

Two Fold Bonus Plan Is Offered - Committee

Plan Provides Options of Full, Cash Payments or Payout Insurance - Democrats Backing the Plan.

ANTI-BONUS FUNDS GETTING ATTENTION

So Far \$96,000 Has Been Spent by League Fighting Bonus - Says League Now Has About 20,000 Members

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 5.—A two fold soldier bonus plan providing options of full cash payments or payout insurance was proposed today by a committee of veterans representing House Democrats.

Representative Jeffers of Alabama, chairman of the democratic committee, who presented the plan, argued that the government owed former service men adjusted compensation which should be offered in the "win of the realm."

Full cash payments would eliminate administrative difficulties and cost involved in other bonus programs, Mr. Jeffers said, and would enable the government to settle the whole question in a year.

If all veterans elected to take the cash payments, Mr. Jeffers said, it would cost \$1,319,500,000, which could be met by a bond issue. He favored compensation for any officers up to the rank of the captain.

The same basis of figuring adjusted compensation used in the bill passed the last session—\$1 a day for home service and \$1.25 a day for overseas service—would be applied in the plan, and payments would be limited to \$500 for home service men's anti-bonus league.

Known as Secretary of State Hughes, presented a list of contributors to the league, and explained that it was operated on contributions, the \$1.00 dues of members being optional.

The league now has about 20,000 members, Durham said, and \$96,000 has been spent in its operation, the expenses now running about \$2,000 a month.

THURBER IN PRISON AT TIME OF EXPLOSION

Police Had Hoped to Learn From Him About Wall Street Explosion.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, March 5.—Whatever the mystery of the famous Wall Street explosion through the reported confession of Ralph Thurber, it is cleared and vanished today when the police were advised that Thurber was in the San Quentin penitentiary in California, when the explosion occurred.

Thurber's story which was made known by District Attorney Banton through a telegram from Secretary of State Hughes to Governor Smith, was seriously questioned by detectives after they had failed to find the addresses of two men who Thurber had implicated in the explosion.

Reports from other cities, the police said, indicated that other details in the confession were valueless.

Thurber, advised said, was sentenced to San Quentin prison in February, 1920, for a three-year term. He was released two years later. The Wall Street explosion which killed thirty persons and injured scores, occurred on September 16, 1920.

OIL COMMITTEE TO HOLD SESSION TOMORROW

Adjourned Without Hearing Any Witnesses Today - Examines Telegram.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 5.—Without hearing any witnesses the Senate oil committee adjourned after an executive session today until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

The committee this morning examined additional telegrams sent and received by persons involved in the inquiry.

JOHNSON SAYS COOLIDGE MEN ARE PLAYING DIRTY POLITICS

Charges President's Supporters in Michigan For Man Named Hiram Johnson on Primary Ballot

Washington, D. C., March 5.—President Coolidge's supporters were charged directly this week by Sen. Hiram Johnson, of California, with the responsibility for the placing of a man named Hiram Johnson on the primary ballot in Michigan as a candidate for President.

"This is simply a trick," said Senator Johnson, "which would disgrace the meanness kind of party politics."

The California Senator, whose name also is on the Michigan Presidential ballot, denied that he had abandoned his campaign for delegates from New York State, and charged that the "system now controlling the Republican party" is seeking to prevent a fair expression on the Presidential nomination in the primary State.

"I have not abandoned New York and don't intend to," he said. "I will have a fair proportion of delegates from that State. Of course, I am devoting my personal efforts to States having a presidential preference primary."

"I begin again Tuesday in Michigan for three days, thereafter two days in Illinois. From there I go to North Dakota for the windup of the primary campaign March 18, and then to South Dakota for the primary of March 25."

"It took me two Supreme Court decisions to get on the ballot in the Independent Republican column in South Dakota."

"In North Dakota Senator LaFollette has withdrawn as a candidate, but, notwithstanding his positive declaration, every effort is still being made to put his name on the ballot."

"In Michigan the Coolidge people, I am advised by telegram, found a man named Hiram Johnson, and have put his name on the primary ballot as a candidate for President. Strange, isn't it, if the Coolidge people are so certain of success, they resort to such methods?"

The fact is, they know they are beaten wherever the rank and file have a chance freely and fairly to vote. I ask only a fair contest before the members of the Republican party, and they are using every expedient to avoid this."

OPPOSITION TO THE KNIGHT APPOINTMENT

Sense May Try to Keep Californian From Being Appointed by the President.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 5.—While the oil committee was obtaining more information in a private examination of telegrams today, opposition developed to the confirmation of Samuel Knight, of San Francisco, as special government counsel for California oil lands from the Standard Oil Company of California.

Senator Walsh, of Montana, announced that he had been "reliably informed" that Mr. Knight is counsel for the Equitable Trust Company, of New York, which is a Rockefeller bank.

According to this information, Senator Walsh said, Mr. Knight now is engaged in litigation for that bank in California. He added that if the story proved correct, it would be made a basis for opposing confirmation by the Senate.

Mr. Knight was selected by President Coolidge to bring action under a resolution offered by Senator Walsh and unanimously adopted by both the House and Senate.

Forgoing its usual public hearing to examine telegraph records sent here from Palm Beach, the oil committee today found further references to the "principal" mentioned in one of the McLean telegrams previously read into the record. Some committee men said they regarded these telegrams as of possibly high importance. Every effort will be made to establish the identity of the principal.

Irving E. Bennett, an editorial writer of the Washington Post, was the author of one of the "principal" messages sent from Washington on January 29 to Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Post. The committee has information that the reference was not to Attorney General Daugherty, as he was himself in Florida at that time. The Bennett message said there would be "no rocking of the boat, and no resignations."

Another New Scandal Threatens Washington

Not Only Charges Against 2 Congressmen But Other Alleged Misconduct Will Be Aired in Capital.

GRAND JURY TO GET EVIDENCE

All Kinds of Reports Are Heard in Connection With Latest Scandal Which May Break At Any Time Now.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 5.—Not only the charges against two members of Congress, but evidence relating to other suggestions of wrong doing by officials in Washington as well, will be laid before a Federal grand jury here immediately.

White House officials said today that all phases of the evidence adduced recently by the Chicago grand jury and not passed on there because of the lack of jurisdiction would be gone into by a grand jury here.

Subjects expected to come under the inquiry involve charges that one or more high officials used official information for purposes of speculation; that liquor permits were wrongfully procured through the use of money, and that official government files were turned over to persons not entitled to them.

For the present, no official will discuss the details of these charges, nor disclose in what direction the inquiry may lead. The development has created a stir in official circles, however, second only to that which followed the oil disclosures.

President Coolidge announced last night that the charges against the two members of the House, involving acceptance of money in connection with the release of Federal prisoners, would be thoroughly investigated by a grand jury. Prior to that the Senate veterans' committee had held two sessions to consider the charges, and a resolution for investigation had been introduced in the House.

PAYS WITH LIFE FOR JEST ON WIFE'S SNUFF HABIT

Woman Grabs Revolver and Shoots Husband to Death.

Paris, March 5.—Chancing his wife because she took snuff out a shop messenger his life this afternoon. The couple were conversing peacefully after lunch when the woman reached for her snuff-box.

"You are perfectly ridiculous to take snuff at your age," remarked the husband.

"You think so? You will be more ridiculous in a few minutes," retorted the wife, and, seizing a revolver from a drawer, shot the man dead.

ACRESS WOUNDED

Miss Bessie Sorrell, Wounded by Policeman's Pistol in Richmond.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., March 5.—Miss Bessie Sorrell, 22 years old, an actress, known on the stage as Billie Carrell, was gravely wounded here today with a revolver belonging to Policeman Harry Taylor. Taylor has been suspended from the police force, pending complete investigation.

He and the girl declared the shot was fired accidentally while she was examining the policeman's pistol in her room at a local hotel.

Conceding the Facts.

New York, March 5.—Commissioner Enright's remark that even clergymen are adopting the practice of carrying big flasks is denounced as "an insult to the flask" in statements from Rev. Samuel L. Hamilton, superintendent of the Metropolitan District of the Anti-Saloon League of New York, and his associate Rev. A. D. Batchelor, today.

Quite differently believes Rev. Charles Francis Potter, pastor of the West End Unitarian Church. "There is doubtless some carrying of pocket flasks in church circles, and possibly some ministers may have them; but I believe the number would be small," he said.

FACTS ABOUT PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM OF PRESBYTERIANS

Southern Presbyterian Church Asked to Raise \$4,750,000 For Benevolence This Year.

The following facts about the Progressive Program of the Southern Presbyterian Church explain some of the purposes of the program:

The membership of the Southern Presbyterian Church is 428,292, according to statistics submitted to the general assembly of the church of 1923. It is safe to estimate the total income of the church during 1923 at not less than \$300,000,000. The title of this income is \$80,000,000, and this title alone is more than six times the amount that is being asked of this church for next year in support of the benevolent causes of the general assembly—foreign missions, Christian education and ministerial relief, publication and Sabbath school work, the general assembly's training school at Richmond, Va., and the American Bible society.

If the membership of this church would contribute the coming year 37 cents toward the evangelization of each of the 32,000,000 people in heathen lands, for whose evangelization Southern Presbyterians are responsible, and sixty cents to aid in the evangelization of 5,000,000 people in home mission territory, and if the salaries of all the pastors of the church should be made what are recognized as "living salaries," the annual budget of the church would amount probably to not more than \$12,000,000, which is but little more than one-third of the title of the income of the members of the church for one year.

The progressive program of the church, directed by the stewardship committee of the general assembly, is calling upon the church for \$4,750,000 for benevolences for the coming year, less than one-sixteenth of the total income of the membership for one year, and as stated above, less than one-sixth of the title of this annual income. Special effort is being made to get each member of the church to recognize the duty of setting aside the tithe of the income for the work of the Lord, in keeping with the scriptural injunction in this connection, and to recognize that giving upon the part of the individual does not begin until this has been done. Reports from all of the synods of the general assembly show that the number of tithees is increasing rapidly, and due to this fact the financial obligations of the church will be the more easily met.

COOLIDGE FORCES DENOUNCES ACTION

Name of Hiram Johnson Will Be Stricken From Ballot in Michigan.

Lansing, Mich., March 4.—Secretary of State Charles J. DeLand decided Monday to order the names of Senator Robert M. LaFollette and Hiram Johnson, Saginaw county farmer, stricken from the list of certified candidates for the Michigan presidential primary April 7, if he does not wish to be a contestant. He expects a letter from Johnson today. LaFollette had already asked that his candidacy be withdrawn.

State officials and Republican leaders who have been active in the Coolidge campaign in Michigan today sided with Hiram W. Johnson, of California, candidate for President in the primaries here April 7th, in denouncing the attempt to put the name of Johnson on the ballot.

Less Than 60 Days Gasoline Supply on Hand.

Los Angeles, March 4.—An essential need exists for constant exploration for oil to meet increasing demands. Paul Shoup, vice president of the Southern Pacific Railway company and president of the Pacific and Associated Oil companies, declared today in a statement saying that less than a 60-day supply of gasoline is on hand in the United States.

He declared that three great producing fields of California, Santa Fe Springs, Huntington Beach and Long Beach, have not returned the money invested in them, although producing \$250,000,000 to date. The American public must come to realize the necessity for search for new oil fields, he said.

The three California oil fields, Shoup said, produced up to date 228,136,000 barrels at an estimated value of \$250,000,000. He enumerated the expenses for this production totalling \$217,800,000 exclusive of taxes and other costs as support for his statement that the field had not been profitable.

Referring to the present oil investigation, he asserted that the "great oil industry supports the view that the truth should be brought forth and prevail."

"But," he added, "it must likewise be true that partisan politics, personal animosity and political hysteria should not have controlling voices in this sad situation."

The music for the Choral Club has arrived and a rehearsal will be given at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock.

COUNTY ROAD WORK DISCUSSED AT JOINT CONFERENCE

County Commissioners and Highway Commissioners Held Joint Meeting at the Court House Tuesday.

START SOON ON UNION LINE ROAD

Additional Equipment to Be Purchased So Road Work Can Be Increased In All Parts of County.

Meeting in conference at the court house Tuesday members of the board of county commissioners and members of the county highway commission adopted plans whereby road work in the county can be doubled in the immediate future. The conference was held at the invitation of the road commission, which desired to discuss with the county commissioners plans for the year's work.

It was announced after the meeting that the highway officials were instructed and authorized to buy additional machinery so that road work in the county can be greatly increased. Enough machinery probably will be secured, it was reported, to complete all new roads this year.

Under present plans the road from this city to the Union county line will be completed as soon as possible. Officials of the highway department stated at the meeting that their representatives would visit the No. 10 township section today and make plans for the construction of the road from Thunderbolt Bridge to the Union county line.

Work on the Poplar Tent road is still underway, but that work will not interfere with work on the road to the Union line, it was reported. It is hoped to have the Union line road, as well as the Poplar Tent road, completed this year.

The completion of these two roads will give the county a good road leading in every direction. The roads from Concord to Charlotte, Albemarle and Salisbury are kept up by the State, so this county is not concerned with their upkeep and can devote its energies to other roads. The road leading through New Township will be practically rebuilt during the year, under present plans, the work to be started in the near future.

While the road commission has been very active during the past year it has not been able to do all of the work required because of the lack of equipment and it was to relieve this shortage that the county commissioners authorized the purchase of additional machinery.

When this machinery arrives and is placed in operation the commission will be in position not only to rebuild roads that are badly run down, but also to keep in condition all roads where dragging and small repairs are needed.

Livingston's Cotton Letter.

New York, March 4.—With the withdrawal of bear pressure the tendency of the market is apparently toward recovery. The market looks to us sold out and heavily oversold but confidence has not been shaken as a result of the prolonged decline and prices yield to pressure when it appears owing to lack of sustained buying power. Prices appear to have reached a point which invites a broadening demand, and is bringing a better inquiry for goods. Reactions are to be expected and possible sharp dips, but we are inclined to believe the worst is over for the present and that the market will show increasing resistance below this level.

The tone today was distinctly better and more confidence was displayed. The sharp recovery from the early dip was due to good trade buying and active short covering with the supply of contracts rather light. Better Manchester advices, reports of a better spot demand south and better street news from the River and Worth streets were stimulating influences. Below the market is in a position to have a good recovery and with any fresh inspiration in the nature of a settlement of the threatened Lancashire lockout a sustained improvement in the demand for goods and spots or unfavorable weather developments for new crop preparations.

LIVINGSTON AND COMPANY

Report on Porto Rico Bill. Washington, March 5.—The bill to give Porto Rico the right to elect its own government was reported favorably today by the House Insular committee by a vote of 13 to 5.

Members of Ex-Sheriff Lakey's Family Are Charged With His Death in Yadkin

Winston-Salem, March 4.—Acting under true bills returned by the grand jury in Yadkin county Superior Court last week, Sheriff C. E. Moxley has had Mrs. A. R. Lakey, Emory Lakey, Austin Lakey and Odell Lakey placed under arrest charged with murder in connection with the killing of Ex-Sheriff Lakey the latter part of last August. Mrs. Lakey is the widow of the deceased, while Austin and Emory are sons. Odell is a grandson, who made his home with his grandparents. Some of the prisoners were brought to Winston-Salem this afternoon and lodged in jail, as facilities in the Yadkin jail will not permit them to be kept separate. The arrests were made Monday afternoon.

Ex-Sheriff Lakey, who was serving on the grand jury at the August term of Yadkin court, failed to show up one morning and an investigation was made which revealed his lifeless body lying in a shack on his farm. There was every indication that he had been killed with a shotgun. It is understood that Mr. Lakey was rooming in the shack because of trouble that existed in his family.

It is said that Mrs. Austin Lakey, the wife of one of the prisoners, testified at the coroner's inquest that she and others heard a gun fire in the direction of the shack during the night before the finding of the body, and that they saw Austin Lakey coming from that direction.

The defendants came to trial before August unless a special term of criminal court is ordered for Yadkin county before that time. The delay in the finding of true bills was due to the fact that there has not been a term of criminal court since the killing.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



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