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BONUS PLAN IS DISMISSED WITH GESTURE

Coolidge Gave But Passing Thought to Soldiers.

THE PROFITEERS

Should Pay Their Just Debt To Those Who Fought—Fight Must Go On.

BY REV. TOM P. JIMISON.
President Coolidge is opposed to the proposed bonus for the veterans of the World War. He feels kindly toward the men who did our fighting in that mighty conflict and says some words to that broad general effect. He would even have the ones who were disabled cared for in a more adequate manner; but the idea of adjusted compensation is dismissed with a gesture of impatience. The writer of these lines would be the last to find fault with the President on account of his personal convictions about this question. Plenty of patriotic men, including many of the veterans themselves, are not in favor of the bonus. But since the President speaks for his party, which at this time holds the reins of government, his short shrift of the matter is an unfortunate circumstance.

President Coolidge is the titular head of this country. What he says will not only carry weight with his own party, but with good citizens of all parties. What he says behind the weight of his great office, and supposedly the cumulative wisdom of the party to which he belongs. It naturally follows that if any measure of relief for the veterans is accomplished, it is a sadder thing that those who won the most from the sacrifices of our men should set themselves against the movement for an adjustment of the compensation.

When America entered the great war our young men went. It is true that the majority of them were drafted into the service, but that is no evidence that they would not have gone anyhow. Hundreds of thousands did not wait to be drafted, and millions more did not ask to be excused. They simply laid down their tasks in shops and factories, donned the uniform, and were away. They went to camps that were constructed by men who were bent on plundering the public treasury. They wore clothing which was made by profiteers, and they carried arms and ammunition made by men who had their eyes on the mint instead of the flag.

After being fed on slumgullion for a few weeks and marched and trained until they were fit to endure the hardships incident to modern warfare, they were sent to the front, where they were infested with submarines and all manner of death-dealing devices, and landed on a foreign soil to "make the world safe for democracy." They never wavered. They carried Old Glory up alongside of the flags of France and Britain and Belgium. And in all the mighty conflict they saw to it that the Stars and Stripes was stained with nothing impurer than their own life blood.

Their presence in the trenches brought hope and cheer to the despondent ones who had turned the tide of war. No braver bunch of men ever followed a flag. They followed the emblem of our independence through miasmatic marshes which were swept with the fire of the enemy. They cut their way through barbed-wire entanglements and fumes of poisonous gas of the German. When fatigue overcame them they slept in slush and mud while bullets hissed and shrapnel sang all about them. Tattered, tired, footsore, hungry, sometimes sick and sometimes wounded.

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FIRE PROVES DEPARTMENT INADEQUATE

Flames Spread Rapidly, Eating Through Many Stores.

BELK'S OPEN

Smith-Wadsworth Completely Destroyed—Efrid Annex Gone—Others, Too.

Inadequate fire-fighting equipment and an insufficient number of firemen contributed largely to the mounting thousands of dollars destroyed by fire last Sunday night, when flames ate their way through the Smith-Wadsworth Hardware store on East Trade street, touching Belk's big department store and completely destroyed the Belk garage, leaving only ashes of the Efrid Annex, taking practically all of H. C. Long's store, as well as that of the LaMode, and wound around to North College street and swept Warren's Barber shop and George A. Newman's Tire company completely.

Firemen and policemen worked manfully against the tremendous odds presented by the flames. It was a hard battle, and brought to the attention of the city in forceful manner the fact that Charlotte's fire fighting force is inadequate and the equipment lacking. Every fireman in the city was on the ground, leaving the whole of the balance of the city unprotected until the arrival of the departments from Gastonia, Monroe, Statesville and Mooresville, all of whom came in answer to a call from Mayor Walker.

The big walls of Belk Brothers Store is said to be the only barrier that stood in the way of the onrush of the flames, and prevented what otherwise would have been a fire that staggers one's imagination to figure the extent or cost. Then, too, the forces of clerks in Belk's store used the store's own fire fighting equipment to good advantage in checking the flames, as did the fire forces.

It was a disastrous fire. In each of the stores all preparations had been made for the holiday business, and this naturally killed the one week in the year when merchants have a chance to prepare for the "lean" days that always come. By Wednesday, however, Belk Brothers were opened in full, and Efrid's were doing business as usual. Of course, the H. C. Long and La Mode and the Smith-Wadsworth Hardware company, Newman and the barber shop, all being totally destroyed, have as yet made no announcement of their future plans.

Charlotte had 25 firemen ten years ago. Today the city has 40 firemen. These figures were given The Herald by a man close to city affairs. Several weeks ago the Lions club passed resolution looking toward the enlargement of the city's fire-fighting forces and additional equipment. Today the citizens are practically of one accord that the department must be strengthened.

RAIROAD BEHIND SCHLEIFER CASE

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad rather than the States, was the real prosecutor against him, Ernst Schleifer, an organizer for the International Association of Machinists who has recently been sentenced to a term of 3 to 5 years to five years for alleged incitation of violence in a speech to railroad strikers, declared at a meeting of the national committee of the American Civil Liberties Union recently.

"During the three and a half days that I was on the stand," he said, "only one question was asked about the New Haven speech, for which I was being tried. The rest was about extraneous matters. The truth is that trade unionism was on trial."

Tidings of Great Joy

The Angel said unto them,
Fear not: for, behold, I bring you
good tidings of great joy which
shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord.



Textile Workers of Carolinas To Meet in North Charlotte

Textile workers of the Carolinas will meet Saturday afternoon, December 29, in the Union hall, North Charlotte.

Every local in the two Carolinas are urged to have delegates present, as this is to be one of the most important meetings ever held by the Joint Council.

The past year's work will be reviewed, and plans for 1924 are to be adopted.

The meeting in North Charlotte is significant, in that the only

trouble experienced in the two Carolinas was the strike that was forced by Highland Park Mill No. 3, last fall, when a course of persecution of union members was pursued by mill officials.

At the last meeting, held in Lexington, a program of advancement was outlined and adopted by the Joint Council, and the efforts of the organization for the coming year will be toward carrying out that program and putting its provisions into effect.

It is hoped Harry Eatough will be here for the meeting. Word has been received that Mr. Eatough will be in the Carolinas by New Year, and it is possible that he will be here in time for the meeting on the last Saturday in the month.

All members of the North Charlotte local are expected to be present, as business of utmost importance will be transacted that will have a direct bearing upon those members.

SPECIAL MEETING NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

Rev. Tom P. Jimison to Speak. Refreshments Will Be Served. The New Year.

At the meeting of the Central Labor Union last Tuesday evening it was ordered that no meeting be held next week because of Christmas coming on the regular meeting night.

On Tuesday evening, January 1, an open meeting will be held, to which all workers and the public in general are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served and a splendid program will have been arranged for the entertainment of the visitors.

There is much work to be done by the Central body during the coming year. Here of late the meetings have been somewhat tiresome because of the length of time required each evening to transact the necessary business. Officials of the organization have been urged to establish the set rule of adjourning promptly at 9 o'clock each Tuesday evening, and it is thought if this plan is adopted that the meetings will dispatch the business much more rapidly than has been done during the past few weeks.

Rev. Tom P. Jimison will be speaker at the open meeting on New Year's night.

CAN'T FASTEN GUILT IN THEATER CRASH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The district court of appeals has affirmed a decision by a lower court which quashed an indictment for manslaughter growing out of the collapse of the Knickerbocker theater in this city on January 28, 1922, when 100 persons lost their lives.

The indictment failed, said the court, to state facts, and to set forth with the "utmost clearness" the facts upon which criminal negligence is lacking. The indicted men were the architect, building inspectors and foremen.

OBREGON BACKED BY AMERICAN WORKERS

Gompers Wires Support of Mexican Labor in Standing. By the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Responding to a telegram from the officers of the Mexican Federation of Labor, recorded the determination of Mexican labor to support the Obregon government against the rebellion in Mexico, the Executive Committee of the Pan-American Federation of Labor today immediately conveyed to the Mexican trade union officers by telegraph their support of the position taken by the Mexican unions in defense of the government of President Obregon.

The Executive Committee of the Pan-American Federation of Labor; Samuel Gompers, chairman; Chester M. Wright, English-Language Secretary; and Canuto A. Vargas, Spanish-Language Secretary, adopted the following declaration which was telegraphed to Ricardo Trevino and Reynaldo Cervantes Torres, secretary of the Mexican Federation of Labor; and to Luis N. Morones, General Secretary of the Mexican Labor Party.

The Pan-American Federation of Labor supports with earnestness the position taken by the Mexican Federation of Labor in defense of the democratically elected government headed by President Obregon, whom this committee has always regarded as a patriot and a sincere friend to the wage earners. We are profoundly disappointed that there should be any leaders in Mexico so false to their professions as to resort to arms in an effort to overthrow a government which was democratically and constitutionally elected by the people of Mexico and which is the best government Mexico has ever had. We take this opportunity to record our condemnation of any effort to overthrow democratic government anywhere, whether in behalf of monarchists or dictators of the other extreme. We are well aware that the rebellious ef-

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CAMPAGNING FOR SCHOOLS ALL THE TIME

Business Agent Lyle Confident of Big Majority.

CITY IS HURT

Being Behind in Its School Facilities Not Good Advertisement at All.

"Let the proper authorities call another school bond election at once, with full assurance that it will carry by a large majority."

This statement was made yesterday by R. L. Lyle, business agent for organized labor in Charlotte.

"I have been approached by many working people of all crafts, by business men and bankers, by large taxpayers and small tax-payers, and by many women of the city, since the fiasco of two weeks ago, and all are in hearty accord that the city should go ahead and issue the bonds and provide proper school facilities for the children of the city," Mr. Lyle continued.

"I am not finding any fault at all with the manner of the previous campaign. There were many things that caused lack of interest in the registration and voting in the election. I am positive that three weeks would be sufficient time, if that period is within the law, for a campaign that would result in a big majority for the bonds. Charlotte is not yet ready to admit that the city cares nothing about the education of her children," was Mr. Lyle's closing remark.

Other influential men have expressed the opinion that there is some dissatisfaction of the way school matters have been handled in the past. There are some who feel that the city is already supporting too many high priced school officials, and for this reason failed to take any part in the bond election. On second thought, however, these people have concluded that the city should go ahead with school preparations, and in due time thresh out the matters that are now causing considerable dissatisfaction.

Charlotte has not received any benefit at all from the defeat of the bond issue. In fact, many newspapers have slapped back at Charlotte in straight-from-the-shoulder manner. It will be recalled that North Carolina papers, including those of Charlotte, severely criticized Virginia when that state failed to carry the road bond issue a few weeks ago. State papers talked very frankly about Virginia "remaining in the mud." Now Virginia papers are handing it back to the Charlotte papers in good style, since it has been known to the world that Charlotte is away behind in her school program and preparations, and in the face of this backwardness, defeated the school bond issue two weeks ago.

FREE SPEECH GONE IN IDAHO

A new wave of prosecution under the criminal syndicalism law in Idaho against members of the Industrial Workers of the World, has resulted in cases against fourteen men.

Among the men under arrest are Richard Moore, F. A. Clevenger, Don R. Smith, James Batas and George Perring, at Bonner's Ferry; Lawrence Deporter, at Croft; Edwin Krier at St. Maries; Edwin Huntington and G. J. Macko, at Sandpoint; Robert Hatton at Wallace; and C. W. Hammond, at Caldwell.

The continued use of the criminal syndicalism law in Idaho, as in other states, as a whip against members of radical-working class organizations, Roger N. Baldwin, director of the Civil Liberties Union said.

'RED FLAG TO FLOAT OVER WHITE HOUSE'

Was Order—Labor Press Told This Long Ago.

LABOR MOVEMENT

Has Tried to Get Public Interested For Some Time. Laughs and Jeers.

"Raise the Red Flag Over the White House" Was Soviet Order!

For nearly two years the American Federation of Labor has been striving to impress upon America the dangers that lurk within, and but little attention was given the continued efforts of President Gompers and his followers and the labor papers of the country to arouse the public to the menace.

Now the Government has spoken! Now the daily papers carry streamer headlines, telling the facts exactly the same thing the labor papers have been publishing for a long time.

Just a few weeks ago the Miners Union told of the efforts that Russia was making to establish sovietism here in America. The Herald published the articles prepared and written by the miners union in full. The publication of all the detailed information as given by the Miners Union evoked not the slightest interest.

"One big gun did say that the 'Miners Union scare' was an effort to cover up the miners own sin! Ye gods!

Now that Secretary Hoover has spoken and has told the world about the same thing the Miners Union, the American Federation of Labor and the labor papers have been telling, perhaps that "Smart Alec" and all his ilk and kind will take heed."

Russia is using the working ranks for its inroad, simply because of the injustice that prevails in the industries. These injustices and inequalities provide more response from those wronged than could be obtained elsewhere.

Had it not been for the organized labor movement in America, this nation would have already been in the grip of the dynamiter, at the mercy of the bomb-thrower, and red flags would have already been floating from mast poles where Old Glory waves today.

The American labor movement is made up of Americans, native born and naturalized.

The native-born workers love the country, and have loved it from birth. The naturalized workers love the country, because they have found here an opportunity to work toward that goal every good man has set for himself.

Foreign influences have endeavored to enter the country through the ranks of the workers, and the workers have held them in check.

It is because of this fact that the workers have been enabled to save the country. Bankers, merchants, professional men, farmers, have known nothing of the efforts that have been made by foreign influences to hurt and hinder America, because the efforts have been made through the industrial world.

The American labor movement has stood as a bulwark in defense of America and American ideals. All alone, unaided and actually hindered, the American labor movement has battled the workers party, the One Big Union, the Federated Press, and all the various groups that have been working under the direction of Soviet Russia.

Now that the government has spoken, has told of these efforts to place the red rag of terrorism over the White House in Washington, perhaps the citizens in general will lend an ear to the warnings that have been issued from time to time by the American labor movement.

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IN NEXT WEEK'S HERALD will be found holiday greetings and messages from labor officials, both national and state. These messages contain much information about the accomplishments, the hopes, the aims and aspirations of labor unions. They are valuable messages, and should be studied carefully by all workers and by those who have heretofore criticized the labor movement.