

1—Scene in New Orleans after freak gale that hurt 50 persons and did \$400,000 damage. 2—Young dancing pupils under the blossoming cherry trees along the Potomac in Washington. 3—Passenger train in India blown from bridge into a river by a cyclone, 50 persons being killed.

## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

### Senate Passes Bonus Bill After Rejecting the Cash Option Amendment.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

**A**T LAST the American ex-service man who fought in the World war seems assured of receiving a bonus, or as he prefers to call it, an adjusted compensation. The senate on Wednesday passed the bill essentially as it was adopted by the house, and in both cases the majority was so great that there is no doubt it would be re-passed over a presidential veto. But the bonus provided for is not in cash, so it may be Mr. Coolidge can see his way clear to approval of the measure. He, like President Harding, was opposed to a cash bonus for the payment of which no special financial plan was offered.

According to the present measure, instead of cash the former service man will receive a twenty-year endowment insurance certificate on which he can obtain a loan after two years, equal to 90 per cent of the current cash value of the policy. This loan will be obtained through a bank which will be reimbursed by the government in the event of a default. The loan value of a \$1,000 policy would be \$87.93 at the end of two years, \$153.52 in five years, and \$589.19 in fifteen years. Senator Copeland of New York, supported by a number of Democrats, tried to have the bill amended to provide for a cash option, but this was defeated, 37 to 48, because most of the senators felt it would mean the certain veto of the measure and perhaps its defeat. However, the Democratic leaders announced after passage of the bill that they considered it an unsatisfactory makeshift and that next winter they would make a fight for the cash option. If a Democratic administration is elected in the fall they believe they can so amend the law. With several minor amendments adopted on the floor, the bill was passed by a vote of 67 to 17. Eight Republicans and nine Democrats were recorded in opposition.

The cost of the bonus under the insurance plan is expected to be somewhere between \$2,202,467,420, the figure given by the actuary of the veterans' bureau, and \$3,631,047,691, the amount claimed by the treasury actuary. The cost the first year would be considerably in excess of \$100,000,000. Under its terms the basic rate of compensation is \$1 a day for home service and \$1.25 for overseas service, with maximums of \$500 for home service and \$625 for overseas service. The first sixty days of service are excluded from the computation. Enlisted men of the army, navy, and marine corps and officers up to and including captains in the army and marine corps and lieutenants in the navy are embraced within its scope. Those entitled to \$50 or less receive cash. Others receive no cash, but are given twenty-year endowment insurance certificates, the face value of which is the adjusted service credit plus 25 per cent plus interest at 4 per cent compounded annually. Having thus disposed of the bonus, the senate turned its attention to the revenue bill, and the prospect was that the discussion of this measure would continue for several weeks. Even so, the leaders in congress now think it may be possible to adjourn early in June, before the opening of the Republican national convention.

Even the most enthusiastic prohibitionist will not deny the intense and widespread interest in the hearings started last week before the house judiciary committee which had under consideration fifty-nine bills to amend the Volstead act and legalize the manufacture, sale and consumption of 2.75 per cent beer and of light wines. First were heard those who argued for this liberalization of the law, and the most interesting and perhaps most influential of these was Samuel Gompers, who spoke for the 4,000,000 members of the American Federation of Labor. A few of his sentences were:

"You ask me what influence legalization of 2.75 per cent beer would have on general prohibition enforcement. I answer in one sentence: It would transform the people of the United States from a whisky drinking to a beer drinking nation."

"The dissatisfied man is the one who becomes the drunkard. The satisfied man becomes the good citizen. And I say that this prohibition of today has caused the utmost in dissatisfaction."

"No one wants the saloon. No one will be foolish enough to try to repeal the eighteenth amendment. What we who plead for 2.75 per cent beer want to do is to get the good that lies in temperance and rid ourselves of the evils of the present prohibition."

Several eminent psychiatrists told the committee of the great increase in insanity from alcoholism since prohibition, and at least one minister of the gospel stepped forward to declare that the Volstead act is unenforceable, unpopular and wrong ethically, morally and socially. A large number of samples of the poisonous stuff sold in Chicago for "hootch" comprised one of the exhibits.

**OFFERS** for Muscle Shoals were up before the senate agricultural committee and a delegation of Tennessee manufacturers appeared to argue against the Ford bid. Their statements may be thus summarized:

1. Expenditure of thousands of dollars the South look on Ford as its savior if given Muscle Shoals.
2. Some \$55,000 for this propaganda came from Ford friends in Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Memphis alone. How much more, and its source is unknown.
3. But the South now is waking up to the fact that Ford in Muscle Shoals means ruin and not salvation.

**THE** house committee on banking and currency, perfecting the McFadden bill revising the national bank act, approved city-wide branch banking proposals. The committee's decision in this is approved by Controller of the Currency Dawes.

**TESTIMONY** before the Teapot Dome committee lost its ex-parte character for a few minutes when James O. Lewis, a consulting petroleum engineer, upheld Former Secretary Denby's policy of getting the naval reserve oil out of Teapot Dome and into storage as expeditiously as possible. He said:

"If Teapot were rapidly developed today, the recoverable oil could be got out in two years. Otherwise, with the gas pressure exhausted, it would take twenty to fifty years and be very expensive. The loss of gas pressure would, in short, unit Teapot for an emergency."

Mr. Lewis said the amount of oil in Teapot had proved "very disappointing"—12,000,000 to 24,000,000 barrels instead of the bureau of mines' estimate of 135,000,000.

**WHILE** the Borah committee was hearing stories of the alleged plot to bring about the indictment of Senator Wheeler in Montana, the same topic was brought up before the Brookhart committee. John S. Glenn of Nashville, Tenn., told the latter committee the first move to "get" Wheeler was engineered by W. J. Burns and Mal Daugherty. Speaker Gillett of the house appeared voluntarily before the committee and exploded the sensational testimony of Capt. H. L. Scaife concerning a "trunk full of whisky" which Scaife had more than intimated was sent to Mr. Gillett's office.

Harry Daugherty, being now free to talk, made a red hot speech in Columbus in which he denied flatly much of the testimony heard by the Wheeler committee. His most significant statement was that he had given up his cabinet post rather than "contribute to a treasonable cause." Files of the Department of Justice, he said, contained "abundant proof of the plans, purposes and hellish designs of the communist internationale."

"Bear in mind," he added, "that the files which I refused to deliver to the Wheeler investigating committee at the time my resignation was requested were demanded by Brookhart and Wheeler, two United States senators who spent last summer in Russia with their soviet friends—those same soviet

and communist leaders who preach destruction of constitutional government, destruction even of human life."

**PRESIDENT COOLIDGE** traveled to New York last week and spoke at the annual luncheon of the Associated Press. The more important of his statements related directly to European affairs. He said he hoped France would accept the Dawes committee report and that American capital would join in the loan proposed for Germany. He thought that thus the reparations question might be definitely settled, and promised that he would then try to bring about another world conference on disarmament to carry on the work begun by the Washington conference and to take up the codification of international law with an attempt to establish the rules of warfare and to determine the rights of neutrals. He also endorsed the Harding proposal for American adherence to the world court.

The president touched on the desire for profits and the quest for easy money, revealed in current government investigations, as symptomatic of the morbid financial state of mind brought on by the war, and continued:

"From all of this sordidness the affairs of government, of course, suffered. In some of it a few public officers were guilty participants. But the wonder is not that this was so much or so many, rather that it has been so little and so few."

"The encouraging thing at present is the evidence of a well nigh complete return to normal methods of action, and a sane public opinion. The gravity of guilt of this kind is fully realized and publicly reprehended. There is an exceedingly healthy disposition to uproot it altogether, and administer punishment wherever competent evidence of guilt can be produced. That I am doing and propose to continue."

**REALIZING** that economic relations between Japan and America are far more vital to the former than to the latter, Japan's privy council is understood to have endorsed the government's conduct in the Immigration exclusion matter. That is, continued protest against the American exclusion act but no retaliation. The Japanese were still hoping that President Coolidge would veto the measure, and this he was asked to do by a great mass meeting in Osaka. Ambassador Hanjira, meanwhile, explained to congress that the words "grave consequences" in his note were not meant to convey anything in the nature of a threat, but Representative Johnson, chairman of the house committee on Immigration, replied with a statement that the action of congress had been assured before the note was written and that therefore the passage of the exclusion clause was not due to resentment against the ambassador's language.

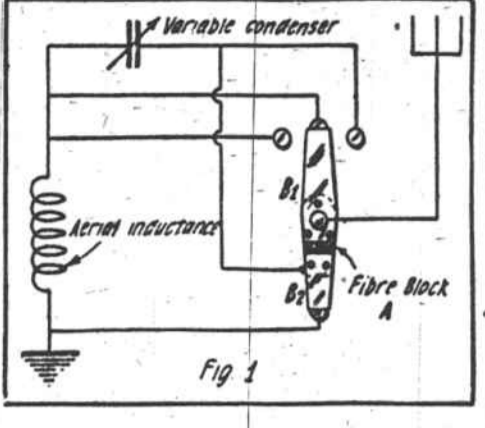
**BECAUSE** of his "interference" in the senate investigation of the Internal Revenue bureau by suggesting the employment of Francis Heney as investigator, Governor Pinchot lost the chance to sit in the Republican national convention as delegate at large from Pennsylvania. Representative Vare and others turned on him for what they considered disloyalty to the administration, and Ralph B. Strassburger of Norristown defeated the governor by a large majority. Pinchot blamed the wets. Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware all elected delegates favorable to Coolidge and seemingly his nomination is an absolute certainty. Reports are that he wants Frank Lowden of Illinois as his running mate, and, falling that, wishes Lowden to be temporary chairman and to deliver the keynote speech. It is interesting to note that the Democratic national committee is considering the selection of a woman as temporary chairman of the national convention in New York.

**AMONG** the notable deaths of the week were those of Mme. Eleonora Duse, the famous Italian tragedienne, who passed away in Pittsburgh after an attack of influenza, and Marie Corelli, the popular English novelist. Doctor Helfferich, former minister of finance of Germany, was one of the victims of a railway wreck in Switzerland.

## Series-Parallel Switch Is Simple

Plan Does Away With Panel Drilling Necessary With Usual Type.

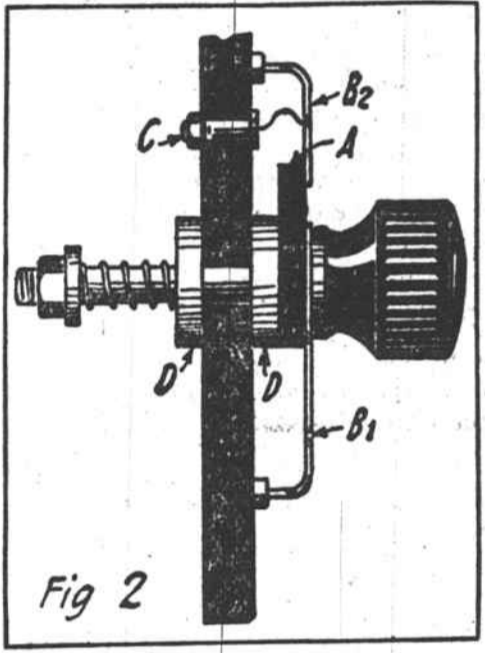
By JOHN A. WARR  
I herewith describe a new type of series-parallel switch which is easily made, is very neat, and eliminates much of the panel drilling necessary with the usual type. It can be made at a very small cost, as most of the materials needed are in the collection of every "bug."  
As can be seen from the drawings, the switch has only one blade, but this is divided into two sections by the insulating block "A." This is made of



Circuit Connections for the Series-Parallel Switch.

fiber as the blades are riveted to it by small brass rivets. Hard rubber and other similar materials would be liable to split during the process. The drawings are quite clear. Blade B-1 is connected electrically to the shaft of the switch, while connection is made to B-2, as shown at C, Fig 2. This can be a switch point cut down and a small piece of flexible wire soldered to it and the blade B-2. Be absolutely sure that B-2 does not make connection with B-1, as the switch will not work. DD are two fiber washers; this material is used here to prevent the short circuiting of the blades by the brass rivets.

When the switch is mounted and wired, as shown in Fig. 1, the center



Details of the Simplified Series-Parallel Switch. Note That C Connects Directly to Arm B-2.

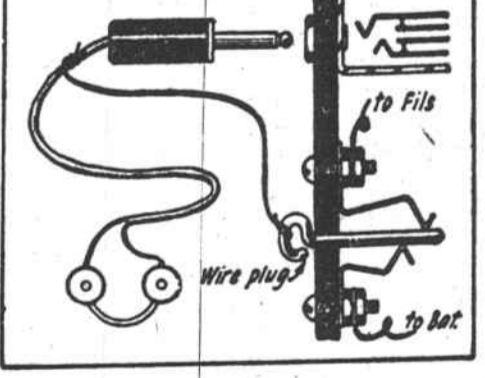
position is "parallel," left-hand position "condenser out," and right-hand position "series."

This switch can also be arranged for back of panel mounting.—Radio News.

## Handy Filament Switch Renders Good Service

By LEO CHAVIANO

It is the habit of most people to forget to turn off the vacuum tubes if a filament switch is used. Naturally, when the tubes are left burning, the storage battery is exhausted in a short time. I have remedied this by attaching a brass plug, made of a piece of wire, to the telephone cord by a



Do You Ever Forget to Turn the Filaments of Your Tubes Off? If So Here is an Arrangement That Will Make Up for Your Forgetfulness.

piece of stout twine. When you wish to put the set into operation this plug is inserted into the jack, which is made of two brass strips, and is connected in the battery circuit. When the telephone plug is pulled from its jack it will, at the same time, pull the wire plug, breaking filament circuit.—Radio News.

## To Save Damage From Spilling Acid on Floor

When using a storage battery, damage from spilling acid on floor or carpets can be avoided by getting or making a small box, about three inches larger all around than the battery. Paint or stain the inside to match the furniture. Paint the inside with several coats of heavy paint, or asphaltum paint, if possible. Leave no open cracks. Put casters on the bottom of the box. It will keep the battery safe, acid off the floor and afford a place to keep a receptacle for the hydrometer and a small bottle of distilled water, all together and safe.

This makes it very easy to move the box to one side in order to clean the floor.

## "How I Suffered with my Stomach and Catarrh of the Head"

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## Finds Paper Worth \$300,000

What Thomas McCarthy, age fourteen, believed to be a worthless piece of paper that he kicked outside of the Detroit post office, turned out to be a draft for \$300,000 on a New York bank. The boy, thinking that the unstamped envelope was without value, placed it in his pocket, where it remained until next morning, when his father discovered it and returned it to a Detroit bank.

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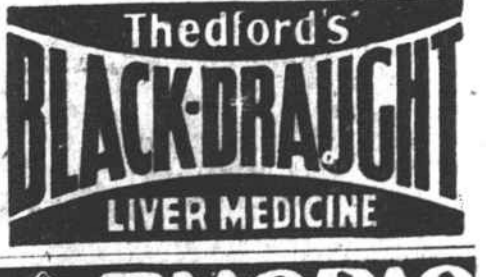
## NEVER WITHOUT BLACK-DRAUGHT

West Virginia Lady Uses It for Headache and Sour Stomach—  
"Nothing Like It," She Says.

Hurricane, W. Va.—Mrs. Ida Chaney, who lives on her fruitful farm not far from Big Hurricane creek, near here, made the following statement not long ago:

"My sons and I have used Black-Draught for a number of years and we are never without it. I use it for headache and sour stomach. When I eat something that sours, just a pinch of Black-Draught sets me straight."  
"Not long ago I went to visit my sister in Ohio. I took a severe headache on the train. When I got to my sister's I sent for some Black-Draught and took a big dose. Next morning I felt fine and enjoyed my visit. My sister had never heard of Black-Draught, so she began taking it and says it is all I said it was."  
"After the 'flu' my sons complained of their joints aching. They began taking Black-Draught and think there is nothing like it. They take it in broken doses every spring and are seldom sick."

"The other night my little grandson had a cold. I gave him a small dose of Black-Draught for two or three nights and he got all right. I can't say enough for it. I feel it has saved me dollars and suffering besides."  
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