

Manufacturers' Tax Favored to Finance Bonus

Longworth Predicts Plan Similar to One in Canada Will Be Recommended by Committee.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The financing of the soldiers bonus by means of a manufacturers or wholesalers tax was discussed in what was described as a general sort of way at two sessions of the republican members of the house ways and means committee dealing with this subject. It was announced that there would be no further sessions until Friday and members indicated that there was no disposition to hurry a decision.

Representative Longworth of Ohio, ranking member of the special committee, said it was his judgment that a general manufacturers and wholesalers tax similar to that in force in Canada would be recommended. He thought the rates would be lower than those in Canada, as treasury experts had estimated that the Canadian rates, if put in force in this country, would yield \$580,000,000 a year, or more than \$200,000,000 in excess of the sum which it has been estimated will be needed to finance

the cash payments to the former service men. Mr. Longworth said he did not think the bonus bill would be ready for the house this week or next. In this connection he stated that there was some disposition on the part of many house members to postpone action on the measure for a time, to await the opening of the refunding negotiations between the United States and the debtor nations. Calling attention that the refunding commission had been appointed by the president, the Ohio member said there was reason to believe that before July the United States would have some of the refunded bonds in hand.

The president, Mr. Longworth went on to say, undoubtedly would not be opposed to the sale of some of the foreign bonds in this country to obtain money for the bonus. He added that before this could be done, congress would have to enact a law giving authority to the secretary of the treasury to so dispose of the securities, as the present law provided that he must use them in retiring a part of the public debt.

Pittsburgh Ministers Protest Against "Salome"

Pittsburgh, Feb. 22.—Protesting against the proposed performance of "Salome" during the visit of the Chicago Grand Opera company here next month, the Pittsburgh council of churches, through its secretary, the Rev. Dr. Charles R. Zahniser, today sent a letter to the grand opera committee asking that another opera be substituted.

Favorable Report Ordered on Bill to Revise Salaries

Big Saving Expected Under Terms of Measure Providing for New Basis of Pay in Six Services.

By the Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 22.—The joint congressional service pay commission completed its work late today and ordered favorably reported to the house and senate, a bill providing a new basis of pay for the personnel of the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, public health service and the coast and geodetic service. The measure, its framers hope, will save a total of \$28,600,000 annually in the six services, based on the present strength of each. For the fiscal year, 1923, the new rate of pay under the bill would reduce the total of the budget for the six services by approximately \$13,000,000, according to an estimate by Chairman Wadsworth. In the five years thereafter, a further reduction of \$9,480,000 would be accomplished annually, provided the strength of the services remained unchanged. The proposed pay arrangement is

based on a combination of length of service. Members of the committee said that in some instances there would be sharp cuts for younger men in the service, but these, it was believed, would be more than offset by provisions protecting the personnel in times of slow promotion.

Days when promotions come fast, thus giving younger men quickly added pay, also are dealt with so that the other extreme from the results of slow promotion does not take the younger men too rapidly to the pay level of their elders.

As a whole, the proposed rate is below the present basis which was fixed in 1920, but Chairman Wadsworth said that it still remained materially higher than the basis established in 1908.

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Film Censorship Bill Introduced

House Measure Would Create Federal Commission Under Bureau of Education.

Washington, Feb. 22.—A bill providing for establishment of a federal motion picture commission with censorship powers over all films entered in interstate commerce was introduced in the house by Representative Appleby, republican, New Jersey.

The commission would be under the bureau of education and, in addition to its duty as public censor, would be directed to make inquiry into the recreational and educational possibilities of motion pictures and the dissemination of such information. "There is little doubt in the minds of the great majority of the people familiar with motion pictures and the picture industry, of the desirability and necessity for immediate establishment of a censorship of the motion picture films" said Mr. Appleby. "The continued action of certain producers in presenting objectionable films makes it imperative. A censorship law that may be satisfactory in one state is not satisfactory in another and hence it would be better if the pictures were under federal regulation." Declaring that the picture theaters are patronized largely by children "and a vast army of illiterates and the ignorant," Mr. Appleby added it was incredible "to think the federal government will longer permit the creation of lasting impressions upon these minds based on the immoral, obscene, indecent and crime inciting."

The New Jersey representative asserted with regulation "and the advent of Postmaster General Hays with his high ideals" into the moving picture field, the way would be opened for better pictures.

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