

American Legion Notes

"FACTS—NOT OPINIONS"

The American Legion will plead its case for adjusted compensation before every chamber of commerce in the country, according to a plan of Hanford MacNider, national commander. The Legion's object is to obtain a decision favorable to compensation in the nationwide referendum on the subject which has been called for by the United States Chamber of Commerce at Washington. This body went on record against compensation at its last annual meeting and has since waged a bitter fight on the Legion's bill, but there have been no indications that its attitude has not reflected faithfully the stand of many of its individual members. Chambers in such important cities as Cleveland, Ohio; Seattle, Washington; Portland Ore; and some twenty others have openly repudiated the proposition of the national organization and have adopted resolutions supporting compensation.

That the Legion's attitude has been befogged by opponents of the measure is charged in a letter from MacNider to the president of the federal chamber copies of which have been distributed to every post. MacNider claims that a mistaken idea of the bill has been spread abroad by the persistent attack on the "cash bonus" clause, which is only one of the five propositions for adjusted compensation. Cash, vocational training, paid-up 20-year endowment insurance, farm or home aid, and land settlement are the five optional forms, and MacNider contends that the cash payment will not be seized upon by an unreasonable percentage of ex-service men because it offers the least actual value of all.

"Our point is that no referendum can be made fair unless those who consider the question know what the immediate issue is," the letter reads. "We urge that every facility be given them to understand."

The father of his country would probably turn in his grave if he could see the name of one George W. Washington on the latest draft evader list sent out by the government. To corral the more than 100,000 slackers at large in the United States is a part of the 1922 program of the American Legion, but it does not promise to be an easy task.

Another listed member of the Bergdoll fraternity is Hoa Hum, who evidently was too tired or bored to join up. Charles Kaiser might have been excused for family reasons, but he didn't even show up before the draft board. Another listed is Sam Browne, who displayed no desire to wear the belt.

An especial effort probably will be put forth to capture one Ton Nik, who would have added vim and vigor to the war had he participated. Grover Cleveland Johnson had more sympathy for Bergdoll than he did for the late president.

William Johnson, whose address was given simply and clearly as "Tight Alley," probably got in and couldn't get out. Rudolph Linck, gone without a trace, is surely the missing one.

Major General Harris, adjutant of the army, has recommended that congress appropriate \$250,000 to pay rewards of \$50 for each draft deserter delivered to the military authorities. Many posts of the Legion, on the trail of slackers, have signified their intention of collecting the rewards and using the money for the relief of needy or disabled ex-soldiers.

Money received by the United States from foreign countries in payment of debts would go to ex-soldiers under a bill introduced in the house. This measure supplements the American Legion's adjusted compensation bill.

Legion chiefs of the 4th congressional district gathered at Seward on "hoodoo" day—Friday, January 13, where they held a most successful meeting and started off in fine style a series of meetings to take place throughout the state. Over fifty Legion post commanders and adjutants were in attendance.

All problems before the Legion in Nebraska for the coming year were fully discussed, and state officers and committee chairman outlined their respective work. "When I came here this morning I knew little about the organization," one commander stated. "But I am going home with a new vision and chuck full of information."

William Ritchie, jr., department commander, presided. Adjutant O'Connell, Executive Committeemen Marion Shaw and Henry Fouts, all made talks of the work before the organization. H. H. Antles, secretary of the department of public welfare of Nebraska, was present and made an interesting talk on the new boxing law. J. Ed. C. Fisher and Walter L. Anderson, members of the state fund relief committee, explained the working of the new state aid bill. The visiting Legionnaires were the guests of the Seward post. A luncheon was held at the chamber of commerce at which the mayor and the president of the chamber made brief talks.

Parents or wives of Americans who died overseas during the world war and whose bodies have not been returned would have an opportunity to visit the graves of their deceased at government expense in a resolution introduced into congress by Representative Hamilton Fish, New York, a member of the American Legion. The resolution directs the secretary of war to provide transportation to American cemeteries overseas.

The 43,262 good deeds to unfortunate buddies performed by American Legion posts of Minnesota in 1921, cost \$75,000. The list does not include 21,000 cases wherein hospital treatment, back pay, vocational training and compensation were secured for disabled men.

Get 'em while they are young is the belief of the Thayer-Waters Post at Colome, S. D., which has recently taken a most effective way of spread-

ing the Americanism doctrine and of helping to prepare the country for defense in the event of a future war. When the boy scouts of Colome were recently reorganized, the Colome post stood sponsor for the troop and took over the work of drilling their younger buddies. While the troop has a regularly appointed scoutmaster, the Legion post designates one of its members to drill the boys and he or another member of the post gives them regular lectures on Americanization and service to the country.

Walter Byrne of Omaha, former commander of the Douglas county post, has been appointed chairman of the Nebraska Legion Americanization committee by Commander Ritchie. Mr. Byrne made a good record for himself as a post commander, and is greatly interested in the Americanization program. He is now working on a program which will arouse interest throughout the state in this important phase of the Legion's duty.

Purinton Finds a Way to Beat the Hay Market

Aurora Register: On Monday last we had a visit from E. W. Purinton, of Alliance, who was on the return trip from Wisconsin where he had been to buy a carload, 23 head, of high grade Holstein cows. He had an experience here. They asked him \$1.25 a bale for hay that sells in his country for \$5 a ton. It looked to him a little high and he came up town and bought it at 50c a bale, and hired a man to deliver it for 10c a bale, getting the whole for less than half what was charged him at our stockyards, even when he paid the retailers' profits, a special delivery, and bought in a small amount. It was objected that he had no right to do anything but pay for the hay at prices specified, and he said that if the price had been fixed by the state officials at that figure, it was fixed too high. He had done the same at other points and no objection had been made to it, and he would feed his own hay, and if he afterward had to pay triple price for it he would do so. He paid an average of \$71 for his Holsteins and said that pure bred yearling bulls could be bought for \$80 to \$150. The Babcock herd had the finest animals he ever saw. They are making money in dairying and cheese making where hay is \$24 a ton, and he thinks he should be able to do something at one-fifth the figure. He is a brother of Earl Purinton, who is now at Sterling, but was formerly a day operator at Aurora, and whose wife was Rose Trimpe of his place. They are doing well. He knows the Burr boys of Alliance well and wanted to see the Aurora office. He says they are getting along fine, and that it is recognized by all that they have made the greatest improvement in the Herald placing it fully alongside its older and better established competitor. We very much enjoyed his stay and wish we had arranged with him to tell us where he lands on the hay controversy.

Wednesday's bill is featured by "The Woman in His House." Mildred Harris is the featured player in a compelling screen tale. It tells of the loving wife and the too busy husband, a great physician. Caring for the paralytic children of the poor, the husband is unaware of the affection preparing to devastate his own child and when the boy succumbs to the plague he is powerless to work a cure. His science proven a failure it remains for the wife and mother to straighten out the crooked limbs and restore vitality to the wasted body by the exercise of her overpowering love.

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A minister says misleading fiction is one of the things responsible for unhappy married life. There is another view that married life is responsible for a lot of fiction.

The latest bulletin of the census bureau shows that American families are becoming smaller. They had to, in order to get into the constantly shrinking flats.

It is seldom these days that a woman is criticized as being overdressed.

Oshkosh Editor Gives His Opinion On Road Question

The editor of the Garden county News, fearless and unafraid, contrives the following to the discussion concerning the relative merits of the North Star and G-P-C routes, and the attitude of the state road officials thereon:

"It would seem to the editor of the Garden county News from all of this that the connecting link in the great highway from the Gulf to the Canadian boundary is thus to be held up until the spirit moves the state department to investigate and pass judgment upon its true merits. There never has been but one feasible route with the backing that was necessary to put it through. This was side-stepped to a certain extent by the jealous maneuverings of the North Star proposition. Now that the North Star no longer "shines" the Morrill county commissioners still are trying to their hopes of a north and south road through the county seat, regardless of its merits, and the information to the state department heads has had just enough facts in it to cause them to bow their necks. If systems contained as much respect for fairness as they are with the dignity of the offices, they would have given this matter their attention some time ago. If Division Engineer Gaddis has been over both routes and still persists in the Bridgeport route, his head should be examined."



Mabel Normand, in "Mickey," will be shown for the second time tonight at the Imperial. This clever girl, in a clever photoplay, made a hit with the spectators Monday night, and those who did not follow the plot last night are missing something out of the ordinary if they do not get in on the last showing this evening. The story deals with a girl from the mountain country, a harum-scarum little miss, for whom life began to be pretty interesting when folks discovered that she owned a gold mine.

Max Linder, the famous French comedian, who made the first comedy some seventeen years ago, is back in this country again, after the war, and has completed what he considers his masterpiece, "Be My Wife," which is scheduled for Thursday. The story, which was written and directed by Mr. Linder, centers about the hero's attempts to convince his sweetheart's aunt—his arch enemy—that he should marry her niece. Until he disposes of his rival, he has many exciting and humorous experiences. It is a typical Max Linder comedy, and sure to amuse anyone with a sense of the ridiculous.

It begin to appear as if the people might get a little nearer the answer to the question of why coal costs so much more than every one agrees that it should cost.

POINT OF ROCK CREEK

Doy Nichols was a caller at the Leo Hashman home Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Essex are on the sick list at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lore were callers at the John Lore home Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Darvol and children were Sunday visitors at the Fred Crawford home. John Duskin was a caller at Ernie Essex's Friday.

Howard Lore is visiting in Sioux county this week.

Amoual Schwaderer was a caller at Lore's Friday. Ira Lore went to Alliance Thursday after a load of corn and lumber. George Simpson started out to Crawford's and found the roads in bad shape and turned back for Alliance. Lyle Lore was a caller at the Ernie Essex home Thursday afternoon. Mr. Wells is on the sick list. Bill Hashman and DeFrance were

Alliance caller one day last week.

Ernie Wienell was a caller at the William Essex home one day last week.

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