

HARDING BACKS UP ON SOLDIER BONUS; SHELF IT, HE SAYS

President Calls at Capitol and Holds Secret
Talks With Senators, Urging Recom-
mitment to Committee.

SENATE TOLD OF 'HORROR' HOSPITALS

WASHINGTON, July 7.—President Harding today took a stand against the passage of the so-called "soldier bonus bill" at this time.

The President went to the capitol while the Senate had a bill under consideration on the floor and, in a series of informal conference with Republican Senators in a private room in the Senate office building, he urged that action on the bill be postponed.

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CAPPER-TINCHER BILL REPORTED

Senate Committee Favors
Anti-Grain Gambling
Measure.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—A favorable report on the Capper-Tincher anti-grain bill was made yesterday by the Senate Agricultural Committee. The measure is designed to end gambling in grain on boards of trade by heavily taxing speculative transactions. The committee amended the bill to prevent concern operating private wire systems from using their "contract markets" from operating.

An amendment to permit farmers' cooperative associations to become members of board of trade and to distribute patronage profits to their members in spite of boards of trade rules against rebating was also adopted. The committee, consisting of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce and Attorney General, was created to pass on violations of rules laid down in the bill for conduct of the grain business.

**Hughes Denies Use
of Versailles Treaty**

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Published reports that Secretary of State Hughes has submitted to President Wilson the Versailles treaty with some revisions as a basis for making of peace with Germany, were officially denied this afternoon.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for tonight and Friday evening 7 p.m. July 8: Generally fair tonight and Friday; continued warm.

FAIRLY TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m. 77
7 a. m. 78
8 a. m. 80
9 a. m. 82
10 a. m. 85
11 a. m. 83
12 (noon) 89
1 p. m. 89
2 p. m. 90

DAWES ORDERS SALE OF UNUSED WAR MATERIAL

Economy Program Also Means
Elimination of All Possi-
ble Expenditures.

NO LOWER TAX IN 1921

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Per-
turbed by the now evident fact that taxes for the current year of 1921 cannot be lowered to any noticeable degree, administration leaders are launching into an economic drive today with two definite objectives in view. One is the elimination of all possible expenditures; the other is turning into cash of millions of dollars worth of surplus and unused materials of every sort and description.

Practically every department and independent bureau in Washington has now, or will have shortly, something for sale. Gen. Charles G. Dawes, budget director, is the economy engineer in charge. He has ordered a survey made of all departments and an accounting turned in so that the Government may turn out widespread liquidation.

**BIG LOSS FACED
ON MATERIALS.**

There are millions of dollars' worth of materials scattered from Maine to California and from California to the Gulf of Mexico. It is expected that the Government will be able to turn out during the war hysteria, at excessively high prices, and must now be turned into cash at a net loss to the Government of from 25 to 75 per cent.

While the inventory is in progress, the economy and liquidation measures are under way:

The Administration, through Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, has set its face against the so-called soldier bonus bill, involving an outlay variously estimated at from \$1,500,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000.

The United States ship board is preparing to dispose of its entire fleet of wooden ships and it is expected this will be followed by sales of other craft.

The Navy Department is disposing of nearly two hundred ships of various types, which are of little or no value to the service.

**HAYS TO SAVE
ON WIRE BILLS.**

The size of the Army is being cut down by 70,000 men.

The navy bill is being pruned materially to meet the economy demand.

Postmaster General Hays has found that the Government wasted half million dollars in telegraph bills.

He will take steps to bring about the consolidation of the Government's wire business into a central office.

The Brown reorganization committee is engaged in surveying Government departments and bureaus with the object in view of consolidating some bureaus and eliminating others entirely.

The Government is giving up wherever possible its quarter interest in its firms in Government buildings.

These steps are major ones in the economy drive. There are numerous smaller ones being taken in every department to cut expenses to the bone and realize cash in hand on things that are no longer of material value to the Government.

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OTHER POWERS OBJECT TO NEW TARIFF TERMS

Protests From Foreign Gov-
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to Congress.

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GERMANS WANT PROPERTY BACK

Alien Property Director Says
Peace Won't Interfere.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The peace resolution is proof against restoration of ex-enemy property via the courts, George E. Williams, managing director of the alien property bureau, declared today. Williams said that the Government has not yet received the report of a battery of lawyers retained by ex-enemy who would file suits for the return of property held by the alien property custodian immediately after a formal presidential proclamation of peace.

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OPINION ASKED ON PEACE BILL

WASHINGTON, July 7.—President Harding has sent the peace resolution which was signed last Saturday to the Attorney General for an opinion as to its constitutionality and the action which may be taken under its authority, he was announced at the Department of Justice today.

Attorney General Daugherty stated that he has not yet rendered an opinion as to whether the resolution is constitutional and he may be asked to do so.

He said the President has the full authority for the issuance of a proclamation of peace.

However, some of the American property has been returned since the armistice and the latter figure is now smaller, Williams said.

Williams declared that the ultimate result of ex-enemy's property would have to await congressional legislation.

ARMY BALLOON FALLS INTO BAY; 3 RESCUED

FRANCISCO, July 7.—A tug from Angel Island immigration station today rescued Capt. I. V. Snell and two Army sergeants when a big Army observation balloon fell into the bay after it had risen from the water.

Capt. Snell, a trained airman, charged with the murder of Judge John Derr, today sat in court with war faces and a determined expression as the taking of testimony was resumed.

Indications were that the State's testimony would be completed late today, while the defense, it was believed, would be short. Both women, it was stated, will take the stand.

WOMEN BREAKING

OKLAHOMA, July 7.—For the first time since their trial opened, Goldie Gorham, pretty airman's model, and Mrs. Myrl (Jessie) James, trained airman, charged with the murder of Judge John Derr, today sat in court with war faces and a determined expression as the taking of testimony was resumed.

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Tired Business Man Vamped, Scarred and Mulcted; Pays \$10

CHICAGO, July 7.—Enter, the "gasoline baby" with a new "con" game.

Detectors are watching the demure short skirted boulevard vamps since several business men have been successfully trimmed of the old ten spot.

This is the way it's done: "Can't I give you a lift?" asks the tired business man riding home on the boulevard.

"Yes, yes," shyly answers the dubious maiden.

"They tell me what a blessing a bottle of gin would be this hot weather until they reach the end of Lincoln Park."

"Let me out!" shouts the gentle maiden.

"How come?" asks the man.

"Will me ten bucks or I'll scream," she hisses.

Man thinks of his family.

Girl gets the money.

'BEGGED ME TO KILL DAN KABER FOR HIS MONEY'

Medium First Witness in
Cleveland Murder
Trial.

COURTHOUSE, CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 7.—Mrs. Catherine Eva Kaber was

revealed today as a "love queen," when Mrs. May J. Wade, medium and fortune-teller, declared the accused woman had sought the aid of the "spirits" to kill her husband, Daniel Kaber, to get his wealth for her "college professor lover," said to be a member of the faculty of Smith College, at the time she met him.

The "spirit" of Kaber, slain by hired assassins, entered the courtroom where his widow is on trial, charged with plotting his murder, but stayed for only a moment.

Judge Benson ruled out Kaber's "spook" as well as other "spirits