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Soldier Bonus No Longer Can Be Paramount Issue

Has Votes Enough to Pass Over President's Veto and Only
Fact That Measure Provides No Cash in Most In-
stances Can Be Capitalized by Democrats

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Washington, April 25.—The soldier bonus has been shelved as a "paramount issue." Irrespective of the action of President Coolidge, the controversy will not be a vital part of the coming Presidential campaign.

The bill passed by the House and Senate has enough votes to become a law over a Presidential veto. It is being discounted already as a law. The Republican national platform will "point with pride" to its accomplishment. The fact that a Democratic nominee might say he would have signed the bill that Mr. Coolidge might veto is not likely to be of any considerable value on the stump.

The main thing is that members of the Senate and House will not have the bonus to contend with in the elections and there will be little organized opposition to the few opponents of the measure. Indeed, of the few Senators who did vote against the soldiers insurance bill, do not all come up for re-election this year anyhow. The Democrats have as much right to claim credit for the passage of the bill as the Republicans for they supported it overwhelmingly. Had there been vigorous opposition from the Democrats, the issue might have proved troublesome. The vote on the cash feature may here and there arise to plague a few members but on the whole one of the most vexing issues in American politics has been removed.

President Coolidge is strong enough politically to be nominated even though he vetoes the bill as seems likely judging from his public utterances since the insurance plan was first broached. But there is no likelihood of much resentment being expressed next November against the President on this one point. The election will turn on other issues.

What will they be? With the soldier bonus out of the way and both parties likely to support the tax bill which is finally brought out of conferences of the two houses of Congress, the so-called "paramount" issues are vanishing. The Democrats, of course, will insist that Teapot Dome proves what happens when Republicans are in power and will ask the country to point to a single case of corruption of cabinet officers under their rule, to which the Republicans will answer as usual with charges of waste and mismanagement in war time.

And thus the debate will be developed with the Democrats seeking to win by undermining the confidence in the Republican party as an institution in Washington. Mr. Coolidge's acceptance of the resignations of some of those concerned in the oil controversy has helped him from the viewpoint of disclaiming responsibility for their acts. He has not been effectively tied up with the misrule of the few who have been exposed in the oil scandals. If Mr. Coolidge's own character is sufficiently impressed on the electorate to overcome any lack of confidence in the Republican office-holders, it will take away much from the force of the oil cases as an issue. The Democrats will hammer away on that just the same, arguing for "clean government." In the West, the Democrats will probably take advantage of the discontent inside the Republican party on proposals for agricultural relief. It begins to look as if the issues will not be principles of action so much as men and their character, their sincerity, their integrity and their individual capacity for efficient administration.

BURTON CHAIRMAN REPUBLICAN MEET

Washington, April 26.—The selection of Representative Theodore Burton of Ohio as temporary chairman of the Republican National Convention was indicated today after a political conference at the White House. Chairman Adams of the Republican National Committee and David Mulvan, Republican National Committeeman from Kansas and chairman of convention arrangements, presented Burton's name to President Coolidge who approved the selection.

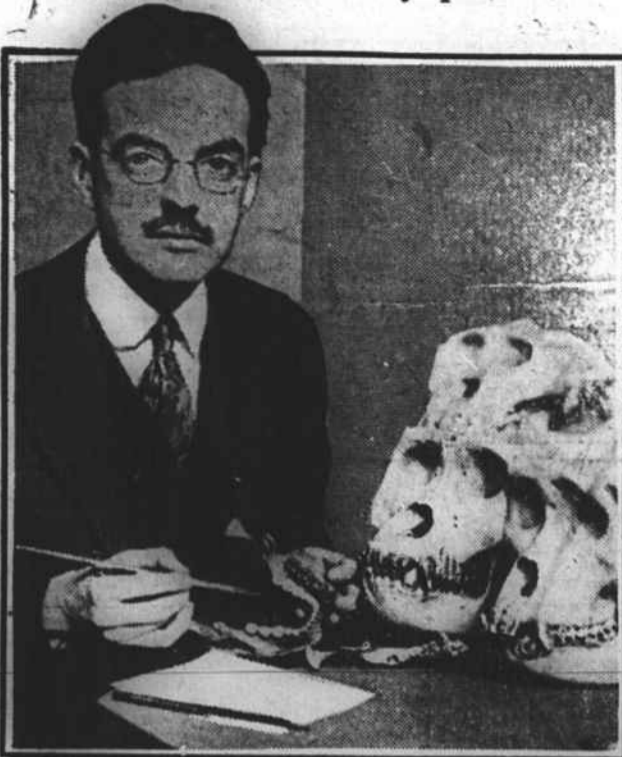
COTTON MARKET

New York, April 26.—Spot cotton closed quiet this afternoon. Midline 30.59. Futures closed at the following levels: May 30.12; July 28.41; October 24.47; December 23.92; January 23.80.

New York, April 26.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: May 30.50; July 28.85; October 24.84; December 24.23; January 23.87.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dewey and Mrs. Sidney Davis motored to Norfolk Friday for the day.

Well, Well It's a Dryopithecus



Dr. W. K. Gregory, after years of research and study, is exhibiting at the Museum of Natural History fragments of jawbones of the Dryopithecus, or forest ape, believed by some scientists to be the "missing link." The bone fragments, found after millions of years, have been found to resemble those of Australian negro tribes.

NEW AGREEMENT ABOUT HOSPITAL

Arrangement Made With Dr. Saliba Whereby He Assumes Business but Not Professional Management.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce, who for a number of years now have been the directors of the Elizabeth City Community Hospital, have reached an understanding with Dr. John Saliba, owner of the hospital property, whereby the directors surrender the business management of the hospital to Dr. Saliba.

This agreement has been reached on the basis of an understanding that Dr. Saliba, while assuming responsibility for the business management of the institution, will continue to conduct it as a community institution open to all reputable physicians and surgeons on equal terms with himself.

This new arrangement is to become effective on June 1 and is to continue in force for a period of three years. Dr. Saliba is allowing the present management to operate through May rent free, while he is preparing to take over the management.

The hope is expressed by the directors of the hospital that the new arrangement will meet with the general approval of the physicians of the city and of the public and that the hospital will enter upon a period of enlarged usefulness.

WOULD DEFER ENFORCEMENT MERCHANT MARINE ACT

Washington, April 26.—Enforcement of Section 28 of the Merchant Marine Act would be deferred from June 20 next to May 1, 1925, under the resolution reported by the House merchant marine committee today.

SENATOR WILLIAMS TO SPEAK AT NORFOLK CHURCH SUNDAY

State Senator P. H. Williams of this city will speak to the organized Bible classes at McKendree Methodist church of Norfolk Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour. Mr. Williams goes to Norfolk upon the invitation of N. W. Nye of that city who speaks at City Road Church at eleven o'clock Sunday and to the organized classes at ten.

DAUGHERTY'S BROTHER ARRAIGNED FOR CONTEMPT

Washington, April 26.—A report to the Senate declaring M. S. Daugherty of Washington, Courthouse, Ohio, guilty of contempt and a resolution ordering his arrest and arraignment before the Senate itself to answer to the charges was today introduced by Chairman Brookhart of the Daugherty investigating committee.

PAID UNUSUAL TRIBUTE TO NEWEL C. CLARK

That he had known N. C. Clark in his daily walk and work since he had been with the Elizabeth City Iron Works & Supply Company and that in all the years that he had so known him he had never seen him any act or heard from him a single word unbecoming a Christian was the tribute paid to Mr. Clark at the funeral service Thursday by Rev. E. F. Sawyer when at the grave in Holywood Thursday he spoke in behalf of Mr. Clark's fellow workmen at the Iron Works and in behalf of the firm. Mr. Sawyer himself has a position with the Iron Works and Mr. Clark's work and conduct were under his continual observation.

"N. C. Clark was one man whom I believe was an earnest Christian in his daily work," said Mr. Sawyer, "and more than one of his comrades in the shop have told me that he was the best man they ever worked with."

Mr. Sawyer's words were spoken with the force at the Elizabeth City Iron Works attending the funeral service in a body, the plant closing during the funeral hour to permit them to do so and as a tribute of respect to his memory. Many eyes of strong men unaccustomed to tears were wet when the words of tribute had been spoken.

Mr. Clark was the son of a Baptist preacher, the late Rev. Homer J. Clark of Parkersburg, West Virginia, who died here soon after Mr. Clark came to Elizabeth City.

POTATO PROSPECT STILL LOOKS GOOD

Satisfactory Stand Seen with Indications That North Carolina Will Beat Virginia to Market by Two Weeks.

With a good stand of potatoes on all sides the crop condition on this territory is looked upon as very satisfactory up to this time. The most favorable sign lies in the fact that the main crop of Virginia potatoes with which it is impossible for North Carolina to compete will be two weeks later than last year while that in this section will be only one week delayed according to Howard Smith, manager of the Carolina Potato Exchange.

On account of the nearness of Virginia to the markets that state becomes a dangerous rival to Eastern North Carolina whenever the season's conflict. It is accepted among the operators that when the Virginia season starts ours must fall behind.

Last year Virginia potatoes came in ten days behind those of this territory. According to the forecasts for this season they will be from 15 to 18 days later than North Carolina. This means a great deal in marketing early potatoes and indicates that the prices will be good if other conditions remain good, says Mr. Smith.

"The stand this year is above the average. In fact it is the best in five years," said Mr. Smith. "Judging from the looks of the crop there will be an unusually good yield. The Canadian seed are showing their value in better seed and more thrifty plants already. North Carolina mountain grown seed have produced good plants too. They are every bit as good as those produced from Maine seed."

Mr. Smith says that he has been advised that the Florida crop has suffered from blight and rain. One operator who had bought heavily of barrels is offering a half million for sale on account of the partial failure of the crop at Palatka. In South Carolina there is a much heavier acreage and a fair stand, he says. This does not conflict with us however as South Carolina fears us just as we fear Virginia.

WANTED WHEELER TO FIT IT IN WASHINGTON

Washington, April 26.—H. E. Glosser, formerly employed in the office of Gordon Campbell, Montana oil operator, indicted with Senator Wheeler, today testified before the Senate committee investigating the indictment that in January, 1923, he heard a conversation between Campbell and Wheeler in which there was talk of getting the former's oil permits "fixed up in Washington." "Campbell said that Wheeler could get this fixed up in Washington," Glosser added, "or something like that."

FALLOON MICHELIN TIRES ARE VERY POPULAR HERE

The sale of balloon tires has kept the firm of E. J. Cohoon & Company busy this week. "We have calls for more tires than we can get hold of," Mr. Cohoon told a reporter for the Advance Saturday. This firm started an advertising campaign on Michelin tires last Saturday announcing a demonstration on Monday, and sales this week have gone above the level expected.

TRAFTON IS WINNER OF WILLIAMS MEDAL

Claude Trafton was awarded the D. E. Williams medal in the declamation contest Friday evening in the South Mills High School, carrying off first honors with the other contestants doing so well that the judges were disturbed that there weren't enough medals to go around. Leon Halstead, Milburn James, William Perry and Ira Pearce were the other four entrants in the contest and each showed such ability and so much serious preparation that the audience, like the judges, was puzzled to know just who would be the winner. However, general sentiment in the end favored Trafton, it was declared, and the young orator, speaking fearlessly, easily and earnestly, with no show of nervousness, with distinct and careful enunciation and with delivery free from superficial attempts at the oratorical, made an excellent impression.

A medal for spelling was awarded to Welden Burnham.

Prior to the declamation contest there was a pleasing program of songs by the grades. Piano numbers were interspersed throughout the program and the high schools pupils rendered a chorus while the judges were out making their decision.

The judges were Dr. John Bell, Ralph Holmes and Herbert Peel. The medal was presented by Herbert Peel. A number of other Elizabeth City people attended the exercises, enjoying the enthusiasm of the students, the progressive spirit of the South Mills school, and the pleasant automobile ride over the good roads.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. F. H. Scattergood will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Trinity church. Monday evening the senior play will be given at eight o'clock in the auditorium, and Tuesday evening Dr. J. H. Gorrell of Wake Forest College will deliver the commencement address. The graduates are Tacie Burnham, Irene Etheridge, Ethel Hastings, Ralph Harrell, George Ira Pearce, Lucy Sanderlin, and Lula Whitehurst.

LOOKING FOR OUTLAW FIND ANOTHER STILL

Clifton Forge, Va., April 26.—National Guardsmen searching for Jesse Scott, an outlaw charged with killing a prohibition agent, last night wounded McKinley Smith when they found the latter operating a still and refusing to surrender.

FOUR STEAMERS ARE ABLAZE AT DOCKS

New York, April 26.—Five wooden excursion steamboats and several smaller craft burned at their winter berths in the Hudson river this morning. The loss was over a million dollars. Two men were burned, one seriously. The fire was caused by a gasoline explosion on a small barge.

New York, April 26.—The excursion steamer Grand Republic and three other similar steamers were ablaze at their docks at an early hour this morning and firemen were fighting the flames.

ACCEPTS RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM T. TILDEN

New York, April 26.—The Davis cup committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association today announced that it has accepted the resignation of William T. Tilden as member of the American team.

Japan Is Making But Slow Recovery From Earthquake

Not Prepared for War and Could Only by Most Heroic Efforts Prepare for It and Japs Can Not Escape Conviction
That's Why Gentlemen's Agreement was Abrogated

By ROBERT T. SMALL

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New York, April 26.—Japan is making but a slow recovery from the earthquake and the fires of last September. Tokio looks today like a mining town with its tents, its shacks, and its lean to's. Yokohama is a silent waste, about the only business there being the loading and unloading of ships.

Part of Japan's slow recovery is self imposed. In Yokohama it has been forbidden that any permanent buildings shall be erected within a period of three years. In Tokio the period of reconstruction has not yet been fixed. The delay is due to an effort to study the type of building which will best withstand the earth tremors which are so frequent and to a determination on the part of the government to make Tokio a real world capital, wiping out all trace of the old narrow, torturous streets, and substituting a carefully laid out city.

Interest in Japan's condition today has been intense ever since the recent exclusion agitation has kept the cables hot between Washington and the Japanese capital. There has been a desire to know what physical conditions were hidden behind the Tokio date line, how the Japanese government was functioning, and what was Japan's ability to wage a war if war cries should arise from the students or other elements of the population.

The government at Tokio is housed in many of the original government buildings which withstood the shocks and fire of September last and were but slightly damaged by the further shocks in January of this year. The government has been able to function where ordinary business was paralyzed.

This does not mean, however, that Japan is ready, or easily could be made ready for war. There has never been any real thought that the immigration question might lead to war, but never-the-less it unquestionably has hurt the Japanese to feel that when they presumably were able to wage war, the United States entered into a "gentlemen's agreement" with them as to the exclusion of their people from these shores. Now that Japan is presumably "down and out" from the standpoint of war as a result of the earthquakes, the United States has tossed the agreement into the discard and has told Japan to "make the most of it."

Japan's remarkable stoicism and the faith of her people in the government and in the future were not shaken by the disasters of last September. The new shocks in January, which were accounted as severe as the most violent of those which laid Tokio and Yokohama in ruins, took heavy toll of the Japanese morale. The January shocks did comparatively little damage because there was little to do. The Imperial Hotel in Tokio, almost unscathed in the September shocks, got a bad shaking up in January and there were cracks in the wall as big as a man's arm. The Yokohama Country Club, but little damaged in September, was totally wrecked in January.

The January shock did not have the vertical motion which marked the September upheaval. That shock has been graphically illustrated. If you would place a marble on a table, strike the table a sharp blow, the marble would be lifted and dropped again. That is what happened in Japan.

The foregoing facts were recited to the writer by Junius B. Wood, Far Eastern correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, just back from a two-year's tour of duty in the orient. Mr. Wood was called to Newport, Rhode Island, to deliver a lecture before the Naval War College.

"I have been living in Tokio in a tent hotel," said Mr. Wood. "The tents are let out just as hotel rooms are. You can have a single tent or a tent for two. Tokio is a city of tents and shacks. The shacks are built roughly of wood with a piece of tin for a roof.

"At Yokohama there is little or (Continued on Page 4.)

ALLIED POWERS ACCEPT FINDINGS

France Alone Raises Question of Procedure, While Italy Declares Dawes Report an Indivisible Whole.

(By The Associated Press)

Paris, April 26.—Replies of four big Allied powers to the Reparations Commission's communication regarding the Dawes report all accept the experts' findings wholly.

France alone raises the question of procedure while Italy declares the report to be an "indivisible whole" which should be taken in its entirety without condition or qualification.

VAN BUREN MARTIN WITHDRAWS FROM RACE

Washington, N. C., April 26.—Van B. Martin of Washington County has withdrawn from the Congressional race according to advices received in this city direct from Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin is out of his county on a business trip and The Daily News is unable to say if he has issued a statement in connection with his withdrawal. Mr. Martin has always been recognized as a most formidable opponent. He was perhaps the most powerful speaker among the congressional entries. He is well known all over Beaufort County and with no other candidate from this county he would have received a most flattering support from all sections.

The time for filing expires tonight and the race now narrows down to Dr. E. J. Griffin of Chowan, E. F. Aydtlett of Pasquotank, S. S. Mann of Hyde and Lindsey Warren of Beaufort.

PREACHES COMMENCEMENT SERMON AT NEWLAND

Rev. Daniel Lane, pastor of City Road Methodist Church, will deliver the commencement sermon Sunday afternoon at Newland High School, Pasquotank County. The services are scheduled to begin at 3:15.

MUST LOWER RATES ON BRICK AND CLAY

Washington, April 26.—Specific changes proposed in interstate rates on brick and clay products between Southern points were found not justified by the Interstate Commerce Commission today. Southern railroads were ordered to cancel suspended schedules and to file a new schedule of rates in accordance with the basis of rates adopted by the commission.

WANTS WATER POWER FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

Washington, April 26.—James Garfield, former Secretary of the Interior, today told the Senate Agriculture Committee at the Muscle Shoals hearing that he wished to appear because "the Ford bid seems to me so destructive as to the requirements very clearly understood under the provisions of the Federal Water Power Act."

"The water power resources should be developed for the needs of all the people of the country," he continued.

JOHN KRAMER HURT

John Kramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kramer, West Main street, was painfully but not seriously injured Saturday morning when a gun shell exploded in his face while he was tinkering with the gun in his work shop.

BALLOON RACE ENDS RECORD UNBROKEN

San Antonio, April 26.—All balloons in the international balloon race had landed last night and reported to the committee but it was not believed that the American record was broken.

COOLIDGE PUZZLING OVER DEBARMENT JAPS

Washington, April 26.—President Coolidge is trying to work out a plan to avoid debarment of the Japanese as passed by the Senate and House.

GRIFFS COMMANDERY TO HAVE BANQUET MONDAY

Griggs Commandery Knight Templars will serve a banquet on Monday evening at six o'clock. All Sir Knights will appear in full uniform after supper and the Templar degree will be conferred on several companions are getting ready to "cross the sands."

BADLY BURNED IN WILMINGTON FIRE

Wilmington, April 26.—Mrs. Laura Flyer is today fighting for her life as the result of the fire here last night which destroyed \$60,000 in property. The Princess Building being completely burned.

NEW YORK MOURNS DEATH OF MURPHY

New York, April 26.—The body of Charles Francis Murphy, for 22 years grand chieftain of Tammany Hall and most conspicuous shaper of political destinies of his time, lies in state today in the modest parlor of his home here.

Over all the city buildings flags are at half mast while many hotels and stores and numerous individual householders displayed evidence of their grief. The funeral services will be held Monday.