

### Farmers Oppose Soldier Bonus in Questionnaire

#### Only Four of 47 Replies Received by Congressman McLaughlin Favor Cash for War Veterans.

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Washington, March 22.—(Special Telegram).—Letters in reply to Congressman McLaughlin's questionnaire relative to the bonus were largely augmented today, and the percentages of those opposed to a cash bonus for able-bodied men against those in favor was very materially increased over the replies received yesterday. Up to this evening the representative from the York district had received 47 replies out of 499 letters sent at random to people in the Fourth district. Forty-three of the 47 replies vote no on the cash bonus, four in favor.

A prominent real estate dealer in Butler county in voting "no" on the McLaughlin questionnaire says, "I am opposed to a cash bonus for the reason that you have no cash to pay it. The bill now before the house is an effort to avoid any expenditure of money whatsoever, but will entail a great burden of debt on the future generation."

Farmers Oppose Plan.  
A well-known citizen of Saline county says, "I am not in favor of a cash bonus. If submitted to a referendum in Nebraska it would be defeated by an overwhelming majority." A farmer in York county says,

"Am decidedly opposed to a cash bonus. The boys need business to return to normal so that they can work instead of relying on a bonus to continue them in idleness."  
A Stromsburg farmer says, "I am opposed to it on the ground that a cash bonus to able-bodied men is an insult to their patriotism. What the country needs is to pay off debts instead of taking on more."  
Scope Is Questioned.

While the percentage of votes against a cash bonus is surprising as developed by Congressman McLaughlin's questionnaire, "it is what might have been expected from a representative farming district," said a member who has been greatly interested in the outcome of the referendum.  
"My judgment is that if the question had been couched differently, say, are you in favor of adjusted compensation for ex-service men, the vote would have been a revelation. However, the farming districts would be expected to vote according to Mr. McLaughlin's returns. I would like to see a vote taken in Omaha or Kansas City or in the big cities of the east, where the great majority of the world war veterans are now living and I venture that the vote would be radically different."

Isador Zeigler, an attorney of Omaha, is in Washington on business before the Treasury department.

Willard R. Cross was nominated today as postmaster at Moorehead, Neb.

### Telephone Pole Burglars Rob Store at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., March 21.—(Special Telegram).—Bigler's hardware store was entered by thieves and a number of revolvers and ammunition taken. Entrance was gained through a skylight, the thieves climbing a telephone pole to reach the roof.

### Girl Says Rickard Asked Her to Say Another Guilty

#### Testifies Promoter Took Her and Chum on Auto Ride After Arrest for Alleged Assault.

New York, March 22.—Resuming here testimony today before a supreme court jury trying Tex Rickard for criminal assault, 15-year-old Sarah Schoenfeld declared that three days after his arrest the sports promoter took her and Nellie Gasko, a school girl chum, for an automobile ride through Central park and told them to say "another man did it" if they got caught. Rickard was under arrest at the time for assaulting Alice Ruck, 15.  
"Isn't it too bad," Sarah quoted Rickard as saying, "that Alice had to tell such lies about me. I am awful, awful sorry for her and wish I could help her."

Continuing, the girl said: "He said we mustn't tell on him because if we did we would be locked up until we were 18 years old and we couldn't visit our friends and have any more good times."

The same week that Rickard was arrested, Sarah said, she went to Nellie's home and learned that her chum had been taken into custody by the children's aid society. The witness said she told Rickard about it and he advised her to keep away from Madison Square Garden for a while.

In winding up his direct examination, Assistant District Attorney Paccora asked:  
"Sarah, you never were married to this defendant, were you?"  
"No sir," she replied.

### Expenses of State Over Million in Month

Lincoln, March 22.—(Special).—Total warrants drawn during February for expenses of the state government amounted to \$1,129,220.71. The various branches of the state government against which the warrants were drawn follow:  
Legislative ..... \$ 202,512.10  
Judiciary ..... 147,724.10  
Executive departments ..... 12,126.41  
Code department ..... 72,245.00  
Sundry departments ..... 21,422.22  
Special appropriations ..... 1,244.44  
Penal and Charitable Institutions ..... 137,911.28  
Road and Bridge construction ..... 433,191.38

### Trains Delayed Five Hours by Wreck at Pawnee City

Beatrice, Neb., March 22.—(Special).—The tender attached to west-bound Rock Island passenger train on the Fairbury branch jumped the track near Pawnee City, tying up traffic for about five hours. No one was injured.

### Wayne Farmer Tops Market With Car of Choice Steers

Seventeen head of choice 1,274-pound steers received the top price of the day yesterday, \$8.50 a hundred. The shipment was brought in from Wayne by C. K. Corbit and showed good handling and were of excellent finish.

### Bandits Get \$17,000 at Kansas City; Shoot Officer

Kansas City, Kan., March 22.—Three men held up a bank messenger of the People's National bank here, took \$17,000 and shot and probably fatally wounded Richard Cashin, a patrolman, on a downtown street here.

### New Tax System Will Be Planned

#### Osborne to Name Expert Soon—Conference on Question Will Be Held.

Lincoln, March 22.—(Special).—Solutions of Nebraska's vexatious tax laws will be recommended to the next legislature by W. H. Osborne, state tax commissioner.

With this idea in mind the special session of the legislature declined to reduce Osborne's appropriations so he might employ an expert to study taxation laws of this state as well as those of the entire country and foreign countries and draw from the best methods of them all a bill that would rearrange Nebraska's taxpaying methods.

Osborne announced today that in a short time he would announce the appointment of an expert, who would spend his entire time in studying the taxation question. Proposals for changes from Nebraska citizens will be welcomed and many conferences between the tax commissioner's office force and persons in Nebraska vitally interested will be held in the next few months.

### Lack of Moisture and Wind Damaging Wheat in West

Lodgepole, Neb., March 22.—(Special).—The storm covering eastern and central portions of the state did not reach western Nebraska and continued dry weather prevails. Farmers say that the severe wind of the last few days is seriously injuring wheat.

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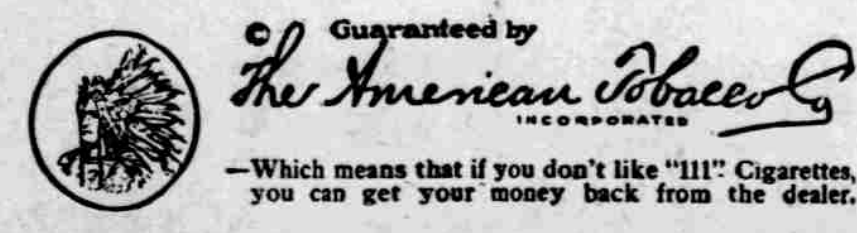


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