

EX-SOLDIERS WANT LIBERAL TREATMENT

Government Owes An Obligation To All Persons Handicapped—Bodily or Financially—Committee Discussion Breaks Up In Row

Washington, March 2.—Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the American Legion, outlining to the House ways and means committee today the organization's demand for soldier relief legislation, declared it wanted no bonus, but assistance for former service men in overcoming present "financial disadvantages."

All the Legion asks, he told the committee, "is as liberal treatment as is consistent with the welfare of the whole country."

"An overwhelming majority of ex-service men feel strongly that this government owes an obligation to all persons who were handicapped either bodily or financially," the national commander declared, adding that disabled men, wanted relief legislation to "the end that they would no longer be objects of private charity."

Legislation Asked For. Recommendations for legislation were presented as follows: Land settlements covering farms in all states; aid to encourage purchase of homes; vocational training, and adjustment of compensation based on length of service for those not desiring to avail themselves of the other three features.

"The American Legion," Mr. D'Olier said, "asks nothing in its selfish interests at the expense of the country, but at the same time does not feel that this obligation to ex-service men and women should be altogether passed at this time and all economizing done at the expense of the ex-service men."

Value of Land Settlement. "If legislation is wisely framed covering land settlement, home aid, and vocational training, every dollar invested by the government will bring ultimately great returns to the country by making the ex-service man a better citizen and greater producer."

More than fifty bills relating to bonuses were before the committee when it began hearings on the whole question of soldier relief.

Thomas W. Miller, of Wilmington, Del., chairman of the Legion's legislative committee, declared that a war service adjustment based on justice had taken the place of pensions based on charity.

Breaks Up In Row. Washington, March 2.—Taking up for the first time the whole question of soldier relief legislation, the House ways and means committee got into a row today over procedure and broke up in some confusion after members had repeated charges made in the House that the measure had been sent to the committee for burial.

After many heated exchanges between members the committee ordered the room cleared of the crowd of spectators and then in executive session finally decided to continue hearings tomorrow.

Attorney General Has Shied His Hat Into Presidential Ring

Washington, March 2.—Attorney General Palmer has declared himself as a Democratic Presidential candidate.

In a telegram to Hiram L. Gardner, secretary of the Georgia State Democratic committee, Mr. Palmer declared that "if the Democrats of Georgia see fit to select me as their choice, I shall receive the honor with deep appreciation; holding it to be highly important that an opportunity be given in the primary 'to directly pass upon the record made by the present administration.'"

Mr. Palmer's announcement, it was believed, will open the way for other Democrats to announce their candidacies.

General Denikine's Army Trapped

London, March 2.—General Denikine's army has been trapped in the Kuban peninsula southeast of the Sea of Azov, it is claimed in a Russian soviet official statement dated Sunday and received today by wireless from Moscow.

A Bolshevik communique received yesterday announced the capture of Stavropol in the Northern Caucasus, the soviet forces defeating Denikine's troops and annihilating the first Kuban corps. The statement at hand today shows a Bolshevik advance of some ninety miles to the northwest and announces the capture of Pikhoretskaya, a railroad junction point 80 miles northeast of Yekaterinodar.

General Duvall Dead. San Diego, Calif., March 2.—Major General Wm. P. Duvall, U. S. A., 73, retired, died last night at his home in Coronado after an illness of three months. The body will be sent to West Point, N. Y., for interment.

GOVERNMENT MAY SUE AGAIN IN CASE OF ILLEGAL PRACTICE

Washington, March 1.—The supreme court today upheld formation of the United States Steel Corporation and subsidiary combinations in the iron and steel industry.

Refusing to dissolve the so-called "steel trust" the court dismissed the federal government's Sherman law suit for dissolution.

Affirming the New Jersey federal court's dismissal of the government prosecution, the supreme court declined to enjoin the restraint of trade charged, and also denied an order to break up the super-combination said to be the world's greatest industrial organization, with assets exceeding \$2,000,000,000.

In dismissing the federal suit, however, the court ordered such dismissal "without prejudice," permitting the government to sue again if the corporation actually resorts to illegal, wrongful or repressive practices.

Justice McKenna read the opinion of the court.

Justices Pitney, Clark and Day dissented.

In rendering the decision Justice McKenna said that since 1911 no act in violation of law can be charged against the steel corporation, and that it was the opinion of the court that the practices complained of by the government had been abandoned.

Justice McKenna said that to grant the government's request for disruption of the corporation and restore conditions in the industry as they were twenty years ago would be impracticable. It would disrupt business, the decision said, and would not be in the public interest.

Justice McKenna said the tobacco and Standard Oil company cases offered no analogy, as they had been guilty of certain objectionable practices which the steel corporation had not been.

The opinion of the court declared that the steel corporation had abandoned practices the government had considered illegal. The case must be decided on present conditions, the court declared. The practices were ended before the suit was brought, Justice McKenna said.

No Repetition Feared. "Our conclusion is that certain practices have been abandoned on the convictions of the directors of the corporation that they were futile," the opinion said.

The government cannot plead the fear of the resumption of these activities. Since 1911, when the suit was brought, no illegal act can be charged against it. It made no effort to fix prices but allowed them to follow natural conditions. The competition was competitive, genuine, direct and vigorous. The government must have something more tangible to force a dissolution."

The government presented no real plan for dissolution, Justice McKenna said.

"The government bases its plan on twenty years ago," he said.

The American Tobacco and Standard Oil cases were declared not to be similar.

Would Refer All Constitutional Questions to People

Washington, March 2.—Decision as to the ratification of constitutional amendments should be by the voters of a state instead of the legislatures under a resolution introduced today by Representative Johnson, Democrat, New York. The resolution also proposes submission of constitutional amendments by two-thirds of the state legislatures as well as by congress.

GERARD AND MONROE TO HAVE JOINT DEBATE

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 2.—James W. Gerard, of New York, a Democratic candidate for Presidential preference at the March primaries, will debate with James O. Monroe, of Chicago, independent Democratic candidate, here tonight.

ATTORNEY GENERAL PALMER THROWS HIS HAT IN PRESIDENTIAL RING

Atlanta, March 1.—Attorney General Palmer tonight formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President in a telegram to Hiram L. Gardner, secretary of the Georgia State Democratic committee.

Referring to the petition filed in his behalf for the Georgia primaries, Mr. Palmer declared that "if the Democrats of Georgia see fit to select me as their choice, I shall receive the honor with deep appreciation; holding it to be highly important that an opportunity be given in the primary 'to directly pass upon the record made by the present administration.'"

The telegram from Mr. Palmer read as follows:

Pass Upon Records. "I understand that my friends have entered my name in the Presidential primaries. If the Democrats of the State of Georgia see fit to select me as their choice, I shall receive the honor with deep appreciation. I deem it highly important that the Democrats of Georgia should have the opportunity to directly pass upon the record made by the present administration. The candidacy of one who supports that record in every phase presents that opportunity."

Attorney General Palmer is the first Democrat to place his candidacy for the Democratic nomination before the voters of Georgia, and it was reported here tonight he will soon come to the State to make a personal canvas for votes.

Primary April 20. The preferential primary at which white Democrats of the State will express their choice for democracy's leader will be held April 20, and to date the names of five other men in addition to Mr. Palmer have been offered in petitions signed by the required 100 voters. They are Champ Clark, Governor Edwards, of New Jersey, who has taken a public stand against prohibition; Herbert Hoover, Robert Lansing, former Secretary of State, and William G. McAdoo, a native of Georgia and former Secretary of the Treasury.

By a ruling of the State Democratic executive committee that only names of avowed Democrats could be entered, Herbert Hoover's name has not been considered by the committee, although his supporters here still are seeking to have it entered in the primary.

A move also has been started to let the voters in the primary indicate whether they desired for the Georgia delegation to go uninstructed.

Mr. Palmer's name was entered in the primary recently by more than a hundred persons who signed a petition circulated by Judge S. D. Dell of Hazelhurst, Ga.

Premier of China Has Given Up Job

Honolulu, T. H., March 1.—The premier of China has resigned, according to a special cable from Tokio today to Nippu Jiji, Japanese language newspaper here.

Formation of a new cabinet under General Chin Yun Peng, former acting premier, early last month was considered as a final step toward composing differences between political factions in Peking and establishing a stable regime in China. Observers pressed to see behind the formation of the Chin cabinet the influence of Tuan Shih Jui, once Chinese premier and believed to be one of the most powerful politicians in that country. General Chin Yun Peng held in addition to the premiership, the portfolio of minister of war.

FRENCH RAILROAD STRIKE HAS BEEN SETTLED

Paris, March 2.—The strike of railway men throughout France was settled last night on the following points: The right for men to organize will be respected through the railroad systems of France. The railroad men accept arbitration on points not as yet settled and an immediate study of future rules of railroads will be begun. The companies will not pay wages to the men for the time lost during the strike, but disciplinary penalties for non-resumption of work after the men had been summoned will be cancelled. Directors of companies will revise other penalties in the spirit of justice.

PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO COMBED YARNS IS BLOCKED TODAY

Washington, March 2.—An effort to have an investigation by the federal trade commission of increased prices in combed cotton yarns was blocked today by Representative Walsh, Republican, Massachusetts, who would not permit immediate consideration of the resolution of Representative Tilson, Republican, Connecticut, calling for the inquiry.

Mr. Walsh said that the members had had no opportunity to consider hearings that prompted the interstate commerce committee to report the resolution favorably.

New Jersey Democrats Must Have Their "Personal Liberty"

Trenton, N. J., March 2.—The Democratic state committee has declared itself in favor of a plank in the platform to be adopted by the Democratic national convention at San Francisco for "the restoration of personal liberty" and the abolition of the prohibition amendment and for the right of the states to legislate upon prohibition. The state committee pledged itself to the support of such a plank and requested the delegates selected to represent the Democratic party in New Jersey at the convention to advocate the plank and instruct their representatives on the resolutions committee to insist upon the adoption. The state committee also endorsed the wet policy of Governor Edwards.

Livestock Men Say Packers Are Not True to Their Word

Washington, March 2.—Charges that the "Big Five" meat packers had broken agreements with representatives of livestock organizations not to oppose congressional investigation of the packing industry were made before the House agriculture committee today by E. C. Lassiter, of Texas, representing livestock organizations.

"The packers and their attorneys are not credible," Mr. Lassiter said. "It is useless for this committee to..."

Former Bank Robber Leads a Mob in Capture of Negro

Shawnee, Okla., March 2.—The fate of an unidentified negro taken by a mob searching for "Cap" Davis, negro charged with attacking a school teacher near Stroud and who was sentenced yesterday to 45 years in the penitentiary after he had been captured in the day by a posse led by Henry Starr, former bank robber, recently paroled, had not been determined early today. The mob, failing to find Davis, took another negro from the jail here and started for Chandler.

Another section of the mob headed for Wewoka in an effort to intercept deputies taking Davis to the penitentiary at McAlester.

A telephone message from Deputy Sheriff Burgess at that town said negroes there had stolen two automobiles and armed with rifles and shot guns had started to meet the mob.

Wewoka, Okla., Mar. 2.—Eluding what appeared to be a lynching party, Sheriff H. L. Brown, of Chandler, Oklahoma, and his prisoner, "Cap" Davis, a negro sentenced to forty-five years in the state penitentiary yesterday for an alleged attack on a Chandler school teacher, are today headed for McAlester and excitement has entirely subsided.

Will Name Tribunal For Wage Demands At An Early Date

Washington, March 2.—President Wilson is preparing to set up the tribunal provided in the railroad bill for considering the wage demands of the 2,000,000 railroad employees.

It was announced at the White House today that he was writing to the unions and railroad companies asking that they nominate representatives to the wage board.

Under the law the unions name six representatives and the roads six. From each of these groups the President will select three and in addition he will name three representatives of the public. The board of nine as thus constituted will be subject to Senate approval.

POLISH UPRISINGS HAVE A BOLSHEVİK APPEARANCE

SEVEN PERSONS LOST WHEN STEAMER GOES DOWN NEAR SHORE

Halifax, N. S., March 2.—Seven lives are believed to have been lost when the crew of the Leyland liner Bohemian, abandoned their ship as she was breaking up on the Sambro edges this morning. Several others were injured.

The ship, which was bound from Boston to Liverpool, ran aground in a blinding snowstorm while endeavoring to put into Halifax harbor early yesterday. Sixty-four passengers were taken off in safety in the morning, but most of the 120 members of the crew remained on board all day.

Three Boats Got Away. Late last night a strong swell developed and the ship began to pound heavily on the rocks. At 4 o'clock this morning it was decided to abandon her. Three of the ship's boats got away safely, but the remainder of the men were unable to take to the boats, according to the reports received here.

The tug Roebing came as close to the stranded ship as possible and the transfer of those still on board was attempted by life lines. It is believed that the loss of life occurred during this operation.

Soon after the crew had left the vessel she broke in two and sank.

FIRE IN GREENVILLE

Greenville, S. C., March 2.—Fire of undetermined origin this morning destroyed the Myers-Arnold Company department store on North Main street, seriously damaged the adjacent Garing Theatre and caused damage by smoke and water to Craig-Rush Furniture Company and Yeager's Quality Shop entailing a loss estimated at \$200,000, covered by about \$150,000 insurance.

Greenville, March 2.—(Special).—The stock of goods of the Myers-Arnold Company, valued at \$150,000 or more, was completely destroyed by a fire which apparently began in the basement of the building this morning about 7 o'clock. The flames would have spread rapidly to adjacent property but for the fire walls, however, the Garing theatre was damaged about \$10,000, the Craig-Rush Furniture Co., and Yeager's Quality Shop a smaller amount from water and smoke. The exact damage to the last two named has not been estimated, but the amount is thought to be small.

The Myers-Arnold building, which extends a block from North Main to Laurens street, was completely gutted. The company carried \$100,000 insurance on the stock.

The blaze raged for four hours before it was finally under control.

NEGRO IS HANGED FOR MURDER OF WOMAN

Washington, March 2.—James Henry Jackson, a negro, who shot and killed Miss Lillian Hood, of Brownsville, Tenn., here more than a year ago, was hanged today at the District jail. Jackson was in the act of robbing the house in which Miss Hood boarded when she was awakened. A desperate struggle between the negro and the girl followed, the man dragging her through a window into the back yard after shooting her.

COUNTERFEITING DOUBLES IN LAST SIX MONTHS

Washington, March 2.—Counterfeiting has doubled in the last six months due to the circulation of a greater number of government securities, including federal reserve notes, Chief W. M. Morah, of the secret service, told the House appropriations committee today in asking for increased appropriations for rounding up counterfeiters. The raising of federal reserve notes is one of the most common acts of the swindlers, he said.

Disabled Steamer Resting Easy

Newport, R. I., March 2.—The shipping board steamer Cedar Springs, from Norfolk and Boston, which went ashore on Rose Island last night, was reported as resting easily today on a shelving rock shore. It was hoped that she could be pulled off at high tide late this afternoon. The coast guard cutter Acushnet and a navy tug were standing by.

Governor Edwards Signs Bill For Beer After Peace

Trenton, N. J., March 2.—Governor Edwards today signed a bill that permits the manufacture and sale, after peace with Germany is proclaimed, of liquor containing 3.5 per cent of alcohol by volume. The passage of the bill was completed in the legislature yesterday.

BELIEVES HE HAS NAMES OF EVERY I. W. W. IN AMERICA

Chicago, March 2.—Maclay Hoynes, state's attorney, today believed he had a list of the names and addresses of virtually every member of the Industrial Workers of the World organization in America. Detectives took the papers from a man who gave his name as Alex G. Gavlin, as they said, he was attempting to deliver them to a safe place.

\$5,000,000 DAMAGE TO FLORIDA FRUIT

Lowest Temperature Ever Recorded at Miami—Vegetable Fields Wiped Out—Highest Temperatures are Forecast.

Washington, March 2.—Killing frosts in southern Florida with a minimum temperature of 34 degrees at Miami, the lowest March temperature of record for that vicinity, was noted in today's weather bureau report.

Higher temperatures are forecast for the Atlantic and Gulf coast states. \$5,000,000 Damage.

Miami, Fla., March 2.—Damage estimated at over five million dollars was done to the fruit and vegetable fields of South Florida by the extremely low temperatures of last night. Vegetable fields north of or Miami were practically wiped out while early reports show the damage to the south to be about 75 per cent. Bloom on the grapefruit, avocado and mango trees was destroyed.

Temperatures last night were the lowest ever officially recorded here or March, 34 degrees.

Not So Bad at Tampa

Tampa, Fla., March 2.—C. E. Stewart, of the Florida Citrus Exchange, said today that the citrus crop for next year in this section could be little damaged by the cold wave which swept over the peninsula last night. At Sanford, a trucking center, the temperature went to 23 last night but sub-irrigation saved much of the crop.

February had been 3.7 degrees below normal in temperature and grapefruit and orange bloom had not developed sufficiently to be damaged by the present cold weather. Neither was fruit on the trees damaged.

PERSHING SAYS COUNTRY FAVORS MILITARY SERVICE

Washington, March 2.—Retention of sufficient war-time posts and war plants to permit rapid expansion of the army and resumption of production of war materials at full capacity will be recommended by General Pershing, he indicated today on his return to Washington after a three months tour of inspection of camps, cantonments and supply depots over the country.

There is strong sentiment throughout the United States in favor of universal service of some sort, General Pershing said, based on recognition of the benefit to the men themselves and also on the fear "we might not have allies to hold the line for us in the next war."

Divorces Congress From Free Seed Propaganda

Washington, March 2.—Acting on the recommendation of the new Secretary of Agriculture, the Senate agriculture committee today voted to eliminate from the annual agricultural bill the \$240,000 voted by the House to continue the time-hallowed custom of distribution of free seeds to their constituents by members of congress.

American Steamship in Trouble

New York, March 2.—The American steamship Nameaug, from Gibraltar February 19 for Philadelphia was reported by wireless as disabled with steering gear broken. Her position was approximately 1,300 miles east of the Virginia Capes.

Republicans Probe Hoey Election

Washington, March 2.—Agents of the Republican congressional campaign committee have begun an investigation of the recent special election in the Ninth North Carolina congressional district. Representative Fess, Ohio, committee chairman, announced today that it was not planned to contest the election of representative Hoey, Democrat, over his Republican opponent, John Morehead, but to disclose acts, which he said, were complained of by Republican workers in the district. Although declining to outline specific charges, Mr. Fess is understood to have complaints of illegal voting and alleged intimidation of voters by election boards.

He Was Convinced.

An orthodox churchman objected to wiping the dishes after each meal. He insisted that it was not a man's job.

His wife quoted the following Scripture: "I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down." The man is still wiping dishes.

COTTON MARKET. Spot Cotton 40.00. March 38.93. May 37.87. 32.85. 30.70. 20.43.