

FATE OF BONUS BILL IN THE SENATE IS PROBLEMATIC; SHARP CHANGES EXPECTED

Fairly Certain That Bill Will Slumber Quite a While—Longworth Thinks Harding Will Sign House Measure—Senate Has Tariff and Treaty Bills Still on Hand.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 24.—Passed by the House late yesterday by a vote of 333 to 70, the soldiers' bonus bill was made ready today for the Senate. What would happen to it there was regarded as problematical, but House proponents proposed to use every effort to prevent it from being shelved, as was the original bonus measure.

In the long debate which preceded the final vote in the House, some speakers predicted that the Senate would kill the bill, while others apparently were not over optimistic as to the chances of its passage in its present form.

There were those who believed that the Senate finance committee, to which the bill would be referred in the natural course, would make sharp changes in it. Some administration officers were known to look to the Senate to pass a measure providing means for financing the bonus, but they were not prepared to predict whether the means would be taxes or the use of foreign bonds.

President Harding has been represented as looking with favor on the financing of the legislation with refunded foreign bonds provided they were in hand before the bill was passed. While the measure was in the making by the House ways and means committee, the Executive, according to some members of that committee, suggested a delay of 90 days in the belief that the treasury would be in possession of some of the British bonds.

Not since the war days have the house galleries been jammed as they were today from the time Speaker Gillett's gavel fell at 11 a. m. until the last vote had been cast as the shades of evening enveloped the capitol. And not in many years have such scenes been enacted on the floor where there frequently was an uproar with alternate applause, laughter and jeers.

Like the house itself, the galleries were pro-bonus and supporters of the bill were frequently applauded despite the infringement on the rules which this entailed. But the greatest applause was not for a proponent but an opponent, the members and many of the spectators rising and tendering an ovation to "Uncle Joe" Cannon as the grizzled holder of the American record for length of legislative service arose late in the day to deliver a two-minute speech in which he declared that the men who served in the world war owed that service to their country.

In all there was slightly more than five hours of discussion with 75 of the 435 members taking part in it. Transcripts of their remarks would fill about two ordinary newspapers. Many of them were on their feet only a minute or two, or three, but the house gave unanimous consent for all members to extend their remarks in the Congressional Record during the next five days and editions of that volume during that time promise to be exceedingly bulky.

Arguments against the bill were more frequent than those in its favor, due to the fact that many Democrats who announced that they would support it vigorously attacked some of its provisions and the Ways and Means Committee for failure to provide means of financing the bonus.

In the course of the debate the measure was referred to as "gold brick," "a bonus" bill, a "hookuspokus" and a "deformed and malformed creature."

As passed by the house, the bonus bill would provide for immediate cash payments to veterans whose adjusted service pay would not exceed \$50, and would give the four plans: Adjusted service certificates, with

provisions authorizing loans by banks in the first three years after next October 1, and by the government thereafter; the certificates to run for 20 years and to have a face value at maturity of the amount of the adjusted service credit at the rate of \$1 a day for domestic service and \$1.25 a day for foreign service, increased by 25 per cent plus interest at the rate of 4-1/2 per cent compounded annually.

Vocational training aid after January, 1923, at the rate of \$1.75 a day, the total payments not to exceed, however, 140 per cent of the adjusted service credit.

Home Aid Farm Plan. Farm and home aid under which veterans may purchase or improve farms or homes would be paid after July 1, 1923, sum equal to their adjusted service credit increased by 25 per cent.

Land settlement, under which lands would be reclaimed under the supervision of a special board and farm units established for sale to the veterans at a price fixed by the board less the amount of the adjusted service credit due the purchasers.

In only two important particulars does this measure differ from the one passed two years ago and that was shelved in the Senate last July. The original cash bonus option was eliminated and the bank loan provision of the last service certificate title substituted.

COMBINATION OF THREE N. C. STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS PROPOSED

University, State College and Woman's College Would be Combined Under Proposed Plan into "The University of North Carolina," Making It Greatest in South—Governor to Name Special Committee to Consider Proposal.

RALEIGH, March 23.—Consolidation of the State university, the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, and the Woman's college at Greensboro into one "University of North Carolina" will be considered by a special committee to be appointed tomorrow by Governor Morris, composed of trustees of each of the three institutions.

The decision to submit the proposal for the consolidation of the three institutions was announced today by the governor after plans had been suggested to educators and favorable response had been made.

The plan would involve no radical changes in the existing system of organization. The colleges, of course, would not be moved from their present locations, but they would be under one general directing head, and special courses would be divided among the three institutions, much in the same order as at present.

The consolidation would make the university the largest in the south and one of the foremost in the country. The total enrollment would be around five thousand, and the governor and educators who have commented on the scheme are of the opinion that more effective work would be made possible.

The plan has not advanced beyond the stage of a proposal, but it will receive careful consideration by this special committee from the three boards. The committee will be asked to make a thorough investigation with the idea of determining what advantage would accrue, whether the work in any department of either of the colleges would be handicapped, and the many other matters that must be carefully looked into. It then will report to the trustees as to the advisability of carrying out the proposal.

The governor is submitting the plan as chairman of the board of trustees of the university, chairman of the board of trustees of State college and chairman of the state board of education.

If consolidation should be effected, a young man or woman would not enter the State college or the Woman's college but the University of North Carolina, and which of the three institutions he or she would be assigned to would depend upon the course of study desired. The consolidation would make possible specialization in all branches of work now existing in the three colleges.

COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BIG COAL STRIKE

General Policy Committee Meets Behind Closed Doors to Perfect Final Plans for Big Strike.

(By The Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, O., March 24.—The general policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America met here today to complete arrangements for putting into effect what international President John L. Lewis declared will be "the greatest strike in history." The meeting was held behind closed doors, but it was understood steps would be taken to arrange and conduct the strike without leadership from the time it starts April 1.

Full powers to conduct the affairs of the union during the suspension of work was vested in the policy committee by the miners in convention at Indianapolis last month. The committee also has the authority to negotiate for a new wage agreement between the miners and operators.

One of the most important questions expected to be decided by the committee is whether district unions shall be allowed to enter into separate agreements with the mine owners. At their Indianapolis convention the miners voted against regional conferences.

The subject was expected to bring to the fore the long standing factional fight between President Lewis and Frank Farrington, president of the International Union. Farrington was said to be prepared to demand that regional conferences be permitted. He is said to have many supporters.

Mine owners who live here expressed hopes that Lewis and Farrington would reach an agreement. They claim that the future of the coal trade of the great lakes is affected by the controversy.

TEX RICKARD SAYS HE CAN PROVE ALIBI. (By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 24.—Opening the defense of Tex Rickard, charged with criminally assaulting 15-year-old Sarah Schoenfeld, counsel for Rickard today told the jury that a perfect alibi would be proved for November 12, 1921, the date of the alleged offense.

Max Steur, chief defense counsel, also set forth that the two apartments on West 47th street, mentioned in connection with the case, had been rented by Rickard while he was arranging the Dempsey-Willard fight in Toledo to store his liquors, because he saw prohibition coming.

Rickard, Steur said, never had been in the suites in his life, and had gone to the apartment houses themselves only twice, to ascertain from the janitor that his cellars were O. K.

ANCESTORS OWNED STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIGHTS TO REGAIN 15,000 ACRES.



Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, of Atlantic City, a descendant of one of the thirteen original proprietors of the State of New Jersey, has formed a corporation to go to court with a claim for 15,000 acres of land which was given in a grant by Queen Anne, of England, in 1693. Mrs. Clark has called a meeting of the descendants of the thirteen original owners to push a campaign for restitution of land alleged to have been sold without authority and clear title.

BOYS OUTNUMBER THE GIRLS IN DEBATE

Triangular Debates Will Take Place Throughout the State Tonight—League of Nations to Be Debated.

CHAPEL HILL, March 23.—Boys will outnumber girls in the triangular debates of the High School Debating Union on the League of Nations, to be held in 250 communities of the State on Friday, March 24.

Two hundred schools have forwarded the names of their debaters to the central committee here, and announcement was made today by E. R. Rankin, secretary, that these records show a total of 460 boys and 340 girls. Fifty schools have not yet filed the names of their debaters, but it is thought that these late entries will make no material difference in the totals.

Fifty schools will be represented by teams composed of members of girls' teams composed of members of boys' teams. The boys' teams will be represented by teams composed of members of boys' teams.

Forty-one schools will be represented by teams composed of members of boys' teams.

Only once since the annual debating contests were inaugurated ten years ago has the Aycock Memorial Cup been won by a girl's team. In 1915 Misses Lela Rook, Fleming and Ethel Gardner, representing the Wilson High school, won the award of the trophy cup.

In all other years the trophy cup has gone to teams composed either of two boys or of a boy and a girl.

THOUSANDS ATTEMPT RUN ON CHICAGO BANK

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, March 24.—A special detail of 25 police, armed with rifles, was called upon today to control thousands of persons who besieged the Northwestern Trust & Savings Bank to withdraw their deposits following a false rumor that the condition of the institution was unstable.

Several women were trampled in the scramble to enter the bank. Their injuries and the fear of hundreds of other depositors were the outgrowth of false rumors concerning the bank's financial strength. Bank officials were saying out money as fast as the depositors could be served and other banks were said to be ready to supply all the cash needed.

John F. Smulski, president of the bank, announced an offer of a reward of \$5,000 for the identity of the person responsible for the false rumors.

The bank was declared by bank examiners as the strongest bank in Chicago in proportion to its size. The statement showed resources approximately \$29,000,000 and deposits of \$18,000,000.

The Federal reserve bank of which the Northwestern is a member sent \$750,000 in an armored car to the Chicago bank. The Continental and Commercial National Bank sent \$1,000,000.

Exports in February totalled 338,440 bales. WASHINGTON, March 24.—American exports of raw cotton including lint, during February were 338,440 bales valued at \$31,113,090, compared with 493,426 bales, valued at \$42,400,115, exported in February a year ago.

HERE'S HOPING THEY PAY SOME HEED TO THIS

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Expeditious handling of newspapers is urged on Postal employees in a statement by John H. Bartlett, new first assistant postmaster general, published today in the Postal Bulletin.

"Despite repeated instructions for the prompt handling of daily newspapers," the statement asserts, "many complaints are made of delay in receipt of this class of mail."

"This condition is irritating to subscribers and inexcusable from a service standpoint. Unless received promptly a newspaper has little or no news value, and the postal service reaps the criticism of delay."

"Postmasters are therefore urged to see that all daily newspapers, both outgoing and incoming, are handled immediately upon receipt in their offices, to the end that we may have a satisfied public and an appreciative press."

TO HELP GASTON FARMERS FIGHT THE BOLL WEEVIL

Manager Bess, of Southern Cotton Oil Company, to Introduce Dusting Machine in County This Summer—Calcium Arsenate to Be Sprayed on Growing Cotton—Ten Experimental Farms to Be Selected.

Through the local representative J. Fly Bess, the Southern Cotton Oil Company has announced a plan whereby it hopes to help the cotton growers in their fight against the boll weevil. Machines to dust the growing plant with calcium arsenate have been perfected and Manager Bess will have one of these machines for use in Gaston county this summer.

Thirty acres per day can be covered by one machine and covers a cotton row at a time. Ten farms are to be selected by Mr. Bess for experimental purposes and those farmers who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity are urged to see Mr. Bess soon.

While no device or method has been found to entirely exterminate the weevil, the Department authorities have demonstrated beyond a doubt, that the application of Calcium Arsenate, properly applied, will keep the insect in check long enough to allow the cotton plant to develop a full set of bolls.

There are those who believe that the measures of control as recommended and demonstrated by the Department of Agriculture, are the best that have been proposed. As an expression of confidence in the practicability of these methods of weevil control, the Atlantic Coast Lumber Railroad, Geo. H. McFadden & Co., Savannah, Ga., S. M. Bally & Son, Savannah, Ga., cotton factors, Citizens & Southern Bank, Savannah, Ga., and the Barrett Cotton Company, Augusta, Ga., in conjunction with The Southern Cotton Oil Company and the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, who initiated the undertaking, have jointly subscribed to a fund to be used in carrying out such demonstrations on cotton farms.

In accordance with the arranged program, it is proposed to conduct demonstrations at approximately forty-two points adjacent to the mill and factory grounds of the Southern Cotton Oil Company and the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

In all demonstrations like three hundred farms in the Cotton Belt. At each of these locations six or eight farms will be selected on which Calcium Arsenate dusting operations will be conducted and specific directions given the grower in regard to the preparation of the land, fertilization, planting, cultivating the crop and the application of Calcium Arsenate, each step taken to be in line with the proved experience of the Delta Laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, fair and warmer tonight; Saturday increasing cloudiness.

Care of Disabled Veterans and "Americanism" Are Two Big Jobs of The American Legion

These Two Together With Drive For Members Constitute Legion's Program in North Carolina, According to Outlines at District Rally Here—Cole K. Burgess Furnishes Keynote Speech of Meeting With Powerful Plea For Wounded and Scathing Denunciation of Anti-American Propaganda.

"As long as 40,000 former service men in America languish in hospitals, 10,000 of whom are insane and dying of tuberculosis, neglected by an ungrateful nation; as long as Eugene V. Debs walks free and unrestrained in America; as long as Grover C. Bergdoll flaunts his insolence in the face of American war mothers, and as long as the railroads, mines and ship owners get their millions in subsidies from a grateful nation while thousands of disabled veterans are dying for the lack of treatment, the war is not over, and it is the job of the American legion to make this country realize it," declared Cole K. Burgess in the keynote speech of a great American legion rally, held here Thursday.

Audience Is Thrilled. Mr. Burgess is state adjutant of the American legion, and his speech, coming at the conclusion of a banquet served by the Gaston county war mothers and woman's auxiliary to 250 service men of the county and visitors from the ninth congressional district, fired his audience with a thrill they have not experienced since the days of 1917-18.

Not once was the bonus mentioned during the entire day. The burning central theme of every speaker, and there were many of them, was, first, care for the disabled veterans in and out of hospitals, and Americanization.

Eugene Debs, Bergdoll, Victor Berger, the I. W. W., the soviets, the Milwaukee tea room movement, and George Harvey, "the arch-enemy of Woodrow Wilson," were scathingly denounced by every speaker.

It is a singular fact, and one commented on that among this large gathering of service men, not once was the matter of a bonus for themselves mentioned. All the talk was for the sick and wounded soldiers and for a better understanding by the people of what the American legion stands for.

"The American legion is destined to become the greatest organization in America," said State Chaplain Vickers, "and will become the backbone of all Americanism on this continent. It will see that in future years America goes right."

Conditions At Oteen. Charles A. Sloane, editor of The Oteen Echo, the official organ of the legion in the State, declared that in the Oteen hospital there were 1,000 men fighting a grim battle with the great white plague, but, even as they fought the Huns on the other side, they are meeting death with a smile. A word and a message from the outside cheers them wonderfully.

State Commander Tom Bird and the executive committee of the Legion, together with a number of visitors from Charlotte, Hickory, Newton and Shelby, met here in the district rally, and as one result the legion post here has received a big boost. Nearly 100 members were added.

By all odds Thursday's gathering was one of the greatest meetings in the interest meetings in the interest of the Legion ever held in Gastonia. Its influence will be felt throughout the entire Ninth district.

Beginning at 2:30 the day's activities began with an executive committee meeting when the American Legions "Service and Compensation Plan" was discussed. Under this plan an exhaustive questionnaire is being prepared for former service men to answer and file with the Legion headquarters. The information obtained therein gives all the necessary data concerning the former service man's

Mr. Vickers denounced the skulking characters who hid behind the uniform to cover violations of the law. "Just because a man wore the khaki," he said, "there is no reason why he should gain immunity for his wrong doing, and I have and soon denounce such a man as a dastardly coward."

It remained, however, for Cole K. Burgess to electrify the crowd. Previous to his speech the audience had been growing restless. Men were leaving and the women were busily removing plates. Smokes were being passed around and soliloquies were being passed among the tables collecting Legion dues for the local post. Many in the audience were preparing to leave when Burgess was introduced. Burgess has done more for the Legion than any man in North Carolina. He has been adjutant since its organization. He is a young lawyer of Raleigh.

Before he had been speaking five minutes he had his audience and seldom have they ever heard such a speech on Americanism and the neglect of disabled soldiers. Beginning with the manner in which the American fighting man marched away to war, the plaudits and huzzas hurled his way, the acclaim with which the heroes were greeted and the similar outbreak of hero-worship when the first contingents returned, Burgess traced the growing neglect and shameful treatment the government has accorded its veterans. He cited case after case of gross neglect. "Many of them," he declared, "are being cared for in criminal and charitable institutions, while our rich and powerful government bestows millions in subsidies on the shipping trust, the railroads, the mines, and the producing contractors. When the sick and suffering soldier who

follow at Westview cemetery here.

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Dead Since Feb. 15 Comes Back To Banquet In Spirit

Dr. James M. Peebles, Los Angeles Scientist, Sends "From Beyond" Message to Friends—Is Exploring the Moon and Journeying Among the Stars.

LOS ANGELES, March 24.—Dr. James Martin Peebles, physician and scientist, died since February, 15, not only attended in the spirit a banquet to celebrate his centennial, but has sent back "from beyond" at least one message, guests assembled to honor his memory said last night.

Dr. Guy Bogart, head of the Longer Life League, stood beside an empty chair at the banquet and announced that Dr. Peebles "is with us, sitting in this chair."

Later Dr. Bogart read a message he stated he had received from Dr. Peebles since the latter's death, through the late Herman Kuelin, publisher of Chicago. He explained that because of Dr. Peebles' short life "beyond" he was unable to communicate directly.

"A word to Guy (Dr. Bogart), and the Longer Life League friends," the message said. "I knew in my innermost vision that I would celebrate my centennial beyond the gates—but that I would be with the Longer Life League 'in the spirit' as well. It made little difference to me on which side of the gate I made the celebration. Guy recalls that I told him a couple of years ago that I was anxious to explore the moon and go journeying among the stars. Well, I am getting my wishes gratified. And the old rheumatism is a thing of the past."

"In the service of love you will find your excuse for living. It will make your life full and overflowing. Watch

Cotton Market

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET. NEW YORK, March 24.—Cotton futures closed weak.

Table with 2 columns: Cotton seed, Strict to good middling. Values: 51c, 17c.