

## LAND-FERRIS MEASURES ENDORSED BY LEGION

Former Soldiers Urge Congress to  
Pass Democratic Bills

Plans recommended by Secretary of the Interior Lane and Representative Scott Ferris for the establishment of soldiers' and sailors' homes in rural and urban districts were approved by the American Legion at its recent convention in Minneapolis. The legion declared for reclamation of unproductive lands, restoration and development of rural communities for settlement by persons for-



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merly in the military and naval service, for loans by the government to those who desire to purchase homes in city or country, and for administration of the undertakings by men formerly of the army or the navy.

Secretary Lane's proposition contemplated reclamation of waste lands and the upbuilding of communities, and provided for the payment of adequate wages to former soldiers and sailors who were employed in the work of developing such settlements. Under this plan the government was to lend money for long terms and give other assistance to insure the success of the project. The creation of communities with schools, churches, stores, telephones, electric light and power and transportation was to reduce to a minimum the inconvenience of settlers.

When it became evident that many soldiers and sailors without agricultural experience or a wish to engage in farming would prefer an opportunity to buy homes in urban districts where they could find work to their liking, Representative Ferris enlarged the scope of the original proposal to meet these preferences. Accordingly, his bill contemplates authorizing loans to enable these men to obtain homes in cities and towns.

Both the Lane and Ferris bills were liberal in their provisions and were advocated by large numbers of former soldiers and sailors. The republican leaders of congress, however, declined to enact them into law, and after waiting five months finally announced that they would not move until the American Legion had indicated what sort of legislation it wanted.

The league's action in memorializing congress to pass measures almost identical with those presented by Secretary Lane and Representative Ferris is taken as evidence that both bills were the result of careful study of the subject and an accurate estimate of the scheme which would have the approval of a majority of the soldiers and sailors.

It is easier to follow the races than to get ahead of them.—Exchange.

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Government Wants List of Eligibles  
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Applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 45 on the day of examination. Age limits, however, do not apply to persons entitled to preference because of military or naval service.

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