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MINORITY REPORT WAYS AND MEANS DENOUNCES BANK LOAN BONUS PLAN

Congressman Kitchin and Others Declare It an Insult to Every Veteran and Shameful Discredit to Nation — Say It Is a Bribe Offered to the Former Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, March 20. — Another attack on the bonus bill was made today in a minority report from Ways and Means committee members, Representative Kitchin, North Carolina, the democratic leader, and Oldfield, Arkansas; Crisp, Georgia; Carew, New York, and Teague, Massachusetts, all democrats.

They characterized the certificate bank loan plan as a "blue bill-rain-check-bonus" money bonus of payment, "and declared that it was an 'insult to every world-war veteran and a shameful discredit to Congress and the nation.'"

"Insisting that the bonus be paid out of taxes levied upon the 'big incomes of millionaires and multi-millionaires,' and 'the consciousness, excessive profits of the big monopolistic corporations,' the minority charged that President Harding and Secretary Mellon 'boldly offer a bribe to the world war veterans to espouse the cause of the money power in their efforts to establish as part of our revenue system the vicious policy of a general sales tax.'"

The Exchange Proposed.

"They offer a bonus in consideration of the veteran and his friends favoring a sales tax," said the report. "They vigorously fight a bonus without a sales tax, in the hope that the brave boys will be tempted to yield and be willing to help the President and Mr. Mellon and the money power to drive the first effective wedge under the established policy of the income tax, founded upon the principle of ability to pay."

The report said the proposition in the bill for bank loans was absolutely "a gold brick" in view of the attitude of the comptroller of the currency, and added:

"So we are presented with the shameful spectacle of the party that aborted the war, divided our country's war associates, disgraced the peace, deluded the people, deceived the veteran, deserted the wounded, relieved the profiteer, reduced the millionaire's income tax, repealed the excess profits tax on the profiteers, and which still maintains a blasphemous, bibulous boot-licker at the court of St. James to besmirch with his drunken banquet babble the high war purposes of the American people and the inspiration of the American soldier, now offering to redeem its reckless campaign pledges with an I. O. U. designated a certificate, which the administration has in advance of its issue flatly impeached and discredited."

Incompetence Revealed.

"With the veteran and his needs the republicans have revealed their incompetence," the report continued.

"They start and stop," it said. "They are for this today, and for that tomorrow. They potter around in the darkness, they fumble, they muff. Incapable of dealing fairly with the economic situation, they have directly brought upon the American people the worst depression that ever came upon them. Equally incapable of dealing with the veteran situation, they stutter and stagger. Blind, they wander around. They pick it up and put it down. Their last condition is worse than the first."

The report attacks the bank loan provision and declares in favor of cash payments to the veterans. It proposes the legislation be financed by a re-enactment of the excess profit tax, with a specific exemption of \$50,000, and a restoration of the 65 per cent war-time income surtax rate.

Pay In Cash.

"We believe and insist," the report said, "that the amount of the money bonus or service credit, which Congress concludes is justly due the veteran, should be paid in cash on demand, and we protest against the veteran being given, as is provided by the pending bill, a 20 year due bill which he can pawn with some bank for a loan of only one-half the amount which Congress, by the bill, confesses the government justly owes him, provided, of course, he can get some bank to ignore and defy the administration in its advice to the banks not to loan a veteran a penny on such due bill or certificate."

"By the bill, the veteran is given a scrap of paper and told to go out and hawk it from bank to bank in the hope, after being held up for a high rate of interest, of getting a little cash on it, not to exceed 50 per cent of what the bill confesses the government now justly owes him."

Bonus To Be Taken Up Thursday Under Suspension Of Rules

WASHINGTON, March 21. — The soldiers' bonus bill will be taken up by the House Thursday under suspension of the rules under a plan agreed upon today at a conference between Speaker Gillett and Chairman Campbell, of the rules committee.

The speaker has agreed to entertain a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Campbell said he would call a meeting of his committee tomorrow morning, at which he will ask committee members to report a rule designating Thursday as suspension day with a proviso that four hours debate on the bill shall be provided.

Under this procedure a two-thirds majority would be necessary to pass the bill. No amendments would be permitted nor would it be possible to make a motion to recommit the measure to the Ways and Means Committee.

Those in charge of the legislation were confident that it would receive more than the two-thirds majority. They expected the vote to come before adjournment Thursday after two hours of discussion on each side.

The rule will have to be agreed to by a majority of the rules committee and then will have to obtain a majority vote in the House. Proponents of the bonus legislation were confident that

both majorities could be obtained.

Speaker Gillett said the proposition had narrowed down to whether the bill should be put on its passage without opportunity for amendment or with opportunity for one motion from the democratic side and that he was inclined to think it would be better not to permit the democrats to offer one motion. In this connection he called attention to the minority report on the bill prepared by Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina, and some other members of the ways and means committee, in which it was urged that the excess profits and high surtaxes be restored.

Mr. Gillett explained that the procedure would be to recognize Chairman Campbell to present the rule to make Thursday suspension day and upon adoption of that rule Chairman Fordney would be recognized for a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Democratic leaders and opponents of the bonus measure were expected to make a fight against adoption of the rules and as there would be four hours debate on the bill itself the final vote would be delayed until late Thursday. The speaker said, however, that it was the plan of "clean the whole thing up" in one day.

HUGHES DENIES SECRET AGREEMENT FOR ANGLO-AMERICAN CO-OPERATION

Secretary's Letter Read in Senate by Senator Lodge Causes Big Sensation—Opponents of Four Power Treaty Attempt to Send it Back to Committee.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 21. — Presentation in the Senate today of a letter from Secretary Hughes denying flatly that any secret agreement exists for future British-American co-operation, led today to another effort by opponents of the four power treaty to send it back to committee. The effort brought on a warm debate.

The secretary's letter, characterizing suggestions of such an agreement as "absolutely false," was laid before the Senate by Senator Lodge, who, at the same time, put into the record a telegram from Paul D. Cravath, the New York attorney, denying the accuracy of a statement on the same subject attributed to him by Senator Borah.

Reiterating a denial made in a former communication that any secret agreement existed with other powers in connection with the arms conference, Mr. Hughes wrote in today's letter that he hoped to see no "further aspersions upon the veracity and honor" of the American delegates.

Mr. Cravath's telegram embodied the statement issued by him in New York last night, in which he declared that the words attributed to him in the statement read by Senator Borah, in the Senate yesterday, were either inaccurately quoted or did not correctly convey his meaning. Referring to a passage in which Mr. Borah quoted him as saying he had been told of the "understanding" by every member of the American delegation, Mr. Cravath said he had in fact never talked with any delegate on any subject "remotely resembling" the alleged international agreement.

CHALESTON INVITES ROTARIANS FOR 1923

(By The Associated Press.)
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., March 21. — The 1923 conference of the Rotary Clubs of the seventh district, comprising the states of Virginia, North and South Carolina, opened a two day session here this morning with one thousand members in attendance.

Soon after the session convened, John Wood, of Charleston, S. C., extended an invitation to the convention to meet in the "City by the Sea" in 1923. This was referred to the district governor and his council for a report later. An address by District Governor Joseph A. Turner, Roanoke, Va., reports reading of communications, committee appointments, etc., were among the features of the first session. A number of social functions are on the program for today and tomorrow.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

(By The Associated Press.)
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., March 21. — Robbers blew the safe of postoffice at Kernersville, 11 miles southeast of here, early this morning. One thousand dollars in cash and stamps, two registered letters, one containing \$3,200 in liberty bonds and a stock certificate valued at \$2,200, were seized. An overcoat found was the only clue obtained.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR.

Tuesday.
7:30 p. m. Chamber of Commerce Glee Club.
Thursday.
7:30 p. m. Pythian Band.
Friday.
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Saturday.
8:45 p. m. Annual membership dinner. Hon. Thos. Heflin speaker.

LOANED \$100 43 YEARS AGO, GETS JUDGMENT NOW FOR TRILLIONS.



Forty-three years ago H. B. Stewart loaned George Jones \$100 upon a promissory note at 10 per cent a month, compounded monthly. The case was finally taken into court and Judge Watch, of San Jose, Cal., decided that there was nothing to do but grant judgment in full. After hours of wrangling with the problem expert accountants, announced that Jones owed Stewart \$304,840,332,912,685. This makes Stewart the richest man in the world when he collects.

CIVIL WAR IS LIKELY TO BREAK OUT IN IRELAND ON SLIGHTEST PRETEXT

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Simultaneous Sunday School Rally Day for County Being Considered

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WATERLOO STATION IS MEMORIAL TO SOLDIERS

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Pacific Mills at Lawrence, Mass. Announce 20 Per Cent Wage Cut

(By The Associated Press.)
LAWRENCE, MASS., March 21. — The wave of wage revision in New England cotton mills struck this textile center today, the Pacific Mills, normally 10,000 persons, and the Everett Mills, which employ 1,200, announcing cuts understood to approximate 20 per cent. The Arlington Mills which has 7,000 workers on cotton and worsted goods, announced at the same time an indefinite shutdown, effective Saturday, because of unsatisfactory business conditions.

The Pacific mill announcement said that the wage cut had become necessary because business had been falling off since November. The mills have been running on a four day schedule for several weeks will resume full time under the reduced wage scales. Continuing, the notice read:

"With hope of stimulating business we have already named prices on all our

lines which show us a heavy loss based on the present cost of cotton and wool.

"It is a well known fact that the purchasing power of the country at large, particularly outside of the industrial centers, has been greatly curtailed during the past year. This means that the mills which are producing some of the necessities of life must make goods at a price which can be paid by our customers. If we sell our goods at cost today our prices are nearly twice as high as the pre-war levels.

"It is not generally known that the wages paid our employes in Lawrence are 120 per cent above the wage scale of 1915 and after the reduction the average wages will still be at least 75 per cent above the pre-war level.

"The country at large expects and demands a further reduction in the wages of the industrial workers of the east and good business and prosperity for all cannot come until this adjustment has been made."

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STREET CAR UNION MEN FACE TRIAL IN COURT FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY

Disorders Mark Attempt to Operate Cars in Columbia—Governor Cooper Declares That Cars Must Run if Troops Are Necessary to Preserve Order.

(By The Associated Press.)
COLUMBIA, S. C., March 21. — A sensation was sprung in city court this morning when H. T. Shannon, connected with the street car company, who yesterday acted as a car man, in order to help break the strike, picked out several men, who he said, were in the crowd that attacked street cars at three different times yesterday afternoon, resulting in injuries to passengers and car operators. J. L. Jennings, D. K. Stiers and S. P. Shelgrove, were said to have composed the mob that attacked one of the cars and they were put under peace bond. Five others were bound to higher court under bonds ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000. B. S. Ward, R. L. Brock, C. J. Morgan, Ed Blackman and J. O. Williams were bound to the higher court on charges of assault and battery with intent to kill.

A conference is being held this morning with a view to determining what will be done about the resumption of car operation. The mayor has promised an automobile loaded with six policemen for each of the street cars to be operated during the day. There were no disorders during the morning.

In the attacks made on the street cars and the men who were operating them yesterday afternoon, Eugene Turner, of Pickens, and W. M. Yancey, of Pelion, were injured and taken to a hospital to have their wounds dressed. They were passengers. Several strike breakers also were injured. The attacks on the cars were made with rocks. There were three cars in operation yesterday, each with a motorcade policeman riding alongside. However, after the attacks, the cars were taken off their runs.

The company announces this morning that it will operate the cars again today, as soon as the men who are to act as car men have been released from the police court, where they are witnesses. Governor Cooper has promised that the cars will be protected, if it means calling out troops. County and city officers have both been instructed to see that violence is prevented. "The company has a right to operate its cars," the Governor said, "especially in view of the order of the railroad commission for their operation. People using the cars are entitled to protection, and protection they will have."

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THE WEATHER

North Carolina, fair tonight, colder in northeast portion and frost to the coast; Wednesday fair.

Cotton Market

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET
NEW YORK, March 21. — Cotton futures closed steady.
March 18.09; May 17.97; July 17.36; October 16.93; December 16.81; Spots 18.20.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Cotton seed 51c
Strict to Good Middling 17 1/2c