

### Foes in Senate Concede Bonus Bill Will Pass

#### Senate Finance Body to Report Measure in Near Future—Land Reclamation Provision Doomed.

Washington, April 8.—Passage of the soldier bonus bill, with only one change from the form in which it passed the house, and signature of the bill by President Harding were conceded yesterday by several of the bill's most determined opponents. Two developments have practically swept away hope of beating the measure. One of these was a statement by Chairman Joseph W. Fordney in a letter to a constituent in Detroit that President Harding had told him he regarded the bill passed by the house as good and that he would sign it if it passed the senate without substantial modification.

The other development was the practical assurance that the senate finance committee which now has the bill, would report it in the near future with just one change. This change is the elimination of the alternative proposition with regard to land reclamation. There has been considerable bitter opposition to this section of the bill and it passed the house, even among some of the most devoted friends of the bonus.

Yesterday's concessions by opponents of the bill do not mean that there will be no debate when it comes up on the floor of the senate. On the contrary there is a group of senators who will talk at great length and who would resort willingly to a filibuster if they thought it possible to beat the bill. In discussing the situation today none of them thought it likely that any of the group would go that far because the utter futility of such a course is apparent.

### Innocent Bystander Killed in Police-Bandit Battle

New York, April 8.—Harry Crose, lawyer, an innocent bystander, was killed in a pistol fight between police and five men who are alleged to have stolen a tire from an automobile. Two of the men were arrested.

### Genoa Conference British Plan to Use United States

#### Considered Scheme of Lloyd George to Open Russ Markets With U. S. Capital for Benefit of Britain.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES. Washington, April 8.—The highly advertised economic conference of 31 nations, which is scheduled to meet shortly in Genoa, is foredoomed to failure, according to the well-nigh unanimous opinion held by officials of the American government, who are familiar with the events leading up to the parley. It was largely for this reason that the United States declined to participate, turning down the Italian invitation in such terms as to leave no doubt about what America thinks of the conference.

"I regret to inform Your Excellency," wrote Secretary of State Hughes, "that it has been found impossible to engage the conference in such terms as to leave no doubt about what America thinks of the conference, as questions appear to have been excluded from consideration without the satisfactory determination of which the chief cause of economic disturbance must continue to operate, but it is rather a conference of a political character in which the government of the United States could not helpfully participate."

Seldom has a proposal of one friendly government been turned down by another in such blunt language. Not content with merely sending polite regrets, the United States went to the length of calling world attention to the emptiness of the proposal and, by inference at least, stated that the whole undertaking was masquerading under false colors by pretending to be something it was not.

### Scheming and Conning for Credit.

Back of the curt American note lies a considerable background of international bickering, scheming, conning and planning, all politico-commercial in character, and aimed at re-establishing eastern Europe's ability to buy on credit. It was the realization that these facts formed the background for the conference that caused the United States so bluntly to decline the invitation to "sit in."

To put the matter boldly, and stripped of all pretense, American officials consider the Genoa conference an ambitious scheme engineered by the astute Lloyd George to open up the vast markets of Russia and eastern Europe to British manufactured goods through some sort of a system of international credits, the burden of which would be borne by Great Britain and the United States as the only two nations in the world financially able to support such a project. British trade being some 3,000 miles nearer the markets, it would naturally dominate the field. Italy, being dependent upon Great Britain for vitally essential coal, and being heavily in its debt, lent itself to the scheme as a natural ally.

France, casting yearning eyes itself on the markets of Europe and remembering the 30,000,000,000 francs sunk in Russia, is distrustful—so much so that it plainly stipulated that the Genoa conference is not to attempt to deal with reparations or change existing treaties and agreements under all of which French interests are fairly well secured.

### Economic Position at Stake.

The economic position of Great Britain, then, rather than the economic position of the world generally, lies in the background of the project. And while the administration has only the kindest consideration and sympathy for the British predicament, this sympathy does not go to the extent of being willing to further British trade at the expense of America's own somewhat stagnant industry. Nor does it go to the extent of being willing to undertake still further financing for a Europe that owes us \$11,000,000,000, a Europe that manifests no hurry about paying, and that manifests little inclination to disarm and go to work.

The industrial situation in Great Britain, according to American observers abroad and reflected in their reports to government sources, is little short of desperate. As in the United States, the end of the war found Britain with greatly expanded means of production and no markets. Russia in chaos, Germany squeezed dry, so far as buying ability went, and the rest of eastern Europe "broke" afforded little outlet for the great industrial concerns of Manchester, Sheffield, Leeds and Birmingham.

In the case of the United States and in the case of France the situation was much the same as far as absence of markets was concerned. But there was one vital difference—both France and the United States are in truth self-sufficient. Great Britain is not. Her case in this respect was eloquently pleaded in Washington a few weeks ago by Sir Arthur James Balfour in his now famous speech urging abolition of the submarine. In that speech he laid emphasis on the fact that Great Britain "never has more than seven weeks' food" in England proper.

### Foreign Commerce Vital to England.

Foreign commerce, trade with the outside, is essential to the prosperity of France and the United States, but to Great Britain it is vital to her very life, for she produces but a fraction of the food she eats. Reluctantly Lloyd George has been forced to turn to Russia, Germany and eastern Europe for British markets. The United States is rich enough to buy but won't, because she is self-sufficient, producing every-

thing she needs. Ditto France. As for Russia and eastern Europe, they are eager to buy but have nothing to buy with except inflated currency of little or no value.

Therefore, the problem of the harassed Lloyd George evolved itself into one of finance and credit. His eyes naturally turned westward to the United States as the only nation able to shoulder with Great Britain the enormous burdens of world credit to get Europe back on its feet, and incidentally get Britain's factories back to work.

That the talk of credit and finance at Genoa would lead inevitably to the reparations muddle and the cancellation of war debts American officials felt sure. Not caring to be put in the position of defending the policy of not cancelling war debts the United States refused to attend.

Another and far deeper reason, however, animated administration officials in turning down the Genoa project. The administration feels, particularly Charles E. Hughes and Herbert Hoover feel, that there never will be any appreciable betterment of Europe's economic situation until Europe disbands her armies, ceases her petty quarrels which form the excuse for maintaining those armies, and gets back to productive work.

In view of this condition officials of the American government do not believe that credit is what Russia and eastern Europe need. They need to disarm and go to work, produce what they eat, balance their budgets, get their currency to the place where it means something again besides so much paper, and start their factories.

### Break in Levee Threatens Town on Illinois River

#### Lower Part of Beardstown Flooded by Back Water—Residents Move to Places of Safety.

Beardstown, Ill., April 8.—Straining at the city levee which sprung a leak late yesterday, the Illinois river was expected to break through into Beardstown last night, city officials said. Without the correction of these fundamental economic principles the United States does not believe that the conference at Genoa can accomplish any real or lasting good. It is believed probable that some scheme of international credit and finance will be adopted at Genoa, if for no other reason than that the world statesmen there will be unwilling to confess themselves unable to do anything. But the efficacy of anything accomplished is seriously questioned in Washington.

### Chicago Commission Sets Street Car Fare at 6 Cents

Chicago, April 8.—After a long fight over Chicago's 8-cent street car fare before the Illinois Commerce Commission, that body handed down a decision today fixing the fare after May 1 at 6 cents. There will be extra charge for transfers.

The town last night was completely surrounded by water from one to three feet deep, covering 500,000 acres of wheat lands. More than a million acres of wheat lands would be inundated by a break in the levee, it was said. Tracks of the Baltimore & Ohio and the Wabash railroad and the state highway east were the only means of entering the city on dry land. Many boats were in use. Workmen last night were banking sewers with sandbags to hold the water back in several parts of the city. Officials said it was the first time in the northern United States that this means had been resorted to in fighting flood.

### Man and Wife Arrested on Charge of Murder

Chicago, April 8.—Miss Veronica Long and Louis Zandt, her husband, were taken into custody last night in connection with the murder of William Purdon, 32, who was shot and killed last Tuesday night as he stopped his automobile in front of the young woman's home to call on her. Miss Long separated from her husband eight weeks ago and assumed her maiden name. Zandt furnished an alibi for himself on the night of the shooting, but is being held while it is checked up. Purdon, whose wife is in Los Angeles, had stopped his auto in front of the house in which Miss Long was rooming when two men appeared. They spoke to him, and as he turned, shot him through the side. He died 15 minutes later.

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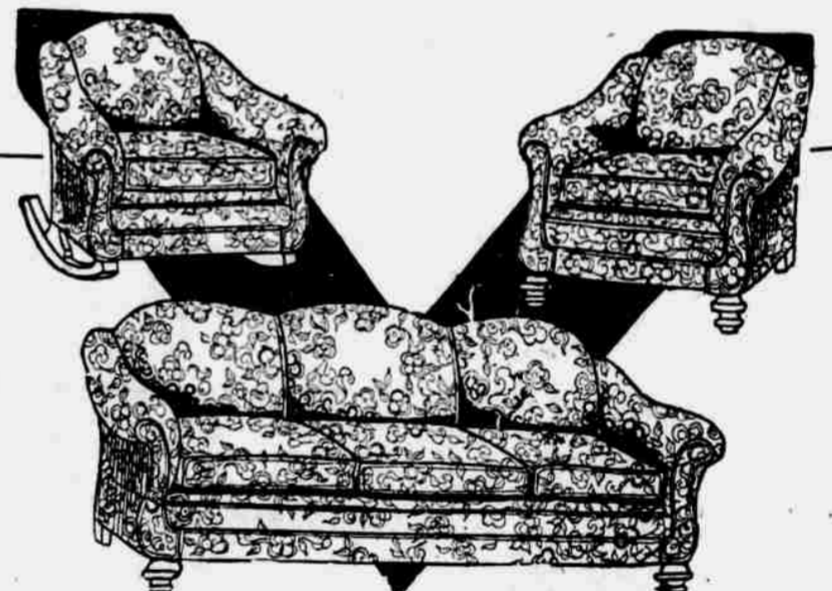
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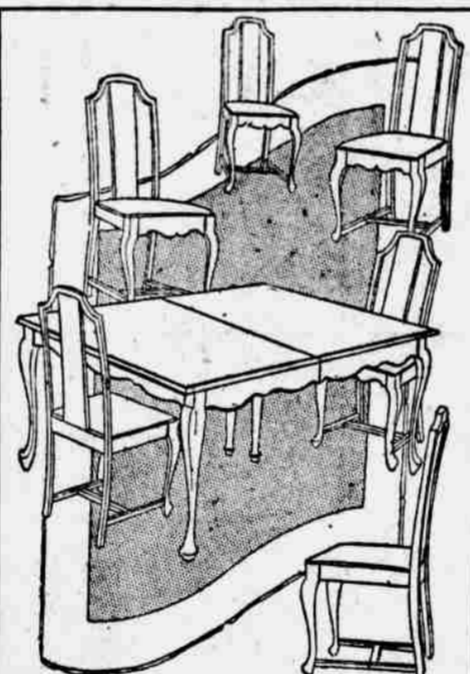
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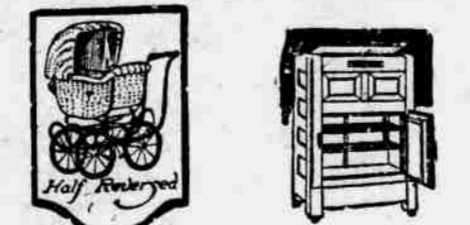
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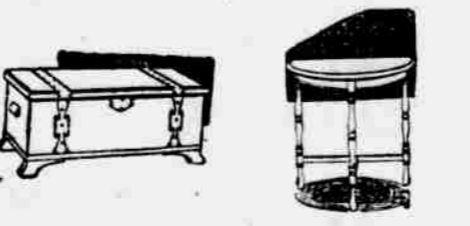
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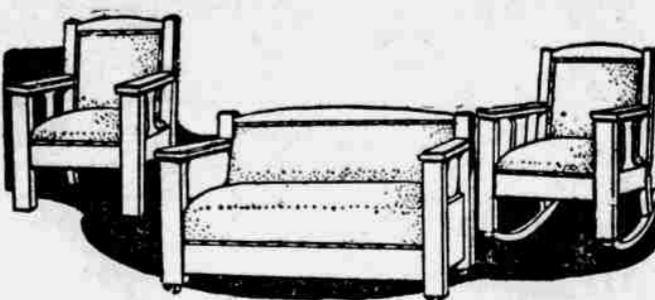
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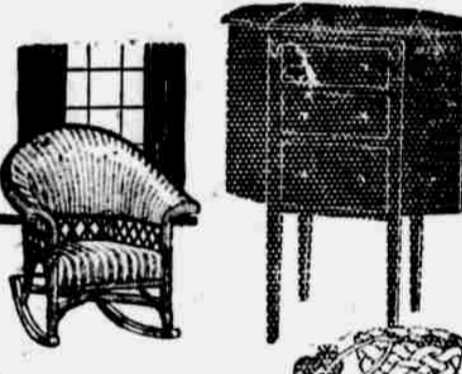
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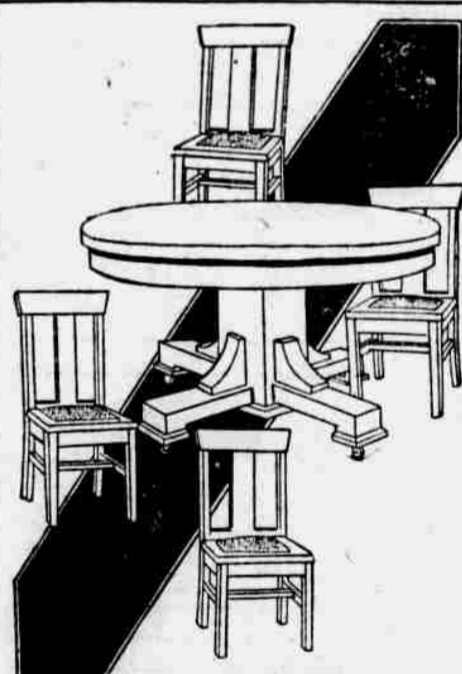
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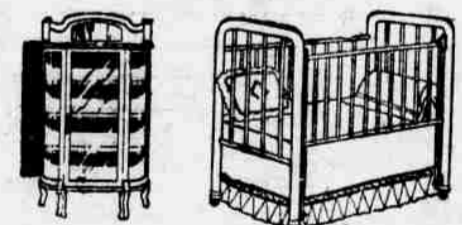
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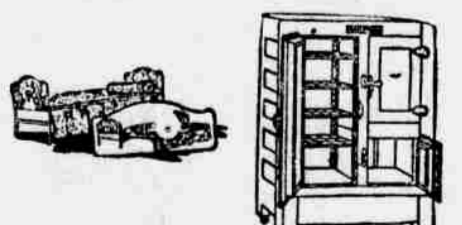
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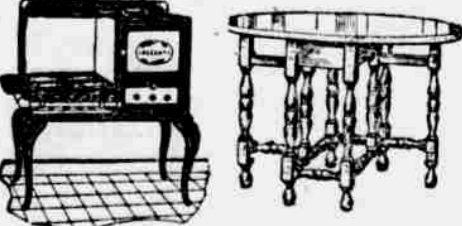
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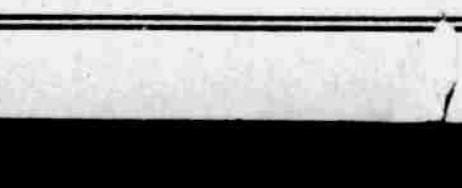
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