or in concentration camps out of the original 250,000, and the worst fears are entertained for those who were taken forcibly into the interior. The Turkish edict has gone forth: "Christianity must be stamped out in Asia."

The lack of food and clothing and the unspeakable sanitary conditions are adding to the horrors, and the people are obliged to eat the flesh of animals killed in the fire days. The American Bluejackets have ransacked the ships in the harbor for condensed milk for the famished babies and have given their coats to women.

The nights are bitterly cold and the shivering fugitives are taking refuge in the cellars of smouldering ruins; others have burrowed into the earth like animals of the wild. Mothers in bitter anguish and despair are thrusting their babes into the sea. The combination of war and massacre, fire, drowning and famine diseases has visited Scourge and havoc upon the defenseless Christian women and children. One must go back to Pagan times to find a counterpart to the reign of fury, fire and famine which laid this great shrine of Christianity in ashes.

## Three Automobiles At Twin City Stolen

Winston-Salem, Sept. 20.—Three farmers, Arthur Chaple, of Surry; R. S. Redding, of Stokes, and J. O. Witcher, of Guilford had their cars stolen here after they had unloaded from them their offerings of tobacco for the opening sales in the warehouses here. Thus far the police have been unable to find a trace of the missing machines. A number of license plates also were taken from farmer's cars.

## DEMOCRATS AIM TO CAPTURE HOUSE

### Clearing Of Industrial Situation Depended On By Republicans To Save Workable Majority

Washington, Sept. 18.—With the exception of New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island and New Mexico, where primaries for the nomination of United States senators and representatives are yet to be held, the election campaign is in full swing from coast to coast.

Seeing little hope of gaining control of the Senate after Nov. 7, Democratic leaders are centering their chief efforts on capturing the next House of Representatives. Although the lead of 24 Republicans in the Senate is too great to be overcome, with only one third of the Senate to be elected, the Democratic National Committee is confident that the Senate majority will be reduced as a result of the Congressional elections.

Political observers for both parties admit that the contest for the control of the next House of Representatives will be one of the closest on record.

Close to 100 districts nominally Democratic were swept into the Republican column by the Harding landslide in 1920. The pendulum is swinging the other way now. If the Democrats can win back these districts and make headway elsewhere, their chance of wrenching control of the next House from the Republicans is good.

Republican headquarters in Washington express confidence that the final count of votes will give the party a majority of at least 30 in the House. That number would satisfy them, if capable of being easily held in line, more than the present ponderous majority of 140, among whom insurgency is now rampant.

A Democratic victory in November would be the signal of a momentous struggle between the Administration and the Democrats in the last session of the Congress which begins in December and ends March 4, 1923. In such an event, Administration measures would be jeopardized, perhaps necessitating a special session of the new Congress.

Now that the railroad crisis is approaching an end, the Administration is more hopeful that a brief period of "better times" before the November elections will undo most of the damage done by Democratic attacks and the turmoil of the industrial situation.

It is significant that Democratic leaders are pointing out that domestic issues, not foreign, should be emphasized in the campaign. The fight will be a general attack on the Republican record in handling acute domestic affairs.

It would throw the Administration into a decidedly embarrassing position politically, should the Republicans lose the next House, in view of the Presidential campaign following the year after. Not only would it give the Democrats a strategic advantage of the Harding Administration. "A Democratic House after November means a Democratic Congress in 1924," said one Democratic leader here today, which would indicate that they are looking for a Presidential victory.

While Republican headquarters are making no boastful claims, there is nevertheless a serene undercurrent of confidences that the party majority in the House, while reduced, will still be a workable majority.

## Samuel Gompers Will Go On Stump

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 18.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, announced yesterday that he would stump the country this fall in support of non-partisan candidates for Congress upon whom the Federation has put the stamp of its approval.

The announcement was made at the Hotel Ambassador where, after adjourning the annual session of the executive council of the federation last night, Mr. Gompers remained in conference with several of the vice-presidents and political leaders of the federation.

Details of yesterday's session of the federation chiefs were not made public. Those in attendance, however, declare that plans were complete for carrying out the executive council's decision to speed Labor's plans for entering the fall campaign.

## BRITISH TROOPS AGAIN READY TO FIGHT

### England is Mobilizing All Its Military Power In Turkish Zone

Constantinople, Sept. 20.—The British are mobilizing available warship, man, horse, automobile, cannon and rifle within reach of the troubled zone. They are preparing to deal a tremendous blow by land, sea and air if provoked by the Kemalist army, which, according to the latest reports, is concentrating feverishly around Ismid and Chanak.

All the British barracks in Constantinople have been evacuated and troops are marching in the streets of the capitol, which is having a sobering effect on the exuberant Turks. The British soldiers are heeded for strategical points on the straits.

General headquarters has issued an official order directing the wives and families of British officers and soldiers to prepare to embark tomorrow.

Transports with British cavalry heavy artillery and supplies are arriving at Haidarpasha, on the Ismid railway.

The men of the Constantinople garrison are constructing entrenchments at Scutari, on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus which will be the second line of defense, the first being at Yariuja, a small railway station between Haidarpasha and Ismid. The British police forces in the capital have been greatly augmented and will probably be assisted by French gendarmes. It is estimated the present total British strength in Constantinople and the Dardanelles area is about 16,000 men, which when reinforcements now on the way arrive, will be increased to nearly 75,000 effectives.

These forces will be further strengthened by large detachments from the Atlantic and Mediterranean fleets.

The British are enrolling Russian refugees with military training for auxiliary work, while Russian kalmuks from Manchuria are being recruited as horse trainers. It is expected eventually Great Britain will have more than 100,000 men in the disturbed area.

## BIG WAR PLANT DISAPPEARING

### Hog Island Being Dismantled And Machinery Sold

Philadelphia, Sept. 18.—Hog Island, where rose the shipbuilding industry during the war that gave the United States renewed prestige in the maritime world, soon will be the flat field it was before Uncle Sam invested \$270,000,000 there.

Where once an army of 36,000 men were building high-class vessels at record-breaking speed, there now is a detail of 50 men armed with oxy-acetylene torches and other instruments with which the "demolition of the gigantic ways and other equipment is being wrought. The work of dismantling the mammoth machinery of war is progressing at a rapid pace.

The Government's attempt to dispose of the plant by auction having brought only low bids, it was decided to sell it piecemeal. Ponderous as is much of the equipment, the Government's investment at Hog Island represents nearly everything that man requires. Nearly every day auctions dispose of things ranging from household furniture to steel in 100,000-ton lots. It is estimated that by the time the sale closes Dec. 1, \$25,000,000 will have been realized on steel and equipment alone. One of the recent large purchases made at the yard was by a New York steel brokerage house which bought 105,000,000 tons of steel.

Twenty-five of the 50 huge ways representing high engineering skill, are already down, and the general appearance of the yard today is that of a tornado-swept place. It is expected that some large manufacturing or storage plant will be erected on Hog Island after the Government has cleared it.

"Please, ma'am," said Novella, the little colored maid of old work. "I've got to leave yuh next week. I've gwine to get married."

"Why, Novella," cried her astonished mistress. "I didn't know you even had a beau."

"I haven't exactly had one," said Novella, "but you know that funeral I went to last week; well, I've gwine to marry the corpse's husband. He says I was the life of the funeral."

## TOBACCO GROWERS GET MORE CASH

### Cooperative Association Increases First Advance As Central Markets Open

Raleigh, Sept. 22.—The opening of the Cooperative Markets this week at Durham, Oxford, Henderson, Norlina, Raleigh and a dozen other points of central North Carolina was marked by the highest cash advances yet paid to the members of the Tobacco Growers Association. This increase in the first cash payments made to the growers was extended to eastern North Carolina as well as to the central belt, and brings an increase of \$4.00 a hundred on the highest grades of cutters with corresponding advances for the lower grades. The recent successful sales made by the Association to dealers and manufacturers have led to this increased advance, over which the member growers are expressing satisfaction.

Large deliveries are expected at the Association's warehouses both in the eastern and central belts this week, while in South Carolina the report of August deliveries by the Secretary of agriculture for that state shows that the auction floors received barely half the tobacco handled by them in 1921. The Association in South Carolina alone has received close to 18,000,000 pounds in deliveries up to the present time.

The first suits for liquidated damages and injunctions against further breach of the contract were filed this week against Z. A. Harrell of Edgecomb County, N. C., and W. T. Jones of Nash County, N. C., for alleged failure to deliver their tobacco to the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in accordance with their contracts.

Similar suits are being filed in South Carolina this week against E. W. Fairry of Kingstree and L. T. Leitner of Marion, member growers of the tobacco cooperative for alleged sale of tobacco outside of the association.

Eighty suits against contract violators and persons who are spreading malicious propaganda against the Association are now in preparation according to Aaron Sapiro, attorney for the organized growers of the Carolinas and Virginia, who addressed six thousand tobacco farmers at enthusiastic mass meetings in Danville and South Hill, Va., last Friday and Saturday. Mr. Sapiro challenged any man in his audience who did not believe the Association would enforce its contracts to come up and sign his tobacco.

## Revenue Officers Under Heavy Bond

Shelby, Sept. 20.—Solicitor R. L. Huffman yesterday drew three different bills of indictment charging Revenue Officer Houser and Deputies Hoyle, Wesson and Cabiness with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill Mrs. Miller when they held up and shot into a car near Casar a few weeks ago. But the grand jury refused to act upon either of the bills of indictment.

Judge J. Bis Ray, who is holding court here, later called the grand jury in and instructed the members that it was not their province to try the case nor to determine what degree of crime had been committed, but to find a true bill as presented to them by the solicitor if there was any evidence to support the same, and upon their failing late yesterday afternoon just before court adjourned to return a true bill Solicitor Huffman made a motion before the court that a warrant be issued for all the officers connected with the holding up of the car and the shooting of Mrs. Miller and that they be immediately brought before the court and placed under a bond of \$5,000 each for their appearance here at the next term of court in October, when he could get a grand jury that would act upon the matter, and a warrant was promptly issued for their arrest.

Sheriff Logan returned late last night from Casar where he went to arrest Deputies Hoyle and Wesson and stated that they could not be found at home and that their families either refused to tell where they were or claimed that they did not know. No trace of either of them has yet been found. Revenue Officer Houser and Deputy Cabiness are expected to be in court tomorrow for their preliminary hearing and to arrange their bond.

## WILL TRY TO IMPEACH DAUGHERTY

### Steps Already Taken For Proceedings In House By Labor Leaders

Atlantic City, N. Y., Sept. 14.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor today formally inaugurated plans for impeachment of Attorney General Daugherty and Federal Judge Wilkerson in connection with the Chicago injunction proceedings and for bringing "this unconstitutional conduct of the attorney general and Judge Wilkerson into every congressional election."

A statement of the council's action dictated by Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, said: "The council today opened its campaign against all who prove untrue to the people's constitutional rights and who would use their positions of public trust to promote purposes foreign to and in conflict with the legitimate functions delegated to them in representative capacities."

Then followed the announcement of the council's demand for impeachment of the govern officials because of their actions in obtaining the injunction against the striking rail shop crafts union, and their avowed intention to carry the question into nationwide politics.

"Every possible effort will be made to arouse the people of America to the necessity that government by injunction must stop," Mr. Gompers' statement continued, "and that constitutional government by law must govern, if we are to perpetuate our nation as a government of free people."

Steps already have been taken to inaugurate impeachment proceedings in the house of representatives, it was announced by Matthew Wolf, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, and a member of the executive council.

Mr. Wolf today reiterated the doubt concerning the probable success of impeachment proceedings, which he voiced several days ago.

"Whatever may be my doubts about the success of bringing proceedings against Mr. Daugherty and Judge Wilkerson, I am in favor of trying it," he said.

## Charlotte Woman Passes In China On August 12

Charlotte, Sept. 20.—News was received here today of the death, August 12, of Miss Mildred Watkins, in Kuling China. Cause of death was intestinal obstruction. She was buried in the Kuling cemetery beside the grave of Mrs. A. C. Dixon, wife of the Rev. A. C. Dixon, whose death occurred only a week before.

Miss Watkins was connected with the American school and also the Southern Presbyterian mission. She was a native of Virginia. After her mother's death here she went to China.

## Sparks Three-Ring Circus Is Twentieth Century Wonder Show

For many years the Sparks Circus has been known as one of America's foremost tented enterprises. Each year something new has been added until now it ranks among the best of the "Big Tops," and this season with one of the greatest arrays of performers, horses and equipment ever before carried, it is pronounced a banner one. When the show visits this city it will be exhibited in its own specially constructed tent. It is said that the Sparks manager is equal to any one the road today. A magnificent introductory program and grand revue, enlisting several hundreds of performers, companies of horses, elephants and gorgeous paraphernalia, opens the main tent program.

This program presents many of the world's stars of the arena world assisted by scores upon scores of others. There are several companies of dumb actors. Everything is given in a more lavish manner than ever before. Three rings and an elevated stage are needed to take care of the acrobatic and musical seals, the trained bears, comely pigs and the famous Sparks herds of elephants and a long list of acts which requires nearly two hours to present. This twentieth century wonder circus has become one of the greatest institutions on the road today, and just as there are more men and women, more seals and more elephant actors added, so there are more clowns, more horses, more ponies, to delight the children, more and better trained dogs, pigs, monkeys, bears—more of everything.

The street parade, which will precede the initial exhibition here, is far and away the most novel ever attempted. This city will see the circus, Thursday, October 5th, with both afternoon and evening performances.