McCumber Starts Fight for Bonus Bill in Senate

Asserts Government Able to Meet Every Dollar Bill Calls for Without Additional Tax Levy.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Enactment of soldiers' bonus legislation at this session of congress is demanded by every precept of financial justice and every principle of political honor, Chairman McCumber of the finance committee declared today in opening senate debate on the amended house bill with its bank loan certificate provision in lieu of the original proposal for a cash bonus. Asserting that the term "bonus" was a misnomer, Senator McCumber said the purpose was to equalize in a measure the pay of the men called to the colors with that received by those who stayed at home and profited by what he characterized as a "wild, drunken orgy of extravagance that accompanied the war."

In Good Faith.

The finance committee chairman told the senate the time had come for congress to show that it was not attempting to play "politics with the American soldier, that it was acting in good faith" when it passed the first bonus just before the elections in 1920.

"The president in his campaign in 1920 declared himself in favor of some kind of a soldiers' compensation bill," he continued. "Republicans, both in the campaign and on and floor of the senate, have reiterated their determination to make good these promises. They were made in good faith and that good faith will be manifested by the vote on this measure."

Refer ing to the position taken by President Harding and Secretary Mellon last year, when the executive asked the senate to defer action on the bonus bill because of the financial condition of the treasury, Senator McCumber requested that they now view the legislation "in the light of present day conditions."

These changed conditions certainly must appeal to the judgment for a revision of the views of a year ago, he said, adding that the government could meet every dollar this bill will call for without in the ditional tax levy and without in the slightest degree affecting the refunding of any unpaid short time obligations.

Senator McCumber argued that the funds necessary for the financing of the bonus legislation could be obtained from the refunded foreign debt, and that if the refunding were not completed when it became effective, the interest from the British debt, which, he said, the British government already had planned to pay, would be sufficient.

In this connection he declared that to his mind there had been an unnecessary delay in funding the foreign obligations, adding that there should be a settlement with the principal debtors, Great Britain, France and Italy, by next January 1.

As to the cost of the legislation, Mr. McCumber estimated this at a total of $3,845,000,000, spread out over 40 years. For the next calendar year he placed the cost at $77,440,889, increased to $95,177,729 for 1924, and decreased to $73,100,962 in 1925. The cost would run into several hundred millions in 1926 when the veterans could call on the government for loans on the adjusted service certificates, but, he said, that by 1930 the cost annually would drop to $21,000,000, with only a very few millions thereafter until 1943, when the certificates would come due.

Explains Provisions.

Explainins the provisions of the bill as reported he said the cash provision had been eliminated except in the case of veterans entitled to $50 or less, with the total of these payments estimated at $16,000,000 to be paid next year and that in its place had been substituted a certificate plan with loan privileges.

The next plan he declared, is the vocational training aid under which the government would advance the amount due soldiers on the basis of $1 a day for domestic service and $1.25 a day for foreign service, to be applied towards his vocational training. The final option is the farm or home aid, by which the sum due the veteran would be advanced to him as might be necessary to be applied towards the purchase price of a home or a farm.

Satisfactory to Soldiers.

The bill as reported is satisfactory to the soldiers, continued Mr. McCumber. It ought not to be materially changed.

"Twenty millions given in charity to Russia, $25,000,000 to salve Colombian sentiment, $20,000,000 for ship subsidy, and not a ripple of comment—we talk of $125,000,000 for good roads, or two or three hundred millions to assist railroads, all in a single year, as if they amounted to nothing. Why on earth, then, should we approach this soldiers' compensation bill as though it were an obligation requiring a special tax levy or as one endangering the refunding of short time obligations?"

Romance Played Part in Life of Fiery Leader of Irish Party

Cousin in New York Tells of Pretty Fiancee of Collins—Rode Through Cordon of Black and Tans to Warn Him of Danger.

Miss Kitty Kiernan.

New York, Aug. 23.—Romance, too, had its part in the stormy career of Michael Collins, assassinated political leader of Ireland, according to Miss Kathleen de Rohan, a student in dress designing here, and a cousin of Miss Kitty Kiernan of Granard, County Longford, his fiancee.

Miss Kathleen de Rohan.

Their marriage was to have occurred in the near future.

"What is she like?" Miss de Rohan asked. "Well, not very much like the photographs of her you've probably seen. Tall, stately, with wonderful blond hair and blue eyes. She's young and lovely, but the pictures make her appear so much older and so mature-looking.

"Collins met her first in 1919, although their families had been acquainted for a long time. He was of the likable, brilliant type the Irish call 'a broth of a boy.

Woman He Loved.

"They have been engaged almost a year, and it was to Kitty that Collins referred as 'the woman he loved' when he answered the sarcastic taunt of the Countess Markiewicz that 'Michael Collins will probably expect to marry Princess Mary now.

"Her parents died when Kitty was about 13. Later one of her sisters died in Switzerland. Her people owned the Greville Arms hotel in Granard, and controlled a good portion of the business in the town, including a prosperous grocery and provision store.

"In 1920 a district inspector of the Royal Irish constabulary was shot in the hotel. The Sinn Feiners were suspected, and the inn was burned to the ground, as well as nearly everything else the Kiernans owned. Still Kitty has some money of her own and is, I believe, well-to-do.

"I remember our happy days together when we went to the convent in Granard. We both studied Gaelic and were wrapped up in love of country, just as we have been during the last few years to an even greater degree. Kitty worked in the Irish White Cross, the nurses' branch of Sinn Fein."

Miss Kiernan recently came into prominence among the adherents of the Sinn Fein by an incident appropriate to the dramatic life of her lover. Shortly after her act she became a charming figure in the party ranks and her engagement to Collins was publicly announced.

The Sinn Fein chiefs in County Longford were apprised late one night that the hiding place of their leader had been discovered. It was necessary in some way to get word to him, and a woman messenger was decided upon as the means least liable to awaken suspicion. Miss Kiernan was recommended as the girl with pluck and determination.

She rode for hours on horseback through a rough mountainous country which was a veritable trap of police and military scouting parties. She successfully eluded the black and tans but had one thrilling experience when a sentry challenged her.

Realizing that discovery meant the warning would not be delivered, she spurred her horse and rode over the man, knocking his rifle from his hand and discharging it in the air. The shot and his cries summoned other sentries, and as she rode recklessly forward, she was the target for a hail of bullets.

She succeeded in breaking through the cordon and made the last seven miles of the journey on foot, reaching the isolated farmhouse where Michael Collins was hiding and delivering the message.

Sun Yat Sen Says Chinese War Over

South China Leader Announces Peace Reigns Between North and South.

Shanghai, Aug. 24.—(By A. P.)—Sun Yat-Sen, leader of the south China faction, announced today that peace reigns again between the north and south and that "the war is ended."

Pekin, Aug. 23.—(By A. P.)—The republican cabinet announced today that President Li Yuan-Hung is willing to resign in favor of Sun Yat Sen, deposed head of the southern China government, provided parliament approves such action.

It is stated in official circles here that Li Yuan-Hung's attitude toward Sun is friendly.

Representatives of the Pekin administration sent to Shanghai to negotiate with Sun with a view toward reuniting the whole of China under one stable government are still urging the former head of the Canton government to come to Pekin, but he refuses to come until assured that the various military factions in China have composed their differences.

Consequently, Chang Tso-Lin, governor of Manchuria, and Wu Pei-Fu, military leader of North China, have entered into negotiations looking to an agreement on the issues on which they have been at odds. Cabinet members told the Associated Press today that these mediations between China's two leading military rivals were progressing.

It was declared that if Chang and Wu agreed to harmonize, Sun would be disposed to proceed to Pekin.

Pays Fine in Gold.

Ernie Mallory, 1907 Douglas street, after being fined $100 in South Omaha police court yesterday for illegal possession of liquor, paid with five $20 gold pieces, the first gold paid into the court in the last six years.

Custer Nonpartisans Elect State Delegates

Callaway, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—The Custer county branch of the national Nonpartisan league met and formed their plans of business for the coming season. W. F Dunbar of Comstock was selected temporary chairman and A. K. Dobesh of Ansley, secretary. The following delegates were selected to attend the convention at Grand Island: J. A. Dietz, M. D. Stone, James McCarty, Ira Cool, J. D. Ream, C. R. Bristol, Voluey Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dunbar, L. Trew, L. L. Dobesh, A. R. Dobesh, Edward Neth, Mrs. J. D. Ream, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Webb, B. R. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dye, A. H. Ford, Charles Naylor and Albert Welch.

Freight Car Breakdown Delays Train Four Hours

Friend, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—The breaking of a truck under a heavily loaded car in a through freight train on the main line of the Burlington railroad three miles east of Friend, yesterday morning, tied trains up on the line for over four hours. Train No. 18, Hastings to Lincoln, was laid out here, while train No. 1, flyer between Chicago and Denver was sent via Aurora from Lincoln to Hastings.

150 Men and 60 Teams Lay Paving at North Platte

North Platte, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—One hundred and fifty men and about 60 teams are now employed on paving work in this city. An average of a block a day of asphalt paving is being laid by the Abel Construction Co. of Lincoln. Up to date 30 blocks have been completed in the residential sections and districts have been formed for 60 more additional blocks.

Electric Storm Brings Rain to Parched Section

Small Tornado Strikes Farm Buildings Near Shelton—Storm Follows Long Period of Drouth.

Shelton, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—More than three inches of rain fell here at an early hour this morning. The storm was accompanied by a strong wind and sharp lightning. A small tornado struck the Frank Slater place one and one-half miles southeast of here. The barn, sheds, chicken houses and all outbuildings were lifted from their foundations and scattered over a nearby field. The house was the only building left standing. At the Henry Mattison place, two miles east of here, two stacks of alfalfa hay were struck by lightning and destroyed by fire during the storm. The rain will greatly benefit some fields of corn and help fall plowing.

Mercury Tumbled.

Broken Bow, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—The temperature which has been flirting with the 100 mark the past two weeks took a tumble Monday night with over an inch of rainfall. The rain was general over the county, more than two inches falling in some places, and was accompanied by lightning and wind. At Mullen, lightning set a building on fire; at Linscott, a carload of lettuce in transit caught fire, but was quenched before serious damage was done. At Anselmo, lightning set fire to the huge livery barn belonging to Schepers brothers and burned it to the ground.

Kills Birds.

Wood River, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—One and one-half inches of rain fell here early yesterday morning after several days of dry hot weather. The rain was accompanied by a strong wind which was very destructive to birds. There were several hundred lying dead in the park and other places.

Damages Trees.

Fullerton, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Early yesterday morning this vicinity was visited by a one and one-half inch rain, accompanied by a heavy wind which did considerable damage to the trees in town. No damage has been reported to buildings. The rain seemed to be very general but the wind damage was practically local as farmers report there was no wind to speak of out a few miles from town. This rain will relieve the community of a drouth as the early corn was suffering and plowing was nearly impossible. Pastures and alfalfa were beginning to show the need of rain.

Lightning Hits Barn.

Ravenna, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—The long dry spell and oppressive heat was broken Monday night by a thunder storm. About two inches of rain fell. Lightning struck and badly damaged a barn in the east part of town, and the basement under the Finder restaurant was flooded, owing to faulty drainage. The corn crop had been badly damaged by the long dry spell and excessive heat.

Corn Is Damaged.

North Loup, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—After 15 days of scorching sunshine and daily maximums of 95 to 100, a shower of several hours' duration started falling about 3 Tuesday morning. Such has been the severity of the dry spell that but few cornfields have escaped material damage, while many have suffered severely.

Orphanage Kiddies Tire of Quest for Adventure

Lincoln, Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Two kiddies, 9 and 10, inmates of the state home for dependent children, Lincoln, notified the matron two days ago they intended to run away.

"Wait a minute and let me talk it over with you," she said.

But they didn't wait and disappeared. Last night she found them in the basement cuddled together on some old clothes sound asleep. When awakened they declared a tramp over the streets of Lincoln and the rapid decrease of their fortune of $1.50 soon sickened them of their quest for adventure.

Read The Omaha Bee all the way through. You will find it interesting.

National Guard Notes.

A large number of the musicians from the Service company band turned out Wednesday night and assisted the Plattsmouth Elks band in the weekly open air concert.

Tuesday night the men were out in large numbers to see motion pictures of the last year encampment at Camp Dodge, shown by a local movie house.

Plattsmouth talent furnished the program at the recreation tent Tuesday night, which was well received by the men, who kept calling for encores until the entertainers were well nigh exhausted.

Goldberg of company K pulled four sevens on the boys Monday night and even failed to get away with the "pot."

Reg. Sergt. Maj. Rourke is one of the busy boys around the headquarters office. Rourke was in everseas service during the world war and is well versed in the art of soldiering.

Sergt. Lee R. G. Ward, one of the regular United States army noncoms, on permanent assignment with the Nebraska National guard, having charge of instruction in automatic rifles and rifle grenades, says the men of all companies are doing much better on the range than they did at Camp Dodge last year.

The men will start breaking camp Saturday, so that all may be back to their homes Sunday night. Last year the men spent the entire 15 days for which government pay is allowed at Camp Dodge, and ran up a bill against the state for the time consumed in traveling to and from the camp.

Discussion of a terrain problem led to an unchallenged wager by Capt. A. B. Jones, commanding the howitzer company, Mitchell. It happened at officers' school, when the question was advanced how to get the howitzer company on the line with the infantry at the most advantageous position. Several of the infantry officers declared they wouldn't use the 37-mm gunners at all, as their effective range wasn't over 500 yards, when Capt. Jones sprang up to inform them differently and further advanced his claim with an offer to wager he could hit a kerosene barrel at a 1,000-yard range, using not more than five shots. No one took the wager.

Regimental headquarters company of Omaha has done its share of work since coming to camp. One trunk line from the city exchange had been run to the entrance of the camp grounds when it arrived. The men picked that up and carried it into their field exchange, from which some 15 lines have been run to various sections of the camp. One of these, in intercommunicating system, with six taps to the different firing positions on the range, including the mile and a half of wire that was strung from the camp to the range was installed complete in two hours. In addition they have run four other trunk lines from the city exchange for private connections to the tents of Adj. Gen. Paul and Col. Thomas and pay stations in the camp exchange building. Manager T. O. Rhinehart of the local telephone exchange has provided the men with poles and other equipment which they were lacking.

Troops May Be Ordered As Guards at Havelock

Lincoln, Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Governor McKelvie declared today that strike troubles in Nebraska railroad centers apparently were null and void except at Havelock, the Burlington shop town where the mayor and a maority of the city commissioners are union men. There disorders are reported to be continuing. It is reported stern efforts and possible expense of placing state troops may be forced upon state officials unless labor leaders curb their men.

Dismissed Teacher to Join Signal Corps in Omaha

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—E. D. Gould, manual training teacher here, whose alleged irregularities caused him to be released by the board of education, has gone to Omaha, it is said, to enlist in the signal corps service of the army as a radio expert. Mrs. Gould, it is reported, has gone to work at Norfolk, and says she will assist her husband financially. Her uncle in Iowa has promised to send $250 to help Gould out of his difficulty.

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Mine Operators and Steel Firms Increase Wages

Five Big Steel Companies Announces Pay Boosts Affecting Hundreds of Thousands—Action a Surprise.

Bethlehem, Pa., Aug. 23.—President E. G. Grace of the Bethlehem Steel corporation today announced an increase of 20 per cent in the wage rate for common labor, together with an equitable adjustment in the rates of the other classes of its employes, effective September 1.

Pueblo, Aug. 23.—The local steel plant of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company will follow the lead of eastern plants in increasing wages. President Welborn announced today that a conference with the employes would be held sometime before September 1 in order to discuss the amount of the increase.

Commencing next Monday departments of the local plant which have been idle for several weeks will resume operations with the exception of the rail mill. Orders are said to be good in all departments excepting for rails.

New York, Aug. 23.—(By A. P.)—Three big steel corporations, employing normally nearly 300,000 workers, yesterday announced a 20 per cent wage increase for all day laborers in their manufacturing plants. The United States Steel corporation took the lead, but was quickly followed by the Midvale Steel and Ordnance company and the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company.

News of the increase came as a surprise to the financial district, probably because wage adjustments in other industries have been generally downward. It was followed by slight recessions in the price of steel shares.

Reconstruction in Cuba Is Nearing Competition

Washington, Aug. 23. — After many months of confusion and uncertainty, the reconstruction of Cuba's political and fiscal affairs is nearing completion on a basis which State department officials regard as promising an era of restored confidence.

Slaying of Collins Overwhelms Erin

(Continued From Page One.)

Eireann, considered the brains of the new administration, died in Dublin; last night, Michael Collins, the free state's military genius, was killed at the moment when the dissipation of the irregular forces in the south was considered complete.

Several Attacks Made.

Several attacks have been made against the life of Michael Collins, head of the provisional government and commander-in-chief of the Irish national army. The latest attempt was a bombing outrage, when his car was ambushed last Friday afternoon on the Dublin side of Stillorgen. The official communication issued in connection with this attack did not indicate whether Mr. Collins was in the machine at the time. The driver was wounded and the car was wrecked, a bomb and more than a score of shots being fired.

In Dublin on April 17 while Mr. Collins was on his way home after having addressed a meeting at Natas, County Kildare, he was attacked while holding to the fundamentals of tradition for the freedom of Ireland still were willing to effect a peace with Great Britain. It became necessary in view of the recent operations of the irregular forces for Collins to assume an active charge of the national army in the field and for some time past he had abandoned the civil part of the government for the military.

Americans recently arriving in London from Dublin declared that the assassination of Collins was forecast. It was planned to secure the removal of the sole remaining outstanding figure in the provisional government and it was said to be also in part a measure of reprisal against the shooting of Harry J. Boland, the close associate of De Valera, by free state soldiers.

May Have Been Reprisal.

Agitation had been going on for a considerable time and the walls of Trinity college and other public buildings bore the inscription, "Harry Boland murdered." Posters on telegraph poles insisted that Boland was shot by free staters when he was unarmed.

Of a retiring disposition and known as a man who "dodged the crowds," Collins nevertheless was a most assiduous worker, both in the government and in the field. He also was an orator of great ability, whose speeches generally moved his hearers.

With Arthur Griffith, Collins was considered one of the mainstays of the provisional government since its inception. In the Dail Eireann, after the conclusion of the peace treaty with Great Britain, his ringing addresses upholding the stand of the men who had gone to London and arranged the treaty, embittered the radicals.

Body Taken to Dublin.

Dublin, Aug. 23.—(By A. P.)—The provisional government publicity department announced this afternoon that the body of Michael Collins would arrive in Dublin tonight.

The body was brought to Cork this morning and transferred to a steamer for conveyance to Dublin.

A national funeral with full military honors will be accorded to Michael Collins. His body will lie in state prior to interment in the Gasniven cemetery, where Arthur Griffith was buried a few days ago.

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