

SOLDIERS' BONUS IS INSISTED ON BY REPUBLICANS

Will Mean a Consumption Or Sales Tax, Says Representative Green Of Iowa.

BY E. C. SNYDER. Washington Correspondent of The Bee. Washington, Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—A definite program for action at this session of congress on legislation to pay American soldiers a bonus and thus meet their needs at least, the recommendations of the legislative committee of the American Legion, has been outlined by the republican steering committee of the house, according to authoritative information.

This program will involve an expenditure well above \$1,000,000,000 if carried into effect. It will be accompanied by additional legislation to increase the revenues sufficiently to provide the funds for the additional outlay.

A member of the house, who would not permit his name to be used, said that it is intended to refer all bonus legislation to the ways and means committee, which will then review all the bills now pending, hold hearings and formulate a revenue program consistent with the provisions of the bonus bill finally agreed to.

"Economy to Limit." While Representative Mondell of Wyoming, republican floor leader, would not admit that the steering committee had acted, much significance is attached to the closing paragraph of his statement, issued Thursday, regarding the necessity for economy and the \$1,000,000,000 reduction that he still believes the republicans will make in the estimated expenditures for this year.

"Economy to the limit," said Mondell, "and no new obligations, unless they are accompanied with provisions to raise the sum required by taxation, is the only sound basis of action."

This is construed as a definite admission that "new obligations" are contemplated, and they will be "accompanied with provisions to raise the sum required by taxation," and that bonus legislation which is in the back of Mr. Mondell's thought when he made the statement.

Means "Consumption" Tax. "Additional taxation for any sum above \$200,000,000 will mean the imposition of a consumption tax." This is the statement made by a member of the ways and means committee, Representative William R. Green of Iowa, ranking republican member, when he was consulted on how the ways and means committee would raise any large sum that might be required.

"We might raise as much as \$200,000,000 by changes in the present sources of taxation, if an extraordinary occasion required it," said Mr. Green, "but if more than that is needed, which would be the case if we had to provide money now for paying substantial additional bonus to soldiers, I see no other way of getting the money than by putting on a consumption or sales tax."

Mr. Green said he had heard that the bonus bills were to be turned over to the ways and means committee, and said he expected they would be. He had not heard of the decision of the steering committee to take that course.

If hearings are held, Representative Fordney, chairman of the committee, stated that they could be closed up in about one month.

Discoverer of North Pole on Last Voyage. (Continued From First Page.) already praising Dr. Frederick A. Cook as the discoverer. Only four days previous to the Peary announcement, Cook, who was on his way back to Copenhagen, on board a Danish steamer, had telegraphed the claim that he reached the pole on April 21, 1908—nearly a year ahead of Peary.

Cook's Claim Discredited. While Dr. Cook's claim did not go unquestioned from the first, he had for four days at least been widely acclaimed as the discoverer of the pole. With Peary's message there arose one of the greatest controversies of all ages over the honor of actual first discovery. There can be no one who has forgotten the dispute. Peary's assertions were not seriously questioned, but among newspaper readers there came to be two great camps, for and against Cook.

Peary with his record of seven successful trips to the Arctic, his official standing in the United States navy and in scientific circles, easily held the commanding position in the controversy. But it was only after the scientific bodies, one by one, had sifted the evidence and pronounced Cook's claims unfounded that Peary's title as discoverer of the pole was really won.

Diplomats Manifest Feeling of Loss at Lansing's Dismissal

(Continued From First Page.) Pan-Americanism and for his splendid conception of what our relations should be with the nations south of us. It is true that he didn't favor the coupling of the league of nations with the peace treaty, simply because he thought better consideration could be given to each separately. "But he didn't press his views and when the American mission got to Paris he worked as hard as anybody to help realize the ideal which the president had set before the peace conference. He wrote a plan for a league of nations and submitted it along with the rest, but showed no signs of displeasure when it was not approved, nor was he peeved at the frequent promise bestowed upon Colonel House. He took the president's dictation as to what they were worth, and like a faithful servant, did all he could to keep relations harmonious.

But the president, instead of appreciating the self-sacrifice of his secretary of state, oftentimes forgot he had one. He gave so much time to Colonel House, and placed so much confidence in the man from Texas, that it was a subject of public comment on every side. Yet Mr. Lansing hid his pride and did his job. It was when the Shantung settlement came up and when the president became involved in the meshes of European diplomacy that Lansing expressed dissenting views on a number of questions, all of which served to irritate Mr. Wilson, who couldn't brook disagreement. Presently Mr. Wilson began to lose confidence in the judgment of Colonel House and when he failed to consult him he relied more on Mr. Lansing's advice. It began to look as if the two men would get together, but when Mr. Lansing continued to work hopefully, he didn't wait the president to go on that western trip. He thought Mr. Wilson could do much more effective work in Washington and he felt, too, that the physical strain might break him down.

Senator Hitchcock Knows. But the real crux of the situation came when Mr. Lansing showed unmistakable readiness to write a compromise on the peace treaty, a willingness to adapt the Lodge reservations to the Wilson viewpoint in such fashion that ratification could be accomplished without loss of dignity by either side. But Mr. Wilson was furious. He was impatient with anyone who even mentioned the word "reservation" in his presence. The nearest one could get in a communication that would bring forth his displeasure was the employment of the word "interpretations." Senator Hitchcock could probably tell an interesting story some day about his troubles with President Wilson, which would perhaps throw light on why Mr. Lansing was summarily dismissed.

Internationally, the departure of Mr. Lansing will cause much uncertainty, for our ambassadors and ministers abroad have long felt they were unable to execute their tasks because of the lack of knowledge of what the Department of State had in mind. There will be even more perplexity because it will take the new secretary of state some time to get his bearings. Mr. Lansing's going will be regretted by newspaper men generally, who regarded him as not necessarily the best secretary of state we have ever had, but as one of the highest types of public official—an honest, Christian gentleman, who gave more to the president than he ever received.

State Supreme Court Judge Is for Pershing

(Continued From First Page.) General Pershing's work in organizing the American Expeditionary Forces has received the highest praise the world over. The work he did showed that he knew business and that he was capable of organizing and bringing men together for effective work. It showed superior administrative ability.

Knows Foreign Conditions. "Pershing is acquainted with conditions in every state in the Union. His work in France has brought him in close touch with international affairs. No candidate has had greater opportunity to learn conditions abroad, with which in vital ways we have to deal, than he. It would seem that he is one man who should be considered."

"His name should be brought before the convention. Other states are pledged to their own particular candidates. If Nebraska, his home and residence, where he has been longest known, is not the state to present his name, then what state should?"

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NEW YORK G. O. P. ASKS ADOPTION OF PACT AT ONCE

Republicans In Platform Set Forth Set of Reservations to Be Embodied In Treaty.

New York, Feb. 20.—Immediate ratification of the treaty of peace with the senate reservations retaining for the United States its right to withdraw from the league of nations on proper notice, a declaration against Article X in its present form and demanding protection for the Monroe doctrine "in letter and spirit," were advocated in the platform adopted here today by the New York state republican convention.

With regard to the league of nations and the adoption of the peace treaty the platform declares for the following reservations: "We favor the immediate ratification of the pending treaty of peace with such distinct reservations and declarations as shall make it clear to all the world that the United States retains its unconditional rights to withdraw from the league of nations on proper notice; that the United States assumes no obligation, either legal or moral, to send American soldiers or sailors abroad unless the congress, in the exercise of its constitutional power, shall so authorize and direct; that the Monroe doctrine is projected both in letter and spirit; that no foreign power or council of foreign powers shall have any control whatsoever over the domestic policies of the United States; and that the government and people of the United States shall not be drawn, by the operation of Part XIII of the treaty, the so-called labor clauses, into the net spread by international socialism."

With regard to the international workers' section of the treaty and the proposed reservations the platform contains in the following language: "The wage worker is entitled, as a human being, to a proper wage, reasonable hours and healthful conditions of labor, and to a share in determining the circumstances under which his personal co-operation shall be given. The strike is a weapon of industrial war and should be made increasingly unnecessary and infrequent by the better organization of industry and by the establishment of a commission or commissions on industrial relations."

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Bolesheviki Take Archangel.

London, Feb. 20.—Bolshevik forces have captured Archangel, on the White Sea, according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow today. The "whites" abandoned the town and the troops joined the bolsheviki, the message declares.

DEMOCRATIC CAMP IS DIVIDED OVER THREE CANDIDATES

Bryanites Fighting Hitchcock Forces—Edwards' Cohorts Smile and "Saw Wood."

Local Bryan democrats, just returned from Lincoln where they conferred with "Brother" Charles W. Bryan aver that the Bryan democrats are tuning-up and that the Hitchcock cohorts are not going to "get away with it."

"Here's going to be a real scrap," asserted Robert E. Lee Herdman, sharpening his battle-blade on a whetstone.

Democratic voters at the primaries April 20 will have their choice of national convention delegate tickets representing Edwards, Hitchcock and Bryan, respectively. C. R. Sherman and Mrs. C. Vincent are being mentioned as district delegates to the national convention to represent the Second congressional district and carry the Bryan banner.

For Bryan delegates at large from this state these are mentioned: J. J. Thomas, Seward; ex-congressman Dan Stephens, Fremont; George W. Berge, Lincoln; and probably W. J. Bryan himself.

Keith Neville and A. C. Shallenberger are probable candidates for delegates at large on the Hitchcock ticket. John A. Rine, chairman of the local Hitchcock committee, stated that his organization has not decided on candidates for district delegates.

L. J. Piatti and J. H. Mithen will be presented at the primaries by the Edwards contingent as candidates to represent this district at the national convention. The local managers of the Edwards campaign state that they are not concerned with the Hitchcock-Bryan fight; that they are going before the state and believe that the more dust the Hitchcock and Bryan forces kick up the better it will be for the Edwards cause.

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NEW OFFICERS OF BURLINGTON ARE ANNOUNCED

President Hale Holden and Executive Staff Ready to Assume Private Control March 1.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway, announced that the directors had completed the reorganization of the executive staff preparatory to the resumption of private control March 1.

He also announced that he had been elected president of the Colorado Southern railway and would resume the position of president of the Fort Worth & Denver City railroad and the Wichita Valley railroad as soon as the directors meet. F. E. Clarity, assistant regional director of the railroad administration in the central west under government control, will be elected vice president of the three lines with headquarters at Fort Worth.

The executive staff of the Burlington, in addition to Mr. Holden, includes C. G. Burnham, executive vice president; C. E. Perkins, vice president; T. S. Howland, vice president and treasurer; C. E. Spens, traffic vice president; O. M. Spencer, general counsel; L. B. Allen, general manager of the lines east; G. W. Holdredge, general manager of the lines west, and H. R. Safford, assistant to the president. Mr. Spens and Mr. Allen are former residents of Omaha.

Other Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad officers announced today are: E. P. Bracken, vice president in charge of operation; E. A. Howard, vice president in charge of land and industrial departments; W. W. Baldwin, vice president in charge of taxes and mail and express traffic; R. B. Scott, general solicitor; C. I. Sturgis, comptroller; A. W. Newton, chief engineer; L. N. Hopkins, purchasing agent; P. S. Eustis, passenger traffic manager; H. H. Halcomb, freight traffic manager.

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