

# NEBRASKA WAR VETERANS ARE NOT SATISFIED

## State and County Executive Committee Member Says Nothing But Action on Bonus Will Quiet Them.

William Ritchie, jr., Omaha attorney, and member of the state and Douglas county executive committees of the American Legion, in a statement issued last night, declares the 50,000 Nebraska veterans of the world war will not be satisfied with answers received from Senator Norris and Congressman Jefferis, in response to a telegram from Douglas post, urging them to push immediate congressional action on a bonus for ex-service men.

"In one breath they say they are willing to do all they can for us and in the next they say they don't know how they can do it," Mr. Ritchie asserts. Senator Norris, in a reply sent here yesterday to the request sent him by Douglas post, said: "I believe members of the Nebraska delegation, as well as all other members of congress, desire to do everything they can for the benefit of our soldiers. At this particular time however, it looks to me as though it would be impossible to raise the necessary money for a \$50 a month bonus without the issuing of more bonds. I fear an additional issue of several more billions might bring on a panic. Your statement that the Nebraska delegation is 'passing the buck' is unwarranted and unjust." Congressman Jefferis stated he was heartily in favor of the bonus, but doubted whether it could be financed.

### Pending for Year.

Mr. Ritchie in criticizing the answers from Washington declares the fact bonus measures have been pending in congress for more than a year constitutes sufficient evidence of dilatoriness of congressmen and senators. Nebraska ex-service men will be satisfied with nothing less than quick action on the bonus plan backed by the national executive committee of the American Legion, he contends.

"We feel we are entitled to this additional compensation," he says. "We had a reduced earning capacity during the time we were in the service. In many cases we returned to find our positions held by others who had not entered the service, or our business absorbed by competitors who did not join the colors. We found the cost of living nearly doubled. We found ourselves several rounds on the ladder lower in the line of promotion than we had been when we left. We found everyone else had received increased compensation during our absence. We found it would require some substantial assistance to place us in an equal position with our competitors who remained at home, and that the average savings of those of draft age who remained at home was \$50 per month."

### Railroad Deficit Met.

"We found the government had paid billions of dollars to make up the railroad deficit, thus insuring to capital and property which the government had drafted as great a return as they had secured before the war. We found congress had granted an increase in pay to the men in the railroad service and had made that increase retroactive. We found shipyard employees and government employes in political positions had received large increases in pay and in many instances such increases had been retro-active. We heard no complaint in congress on account of such large

expenditures and made no complaint ourselves. "We found the British government had been loaned by this country \$10,000,000,000 and had paid a good bonus to the Canadian soldiers. We found that the government had postponed the payment of the interest on the billions loaned Great Britain for a period of several years. We know if the war had continued for a few months longer many times the amount which it would take to give us a fair start in life would have been expended and that no question would have been raised by congress or by Wall Street as to the ability of the government to raise these additional funds.

"We feel it is a matter of justice that we should have this additional compensation and that it is within the power of the government to give it. We know congress has been dilatory and not diligent in securing relief for the returned service men."

## Grandfather's Love, Aided by Mumps, Foils Court and Parents

O'Neill, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—Love of Frank Murphy for his grandson, Nathan Bouslaugh, his grandson, has necessitated action in the courts in Boyd county that Nathan's parents may obtain possession of their son. Murphy lives at Monowi and some time ago Nathan, 13 years old, came with his mother from their home in Onawa, Ia., to visit the grandparents. When the mother returned she left Nathan to visit a little longer. When the time came for the lad to go home his grandfather did not want him to go and was deaf to the appeals of the parents. They have instituted a habeas corpus proceeding, but the court at present is powerless to interfere, as Nathan has the mumps and his fond grandfather will retain possession of him until he has recovered.

## Large Building Program Is Under Way in Albion

Albion, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—The Genoa-Albion road, which was built within four miles of Albion last fall, is now being completed. The road is being built with the aid of the federal and state governments. Several other roads are being planned that will make Albion the hub of auto traffic. The city will put in 2,000 feet of additional sewerage, 8,000 feet of water mains and 45 blocks of paving, making in all 73 blocks of paving this year. Many new homes and business blocks will be built. The Albion Independent Oil company has purchased ground near the city hall and will put in a second filling station.

## Alleged "Highjackers" Are Arrested in West Point

West Point, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—Chester and Erven Maloney of Wisner and August Neumann of West Point were arrested on the charge of "highjacking" the Paul Kase and Otto Zacek residences in this city. Police allege that several other persons are implicated in the transactions and a number of other arrests may follow. The facts upon which the charges are founded were furnished, it is said, by members of the gang.

## Alleged Auto Thief Held To District Court at York

York, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—Roy Huff was arraigned in county court on the charge of stealing a car at Gresham, last fall. Dick Barrett was brought from Lincoln to testify against the defendant and was returned to the penitentiary by Sheriff Miller. Huff was bound over to the district court and the bond fixed at \$2,500.

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## Airship Frightens Cat; Believed Dead 3 Years; Back for 8 More Lives

Auburn, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—Three years ago an airplane hovered over the home of H. A. McAdams in this city, while the family cat, a black and white feline named "Bunch," was drinking water out of a dish in the kitchen sink. The cat glanced up, saw the flying machine hovering in the air and in its fright leaped out a window and disappeared. Members of the family, when they missed the animal, believed it had been frightened out of one of its nine lives, and forgot it. One day this week the animal appeared at the home, three years after its disappearance and went to the sink where it resumed slaking its thirst out of the same dish, but not the same water, as if nothing had happened in the interim. Now the McAdams family are wondering whether the animal has resurrected and come back to lead its remaining eight lives after having been dead three years.

## Athletic Carnival Planned by Legion In Honor of Stecher

Fremont, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—An outdoor athletic carnival and barbecue, lasting one day, will be Dodge county's official welcome to Joe Stecher next month. The Fremont post of the American Legion is planning the festival. Stecher's service in the navy during the war won him popularity among the county's former service men. Plans for the welcome home were made following the champion's defeat of Caddock. Legion posts in Nebraska will be asked to send athletic teams to Fremont to compete in the carnival.

## Columbus Is First Nebraska Town to Get Census Figures

Washington, March 26.—Population statistics for 1920 announced today by the census bureau include: Columbus, Neb., 5,410; increase 396, or 7.9 per cent over 1910.

## Sunday Movie Issue Stirs Women Voters In Fremont Election

Fremont, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—Sunday movies are a menace to the social and moral interests of a city and a danger to the children, young people and college students, declares the Fremont Woman's club in resolutions protesting against the proposed opening of the motion picture theaters here on the Sabbath. The club is already in the city municipal campaign with two women candidates for the school board and has pledged its membership to aid in the fight for a closed Sunday. Circulation of petitions by movie men and liberal leaders to open the movies resulted in every minister in the city taking part in a house-to-house canvass for signers to a

counter petition protesting against the proposal. Fremont does not have the initiative and referendum so the city council must pass upon the question. Mayor Guy Hinman favors the open Sunday on the grounds that it would keep Fremonters away from the dangers of Omaha.

## Lindsay Woman Killed When Auto Turns Turtle

Lindsay, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—Miss Caroline Goehry was instantly killed in an automobile accident 8 miles south of this city. She was in the car alone when it turned a complete somersault, throwing her out and crushing her skull and killing her instantly. Miss Goehry was about 20 years old and had been keeping house for her father, Fred Goehry, who lives on a farm 10 miles from town. The accident occurred on a level stretch of road.

## Alleged Bigamist Escapes Two Wives And Police Officer

Beatrice, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—While wife No. 1 and wife No. 2 were scouring Beatrice Friday for a man named Henderson, to whom each claimed to be married, police located him in a barber shop. He had been informed that a search was being made for him and as the policemen entered the front door he departed by a side door and escaped. Sheriff Pippin of Fairbury has a warrant for his arrest on a charge of bigamy.

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