

POLITICAL GOSSIP
FROM WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., August 23.—Failure of the Republican Congress to enact any legislation providing substantial aid for discharged soldiers was the subject of criticism by Representative Scott Ferris of Oklahoma, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee and ranking Democratic member of the House Committee on Public Lands, in a statement made today.

Mr. Ferris was particularly critical of the so-called Mondell bill because, as it is now drawn, in his opinion, it will provide aid for only a comparatively small number of service men, only those willing to enter into the colonization scheme the Mondell measure is intended to foster, and thus makes no provision for soldiers in States where such colonization is not feasible to acquire a home or farm.

An alternative plan should be included in the bill in the opinion of minority members of the committee, so that every soldier who needs or desires governmental aid in acquiring a home may obtain it.

"The American people at the November election entrusted the Republican party with full control of both branches of Congress. They have been in session for three months. They have signally failed to pass any legislation beneficial to the four million discharged soldiers," said Mr. Ferris, who was chairman of the public lands committee in the last House.

"The House public lands committee has had hearings on the Mondell bill and has reported it to the House. The bill in its present form is not sufficiently wide in scope to benefit the major portion of the soldiers deserving relief.

"The bill should contain a provision that all money appropriated for homes for soldiers should be equitably apportioned among the States according to the number of soldiers making application and desirous of availing themselves of a home under it. The bill as it now stands does not do this.

"The Mondell bill as it now stands is a soldiers' colonization bill. My contention is that in states that are well settled, with roads, school houses, churches, towns, rural routes and all modern facilities the proposed plan is not at all feasible, and will be disappointing to the administrative officers as well as those who are to profit under it.

"An alternative plan should certainly be added to the bill, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior when the soldier plan is not feasible in any given state, or in a given section of the country, to make loans direct to individual former service men who desire to purchase homes in communities where they may wish to locate. This, of course, would add to the difficulties of administration; it would widen the scope of the bill, but it would make it at all times perfectly certain that there was some relief to be offered the soldier who was unwilling to go out to the sparsely settled states of the West or the cut-over lands of the South that he might have within reach some relief in the acquirement of a home."

Democratic members of the committee contend that without this alternative disappointment will result. Representative Ferris pointed out that in sections of the country where land ranges in price from \$50 to \$250 per acre, plus the charges of administration which the soldier will have to pay, the colonization plan will not be a success.

"It is not feasible," said Mr. Ferris and the soldier will grow heartsick over the fact that relief is being granted to a few and denied to the many. I am not leaning on my own judgment in making these suggested amendments. They are already firmly entrenched in the minds of leaders in the House of Representatives and in the minds of the soldiers as well.

"Secretary Lane has worked in session and out to get some legislation that would enable the country to do for the soldiers of this country what other countries are doing for theirs, and as I converse with soldiers on the subject and study the plan more and more I feel perfectly sure the Mondell bill will first not be acceptable to the soldier, will not as it stands be acceptable to the House, and will be enacted but few and leave the very great majority without any relief, without any help or recognition of their services.

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"I want to make it perfectly clear that the Mondell bill is not without virtue, and doubtless will be of great value to the soldiers in certain sections of the country. But my fear is that it will not take care of a sufficiently large number of soldiers to really make it a soldiers' bill at all, and also it is not sufficiently wide in scope to do justice to all the soldiers in all the States."

SCOUR BORDER IN SEARCH
OF MISSING FLIERS

San Diego, Cal., August 23.—American aviators and troopers, aided by Mexican troops, searched in vain today for Lieuts. F. B. Waterhouse and C. H. Connally, army aviators, who were last seen on Wednesday, when they left Yuma, Ariz., on a return trip to Rockwell Field, near here. They were on border patrol.

The search is being made over a strip of land extending southward from the Mexican border and reaching approximately 150 miles across from the Pacific Ocean to the Gulf of California. A high mountain range bisects it north and south. All the country is wild, extremely rugged, sparsely inhabited and much of it is heavily timbered.

The airplanes from Rockwell Field covered the Pacific side of the Mexican territory and other patrols worked out of Calexico on the eastern side of the mountains. Radio telephone and telegraph services were used in the search and were augmented by carrier pigeons.

ART TEACHER OF PUBLIC
SCHOOLS HANDS RESIGNA-
TION TO SCHOOL BOARD

Miss Frances Brian, instructor in art in the local high school and grades, has resigned. Miss Brian was also art instructor in DePauw University. As yet no one has been by resignation of Miss Bryan. She had taught in the high school and grades one year.

PEACE PACT TO BE
REPORTED IN WEEK

Washington, August 23.—Speeding consideration of the peace treaty in the hope of reporting it to the Senate before the end of next week, the foreign relations committee changed its plans for a public hearing today, and prepared to dispose of proposed amendments and reservations as rapidly as possible.

Except for a hearing of the Egyptian case Monday, the committee plans to work on the treaty without interruption until next Friday and members on both sides predict that by that time a report will be ready.

Both Republican and Democratic leaders predict that the committee will adopt several amendments to the body of the treaty, but the Democrats assert that all of them will be voted down in the Senate.

Big Shantung Opposition.

Among the proposals which it is thought may be decided on shortly is one to strike out entirely the provision giving the Japanese control in Shantung province, China. On this amendment both sides expect to develop the greatest strength on the Senate floor.

Other amendments proposed cover a wide range. Senator Fall, Republican, New Mexico, wishes to have no American representation on the various reconstruction commissions dealing with European matters. Senator Knox (Republican), Pennsylvania, proposes that the peace terms and the league of nations covenant be separate and the latter reserved for later consideration. Senator Borah (Republican), Idaho, would defeat the league covenant entirely by simply striking it out of the treaty. Amendments also are to be offered to the economic and labor sections.

Once in the Senate the treaty is expected to be under debate for weeks before final action, and committee members pointed out that a supplemental report might be filed should it be warranted by any hearings held after committee action has been taken.

MISS DEVANEY RESIGNS AS
INSTRUCTOR IN THIRD WARD

Miss Ethel Devaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Devaney, who reside west of this city, has handed in her resignation to the school board as teacher of the second and third grades in the Third Ward. Miss Devaney will go to Funny Side, Wash., where she has accepted a position as teacher of the second grade in the grade schools. The school board has secured Miss Ola Scott, formerly principal of the Fox Ridge school, to fill the vacancy made by Miss Devaney. Miss Devaney has taught in the Greencastle school two years, proving an able and well-liked instructor.

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GREENCASTLE MAN IS
VICTIM OF BOLD ROBBER

Mr. Newgent, who was the victim of a thief, is well known to Greencastle and Putnam county people, having lived here several years ago with his mother, Mrs. John Newgent, on their farm in Clinton township. He is also a cousin of Warren Newgent of this city. In commenting on the robbery the Marion Leader-Tribune prints the following article:

J. E. Newgent, an employe of the MacBeth-Evans glass factory and who rooms at the home of J. M. Perry, 1519 South Washington street, was the victim of a smooth thief Monday afternoon, who went through the trunk in his room and besides securing between \$8 and \$9 in money carried away a gold watch, pair of gold cuff buttons, silk shirt, two silk ties and two pairs of silk socks. Mr. Newgent values his lost possessions at more than \$50. The loss was reported to the police.

Monday while Mr. Newgent was at his work a young man applied at the Perry home for a room, and having a spare one it was rented to him. He claimed to know Mr. Newgent and this gave him good standing with the aged Mr. and Mrs. Powers, as Mr. Newgent has been with them for some time and enjoys their fullest confidence.

A short time later the new roomer went away and never did return. Mr. Newgent discovered his loss when he returned home, the new roomer having unlocked his trunk with a key he probably obtained on his trip down town after he had sized things up in the upstairs rooms of the Perry home. Mr. Newgent, while feeling the loss keenly, is more desirous of exposing this method for the protection of the public than recounting his own loss.

Mr. Newgent came here from Greencastle, where in his boyhood days he was a chum of Rev. E. L. Day. He also knew Archie Price when the latter clerked in a store in Greencastle.

DEATH COMES TO PIONEER
RESIDENT FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The death of Mrs. Sarah Jones, age 80, wife of the late George Jones, who died several years ago, occurred Friday afternoon at near 3 o'clock at the home of her son, Alvah Jones, west of Cloverdale. Death was due to general debility. Mrs. Jones was one of the aged pioneer residents of Putnam county, having come here from England a good many years ago. She had resided on the farm ever since coming to this county. The funeral was held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. T. J. Nixon of Cloverdale had charge of the services.

E. A. BROWNING ACCEPTS
POSITION IN CENTRAL
NATIONAL BANK

E. A. Browning, who sold his grocery store to J. F. Bailey of Anderson, Monday of this week, has accepted a position as assistant cashier of the Central National Bank. Mr. Browning will fill the place made vacant by Halstead Selby, who recently resigned from the bank to accept a position as salesman for the bond department of the Fletcher American Company of Indianapolis.

Mr. Browning is well adapted to bank business, as he was assistant cashier of the Central National Bank from 1904 to 1905. Before becoming assistant cashier in 1904 Mr. Browning was deputy treasurer of Putnam county for four years.

Because of his wide acquaintance with Putnam county people as the result of his county, bank and grocery business, he is a valuable man to the Central National Bank. Mr. Browning will take up his new position October 1. Mr. and Mrs. Browning will take a vacation until October 1.

ADDITIONAL NAMES
ON TEACHERS' ROLL

The following additional names have been added to the Teachers' Institute roll:

Bertha Blatchley
Earl B. Sutherland
Mamie Hollingsworth
Maybelle Layman
Goldie Sheets
W. M. Goldsberry
Gilbert Hall
Ruth Hutcheson
W. R. Allee
Mary Richards
Ola B. Scott
Florence Earle
Ida Adams
Etta Adams
Lelia Pickett
Lydia Williams
C. T. Malan
Ina Rogers
Kathryn Allen

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cawthon, of Indianapolis, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Ellis.

CENTER MADISON.

Lloyd Payne and sister spent Sunday with their uncle, Dallas Payne, at Lena.

Mrs. Ella Call visited Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Baysinger at Cordonia.

Mrs. Walter Silverthorn and family returned to their home in Indianapolis after spending a week among friends and relatives.

Mrs. John Quinlisk visited with her brother, Galvin King, Sunday.

George Skelton and family of West Terre Haute, Mr. and Mrs. David Skelton visited John Skelton and family, Sunday.

Miss Nellie Cantonwine of Harmony is visiting her brother, Claude Cantonwine.

Harold Call is spending a few days in West Terre Haute.

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Albert Leuteke, Harry Leuteke and Brevort Baker, who is here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Will Wetz, motored to "The Shades" Saturday afternoon.

Superintendent E. C. Dodson was in Indianapolis, Friday, on school business.

Henry A. Emmert and Clara Marshall, both of Crawfordsville, were united in marriage at the Presbyterian manse Saturday morning by the Rev. Victor L. Raphael.

Glen Paris arrived in Greencastle, Friday evening, from his military service of twenty-six months in the army. He is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Ella Paris, who resides in the south part of this city. Paris landed in New York from France on August 17, having been two years on French soil.

Milton Britton, of near Roachdale, is now confined in the court house jail awaiting removal either to the state insane asylum or the county house.

James F. Grantham and family attended the Brown reunion at the home of Mrs. Grantham's brother, Robert Glidewell, near Greencastle, Sunday.

Miss J. Beatrice Evans has gone to Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. A. W. Broadstreet is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hixon and family in Indianapolis.

Howard Yunker, of Howe, Ind., is visiting his Beta Phi brothers at Greencastle. Yunker formerly attended DePauw.

Lieut. James Edward Ford, who has been two years in France, has returned to his home in Roachdale.

Lieut. Ford formerly taught school at Barnard. He was sent to Europe with the first officers' corps from Fort Benjamin Harrison.

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