

## MELLON LOADS 'BONUS' BURDEN ON CONGRESS

Secretary of Treasury Says He Is Neutral Toward ex-Yanks' Bill.

### 'NOT ARGUING MERITS'

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Responsibility for a soldier "bonus" has been put squarely up to Congress by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon in a letter to Rep. Representative James A. Fearn of Wisconsin, who has charged a bitter personal attack on him by the Congressmen for alleged criticism of the "bonus."

Secretary Mellon declared, in all his communications with the House Ways and Means Committee, he had not attempted to argue the merits of the "bonus," but merely had indicated the Treasury's view of the cost and financial consequences. He also took occasion to deny he has recommended any general sales tax or any particular taxes to pay the "bonus."

Referring to Fearn's ironical insinuation the Treasury did not object to paying out \$3,000,000,000 to settle cancelled war contracts or the so-called railroad funding bill, Mr. Mellon said. Neither would he object to an analogous bill for the "bonus." He added the Government did not pay \$3,000,000,000 for cancelled war contracts, as Fearn suggested, but on the contrary, war contracts amounting to more than \$3,700,000,000 were settled at a total cost of approximately \$500,000,000.

### 'SAYING BONUS IS UP TO CONGRESS.'

"Whether or not there is to be a soldiers' 'bonus' is a question for which Congress will assume responsibility," declared Mr. Mellon. "For the Treasury I have attempted to point out the necessity of making a decision as to whatever 'bonus' may be adopted and the dangers of attempting to provide for a 'bonus' by borrowing or by makeshift measures."

"As I think it was made clear to the committee and the country, have not recommended any particular plan, but I have, at the request of the committee, suggested several possible sources of additional revenue that would be available if Congress should decide to grant a soldiers' 'bonus,' and in the connection, have given the Treasury's estimates to the yield of such additional taxes."

"I gather from your letter you are under some misapprehension also as to the Treasury's position with respect to a tax rate. The Treasury has not recommended any general sales tax. As a matter of fact, I am not in favor of a general sales tax, but I am in favor, in addition to all existing taxes, unless made necessary by an emergency in the revenues, such as would arise through adoption of the 'bonus' measure."

### SHOWS WAR DEBTS UP BY COMPARISON.

In connection with the settlement of cancelled war contracts, Mr. Mellon cited a letter recently received from Acting Secretary of War Walwright in which it was pointed out the War Department had settled for about 13 cents on the dollar.

"From this it appears that the payments which were actually made on account of cancelled war contracts represented, for the most part reimbursement to contractors for actual expenditures incurred in reliance upon war contracts," Mr. Mellon said.

"The so-called railroad funding bill has never become a law," he continued, "and in any event would not have appropriated any money out of the Treasury. Its purpose was simply to finance settlements of Government obligations arising out of Federal control of the railroads, and these obligations already owned by the Government, and it since became unnecessary with the change in market conditions which has made it possible to dispose of these railroad securities at par and accrued interest through the investment of the money."

Secretary Mellon informed the personal reference made to him by Representative Fearn, confining his letter to correcting statements concerning his position on the "bonus."—Copyright, 1922, by Public Ledger Company.

## BEVERIDGE ON RALSTON TRAIL

### Follows Opponent to Muncie for Speech.

MUNCIE, Ind., March 18.—A busy political week for Muncie will end tonight when Albert J. Beveridge will address a mass meeting in the interests of his campaign for the Republican senatorial nomination.

Beveridge arrived here this morning and conducted an informal reception at a hotel.

Earlier in the week, Samuel M. Ralston, candidate for the Democratic senatorial nomination, spoke at a Democratic dinner and the Harry S. New Club of Muncie, held a mass meeting at the court house which was largely attended.

## 2 BURN TO DEATH IN THEATER FIRE

### Stage Manager and Wife Perish at Augusta, Ga.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 18.—James A. Taint, 60, stage manager of the Imperial Theater here, and his wife, Leah, 45, were burned to death in a fire which today swept through the theater building. The bodies were found some hours after the firemen had succeeded in bringing the fire under control.

Taint and his wife had lived on the fourth floor of the building for twenty years. They were found in the hallway near the open door to their apartment. Loss to the building is estimated at \$65,000.

### Lawrence Man Found Dead in Automobile

Edward Bell, 42, Lawrence, was found dead today by his wife, Mrs. Clara Bell, and their son, Mrs. Clara Bell, who arose to see why the fires of the house had burned low.

After they failed to find Mr. Bell, they went to the garage. There they found him, dead, sitting upright in his automobile. Coroner Paul F. Robinson, said the belated death was due to acute dilation of the heart.

In addition to his widow, Mr. Bell is survived by two children, Wendell, 2, and Louis, 6.

### Says Husband Told Her She Could Wed

Mrs. Bertha Runyon, 41, 515 West New York street, was bound over to the grand jury in city court Friday afternoon by Judge Delbert O. Wilmett on a bigamy charge.

It is alleged by Harry Humphreys, her former husband, she had remarked without obtaining a divorce from him. The defendant and her relatives testified Humphreys had shown Mrs. Runyon a piece of paper and told her she could marry Runyon if she wished.

Mrs. Runyon said she is unable to read or write but understood the paper was a divorce decree.

## FILM STAR RECEIVES 'RED HEAD' CARNATIONS



## COMMUNISTS DESIGN WORLD REVOLUTION

### British Leader Says Solidarity of Workers Extended to That End.

LONDON, March 18.—"We are extending the solidarity of the working class toward world revolution, for that is our object," declared Chairman McManus of the British Communists, in a speech at a conference of that organization today.

The Communists adopted a resolution demanding a general strike.

"Thus the spirit of revolt in all countries is spreading."

2. That the Communists are hopeful of a world revolutionary attack upon organized capital, and;

3. That Britain should have a soviet form of government.

McManus charged that the capitalist class must be compelled to use the present period of industrial and business depression to break the labor movement.

Zinoview, one of the high chiefs of the Third Internationale, sent a message conveying the congratulations of the Third Internationale and wishing success for the British Communists.

At a recent meeting of the Third Internationale in Moscow it was decided to launch another effort for world revolution, taking in extremist socialists and other workers organizations.

## HOLDS NEAR BEER MAKING PROCESS CONTRARY TO LAW

### Lesh Says Making Real Article and Then De-legalizing It Prohibited.

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As this is about the only process near beer manufacturers in Indiana will be put out of business if the ruling stands.

In the past the Federal prohibition department has been caused no end of annoyance through this process, because the makers seemed to be possessed of a creative memory and would forget to de-legalize their product. As a result a lot of Indiana made real beer found its way onto the markets not only for this state but of Chicago and Louisville.

In part, Attorney General Lesh's opinion is as follows:

"By both the prohibition act of 1919 and that of 1921, it is provided that 'it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture . . . any intoxicating liquor, except . . . as in this act are provided that the words 'intoxicating liquor,' as used in this act, shall be construed to mean all malt, vinous, or spirituous liquor, so made, or so prepared, or so compounded of any such as wine, or any other intoxicating drink, mixture, or preparation of any kind, except as otherwise provided in this act.'"

McSweeney denied this movement is not English, but he said it is pro-American.

"The right of being an American is being taken away from us by the efforts of propagandists, who are trying to convince us that the people of the United States is an Anglo-Saxon people," he said.

Mr. McSweeney said his meaning is patriotic and anti-religious and he ridiculed the probability of finding any great number of people in this country who really were Anglo-Saxon.

The speaker was introduced by James E. Deery, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

## Boys' Big Meeting to Be Held in Open

### Gandhi Sentenced for Six-Year Term

LONDON, March 18.—A prison sentence of six years was imposed today upon Mohandas Gandhi, chief leader of the Indian non-cooperationists, or nationalists, according to a news agency dispatch from Ahmedabad, India.

The first outdoor boys' big meeting of the season will be held by the Young Men's Christian Association tomorrow. The boys will meet at 2:30 p. m. and will be taken to the edge of the city in a street car. They will then walk to their meeting place.

T. J. Mahon will address the boys on the subject, "Foxes and Fairies." It will be the fourth time Mr. Mahon has addressed the boys.

## SHIVELY SAYS G. O. P. REVERSES ITSELF OFTEN

### Basic Idea of League of Nations Forced Upon Republicans.

CHRISLEY, Ind., March 18.—Adoption of the basic idea of the League of Nations and a defense of the very policies they so bitterly denounced only two years ago has been forced upon the Republican party, Bernard B. Shively, candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States senator, said today at the all-day Democratic love feast held here and attended by Democrats from Spencer and adjacent counties.

Mr. Shively scored the Republican party for its many reversals of program and policies since it came into power two years ago, especially in regard to the country's foreign policy. In part he said:

"Never in the history of our country has a political party been compelled to reverse itself as often as has the Republican party since its advent to power and equally is it true when applied to its foreign policy."

### EFFORT TO REPUDIATE WILSON FAILURE.

"Every step they have taken to repudiate Wilson has proven a failure. Every step they have taken to emulate him has been right, and that means practically all of them."

Mr. Shively said his effort was substituted for reason and truth.

"The League of Nations was never defeated. In fact it was never an issue. You can defeat a great principle or idea with one vote. You can only defeat its onward march, but nothing more."

"The league was built on the rocks. The assault upon it has failed. It's principles are now placed in the very embarrassing position of trying to defend what they yesterday denied."

"Even if we admit all the virtues that the most zealous person for it claims, then the work of the Washington conference could in no way compare to that of the league."

### WARS PREVENTED BY LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

"In its first two years the league actually has prevented war, and it did so in a peaceful way, not by a show of arms, but by use of financial and economic pressure."

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"The quarrel between Poland and Finland for the time threatened to set the world on fire. But the League, Wilson's League, interfered to halt the ambitions of Mars."

"For a time the Silesian dispute between Poland and Russia was settled by Wilson's League."

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