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CONGRESSMEN BETWEEN FIRES IN BONUS WAR

Trapped by Rival Group in Dispute Over Cash Payment.

TALK POSSIBLE VETO
Compromise Looming as Possible Windup of Current Hearings.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—C. E. Mitchell, chairman of the National City bank, told a senate banking and currency subcommittee today that flotation of billions of dollars worth of bonds to enable cash payment of war veterans insurance certificates would cause hundreds of small bank failures in the United States.

BY MARSHALL McNEIL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Bonus legislation hearings, forced by those who favor cash payment to World War veterans now, continued before house and senate committees today with the possibility that a decision soon may be reached by one of the two.

Representative Rankin (Dem., Miss.) pleaded with the committee today for the cash bonus, declaring that "if the veterans of the World War ever needed what the government owes them they need it now."

He argued that circulation of money at this time would help revive business. As an alternative to floating a bond issue, he suggested that taxes could be increased on the wealthy.

"I'd put the same wound stripe on the purses of those who make fortunes from the war as on the shoulder of the soldier who faced the guns in France," he said, pointing to treasury statistics showing the great increase of millionaires as a result of the war.

Compromise Is Hinted
If any legislation at all is reported by the finance committee to the senate or by the ways and means committee to the house, it probably will be some measure of compromise, a bill, say to increase the present loan value of adjusted compensation certificates.

Hearty opposition to proposals for cash payment has been voiced before both committees by the treasury and by bankers. They see the spectre of another and deeper depression lurking behind the momentary "boom" which would accompany the floating of the bond issue of \$3,000,000,000 or more that would be required to pay off the bonus.

Session to End Soon
These statements seriously have excited the financial circles of the country; but at the same time the hearings have enthused proponents of cash payment so as to make many of them predict that there will be legislation this session.

But this session will end in just twenty-seven days.
Hope for a compromise was given when Veterans Administrator Hines testified before the house committee Saturday. He spoke again against cash payment, but said a proposal to increase loan values of the adjusted compensation certificates would least effect our economic situation.

Now Is Serious Issue
It is claimed on behalf of one of these proposals to hike the amount a veteran may borrow on his certificate, that there is money enough now in the treasury's money sinking fund to take care of the increased loans. But exhaustion of this reserve, built up over a period of years, may entail other financing.

It is believed, of course, by those who oppose bonus legislation that a presidential veto of a bill of wide scope could not be overridden in this session of congress.
Cashing the serious issue really has become a serious issue since the American Legion executive committee met just a week ago and, reversing its previous position, voted in favor of some such relief for ex-service men.

Congress Between Fires
Thus, in the changing of what, a few months ago, was just a rosy dream into a full-blown, controversial issue, congressmen have been caught between two enormous forces.

On one hand are the veterans—voters, hundreds of thousands of them—favoring cash payment. A congressman who wants to come back to congress doesn't ignore the ex-service men in his district, nor does a senator snub them.

On the other hand is the administration, opposing cash payment, and backed in this opposition by the treasury, the bankers and business men.

'Set Back' Is Predicted
The former claim the government owes them a debt, that this is exactly the time to pay the debt, on the theory that circulation of immense amounts of money would help remedy the depression.

The latter claim the country can not stand now the floating of billions of dollars of government bonds, which would be necessary to make the cash available.

This attitude was reflected in week-end statements of New York financial concerns. These spoke of the "nervousness" of the market over bonus agitation.
One said the "main worry of the street now is the proposal to pay the soldier bonus," and another predicted a "devastating set back" if cash payment were agreed on.

Jazz King and Wife Separate

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Paul Whiteman, famous jazz leader, and his second wife, Vanda Hoff, stage dancer, have separated, a divorce suit today.

The couple, long regarded as one of the most happily married in the theatrical circles, have parted amicably and may attempt reconciliation in a few weeks, it was said.

NEJDL ACTS TO FORCE VOTE ON AGE PENSIONS

Senator Serves Edict Bill Must Come Up for Last Reading Today.

Senator James J. Nejd (Rep., Lake), pioneer champion of old age pension legislation, today served an ultimatum on Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Bush and Republican senate leaders that he will demand the third and final reading this afternoon.

Nejd asserts that when the G. O. P. senators caucused last week and decided to hold the bill until Feb. 10 he was not present nor notified. This action he looks upon as a "double cross to kill the bill."

Those at the conference in the Lieutenant-Governor's office at the state house this morning were Bush, Nejd and Senators Lee J. Hartzell (Rep., Allen and Nob) and Roy M. Friedley (Rep., Delaware).

"I Want Honest Action"
Hartzell is president pro tem of the senate, having defeated Nejd for that position, and Republican floor leader. Friedley is caucus chairman and presided at the session disposing of the Nejd bill by the postponement plan.

"I want action," Nejd warned, pounding the table in the lieutenant governor's inner sanctum.

"If this bill is not given a fair chance for passage this afternoon when I call it down, I'll blow you out of the water and show how many senators are not men of their word."

"You can be for or against it, but don't try to kill it by such indirect action as postponement and delay."

Prepares Short Statement
To support his contention of a "double cross," Nejd has prepared a short statement regarding the bill's history in this session and setting out by name the senators who agreed to co-operate in its favorable disposal.

Certain of these senators are said to have been prime movers in the caucus plan in Nejd's absence.

Senator C. Oliver Holmes (Rep., Lake), an opponent of the measure, thought the delay would furnish opportunity to "kill the bill."

On second reading the bill was amended, making it optional with counties and in committee the pension age was changed from 65 to 70 years.

Bush Refuses to Comment
The bill passed by the house is the bill as drafted originally, it being a Democratic measure. It also is pending action in the senate.

Nejd said that when third reading starts this afternoon he will have Senator Will Brown (Rep., Jasper, Newton, Porter and Pulaski) call for a vote as his name is one of the first on the alphabetical list.

Bush refused to comment on the conference or caucus, but pointed out that a motion to postpone action by making the bill a special order of business Feb. 10, will be in order when the bill is called.

BANDIT IS WOUNDED

Two Captured in Raid on Gas Filling Station.

By United Press
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 2.—One man was in a Lafayette hospital today with bullet wounds in his shoulder and one leg, and one of three alleged companions in an unsuccessful attempt to rob a filling station near Wolcott, was in jail here.

Roy Hammond, 42, was captured, after being wounded by William Lane, station attendant. Frank Bennett, 35, alleged companion in the robbery attempt, was in jail here.

Hourly Temperatures
6 a. m. 34 10 a. m. 42
7 a. m. 34 11 a. m. 45
8 a. m. 35 12 noon 46
9 a. m. 37 1 p. m. 48

ANDY FIGURES BROWN FAMILY IS 'EIGHT MINUS'—AND DAT'S A MESS

"ANDREW BROWN speaking, president of the Fresh-Air taxi Sho! Sho! Lemme see The sliding rule say we's eight minus Dat's a mess."

And sure enough "Andrew Brown" and all the other Browns of the world are in a "mess" today and "eight minus" because of a news photo and the defection of "Brownie" Brown, fire-dog at No.

GEN. BUTLER FACES TRIAL ON FEB. 16

Date of Court-Martial Hearing Is Set by Navy Department.

ADAMS, HOOVER CONFER
Activities of Officials Bolster Leniency Hint in Case.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The navy department announced today that the court-martial of Major General Butler will be held in Philadelphia Feb. 16 at 10 a. m.

The navy department at the same time said the specific charges against the general will not be made public until it is ascertained if Butler desires them to be published.

The charges are an outgrowth of remarks allegedly derogatory to Premier Mussolini of Italy which Butler made in a speech at Philadelphia.

The trial will be held at the navy yard in Philadelphia. Whether it will be open or secret will be decided by the seven high navy and marine officers selected to sit in the court-martial.

Prior to the navy department announcement, Navy Secretary Charles Francis Adams talked for fifteen minutes with President Hoover today and immediately after his return to the navy department it was reported that important changes were being made in the papers bringing charges on which Major Butler is to face court-martial.

Adams went to the White House immediately after a conference in the office of the judge advocate of the navy, where the charges against Butler had been drawn up.

The activities of Adams and Mr. Hoover added to an already strong belief that considerable clemency will be exercised in dealing with Butler's case.

Italians Deny Ride
ROME, Feb. 2.—Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., American mentioned in the "Butler incident," was given an audience by Premier Benito Mussolini in 1926, it was revealed at the foreign office today.

The audience was not regarded as important, officials said, and no record of it was found in a preliminary examination of the files.

It was pointed out that there was no record of Vanderbilt having ridden in a motor car with Mussolini.

Officials said that if Vanderbilt had ridden with Mussolini in 1926 he would have been the first American so honored, and the fact would have been recorded and remembered.

Vanderbilt was mentioned in reports received here as having told the story that Mussolini ran over and killed a child while driving his automobile.

BOOZE CASE UPHELD

Representative Edwards to Be Tried on Liquor Charge.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Representative Edward E. Denison (Rep., Ill.) must stand trial on a charge of possessing liquor, the District of Columbia court of appeals ruled today.

The court sustained an indictment returned against Denison several months after prohibition agents traced a leaking trunk from Union station to his suite in the house office building in November, 1929.

The trunk had been shipped here from Florida.

The district supreme court earlier had upheld Denison's demurrer to the indictment on the grounds that it was "not clear and specific."

SLAIN CHIEF OF RUM VESSEL IS EULOGIZED
Guard Killing Described as Tragedy of Prohibition Hypocrisy.

By United Press
LUNENBERG, N. S., Feb. 2.—Captain William Huett of the rum runner Josephine K., who was killed recently by a coast guard ship outside New York harbor, was eulogized as "a fine churchman, a good husband and father, and a good friend" at his funeral.

Legislators, heads of business firms, sea captains and leading townspeople crowded the church here Sunday for the service.

The Rev. Mayor Ryder, rector, described Captain Huett's death as "one of the major tragedies that follow the hypocrisy of prohibition."

Chinese Students on Strike
PEIPING, China, Feb. 2.—Students at Oberlin in Shanghai school went on strike today, charging that American teachers had used a rifle to enforce examinations.

2 engine house, from the family fold.
"Brownie" was at the city dog pound nursing the seven little Browns during when The Times printed her photograph.

Today she's no longer "Brownie" Brown. She's just plain "Wrinkles" and the puppy Browns must be the "wrinkles." And she's chewing her soupbones at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lineberry, 821 Highland avenue.

SATURDAY the Lineberrys saw Brownie's photo.
"She's our long-lost Wrinkles. She's been gone a year," they exclaimed as they proved it at the pound by making Brownie do tricks.

Then Brownie showed them her latest tricks when she lifted one of her seven puppies by the nape of the neck and extended it toward the Lineberrys.

'Speaking of Shadows—'



A Museum Groundhog, writing at Coolidge word rate, said today as he was taken from his glass in the basement of the statehouse, "I must think of my public, sirrah!"

"You can see," he continued, "by the above photo of me in the hand of Miss Myrick, employee of the secretary of state's office, that I'm just like my woodland brother."

"He and I differ in one way, and that's our perspective of life. While he's out seeing his shadow, I can see no shadow."

"Sure, the photo shows I have a shadow. That's what I get for being so near the state police. But believe you me, my glass eyes tell me winter's end will come when I've figured out what Mussolini meant by, 'I consider closed the incident.' I can say no more for fear of court-martial," he concluded.

Further Appeal Likely
If the court sustains the verdict, the supreme court will be asked to pass upon the case and Fall will not know for perhaps another year whether he must go to jail or not.

Hogan, who argued Fall's appeal, was in charge of his defense and also that of Edward L. Doheny, tried and acquitted for giving the bribe Fall was convicted for taking.

Hogan asked for a reversal of the verdict on four grounds.
That the secretary of navy, not the secretary of interior was responsible for leasing the naval oil reserves, and that Fall, therefore, could not have accepted a bribe for leasing Elk Hills to Doheny.

That Fall's acquittal on a conspiracy charge involving the same transaction as that on which the bribery charge was based barred the government from trying him a second time.

That Justice Hitz erred in admitting evidence of Fall's Liberty bond transactions with Harry Sinclair and his lease to him of Teapot Dome oil reserve.

That Hitz erred in his instructions to the jury, particularly in advising them that they might make a recommendation for mercy if they returned a verdict of guilty.

Pomerene to Reply
Former Senator Alton Pomerene will reply for the government to these contentions and will argue that the Teapot Dome lease to Sinclair was admissible as part of the general leasing of naval reserves of which Elk Hills also was a part.

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Mexican Travelers Treated Harshly at Border, Is Charge.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 2.—The newspaper La Prensa charged today that certain Mexican travelers, including women and girls, had been treated harshly by United States immigration agents.

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COURT HEARS PLEA TO FREE ALBERT FALL

Appeal Hearing May Tell Ex-Official If He Is to Go to Jail.

CONVICTED MAN ABSENT
Former Interior Secretary Still Ill; at Ranch in New Mexico.

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Frank J. Hall, attorney for Albert B. Fall, today pleaded with the appellate court of the District of Columbia to overturn the verdict and the judgment of the court in Fall's conviction of accepting a \$100,000 bribe from Edward L. Doheny, Los Angeles oil man, in connection with the leasing to Doheny of the Elk Hills oil field in California.

The fragile old man, wheeled into court when he was being tried a year and three months ago, was not present.

His illness has continued and he is living on the Tres Ritos ranch in New Mexico which has played such a large part in all the oil trials.

Fall's appeal has been postponed twice because of vacancies on the appellate court here. If the court overrules the guilty verdict against him, his case will be ended, and with it all the oil cases.

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THE Lineberrys took her and her children home. But there's one flea of worry that Brownie, alias Wrinkles, took with her from the pound and that was the warning of the city pound-master.

"If you want to keep her this time never let her hear a fire siren."

And Brownie-Wrinkles' barks must mean "That goes double for my kids."

Hunger Kills 1,000 Daily, Senate Told

Caraway of Arkansas Makes Bitter Attack on Hoover and Head of Red Cross for Refusing \$25,000,000 Relief Fund.

BY THOMAS L. STOKES
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—A thousand persons a day are dying of starvation in this country, Senator Thaddeus H. Caraway (Dem., Ark.) asserted in an address in the senate today.

Caraway made a bitter attack on Republican leaders who are standing firmly against the Democratic program for relief of hunger and misery among the unemployed and drought-stricken.

"Every day we wait," Caraway said, "1,000 people die of starvation."

"Somebody is dooming great American people to a premature death. I'd like to know who are the ones playing politics at this time."

"The millions of people who contribute to the Red Cross and the millions who are the beneficiaries of its kindness have a right to know who is the instigator of this resolution to refuse to accept the \$25,000,000."

"Whose voice is it? Chairman Payne could tell us."

Caraway questioned the sincerity of President Hoover, house majority leader Tilson and chairman Snell of the house rules committee.

He said he wanted to ask them and Chairman John Barton Payne a series of questions.

He cited votes of Tilson, Speaker Longworth, Chairman Fess of the Republican national committee and Snell to give the Red Cross \$20,000,000 in 1919 to feed "drought sufferers" in Europe.

Cites Twelve Years Ago Views
"There is one difference," Caraway said, "that \$20,000,000 in 1919 was for foreigners and this \$25,000,000 is to feed American citizens."

He said Mr. Hoover had asked for the appropriation in 1919.

Caraway read from the hearings of twelve years ago to show that the \$20,000,000 was to relieve drought conditions. He quoted Mr. Hoover as having told a house committee at the time that 15,000,000 people were hungry in the Volga valley and that "we are making a distinction between an act of man and an act of God."

Remembering that Tilson's brother had received appointment as a federal judge, Caraway continued that yet he "stands on the Volga and starves women and children in twenty-one states."

"A lot he cares," Caraway said, "He has feathered his own nest already."

He Asks Some Questions
Having shown President Hoover and the present house leaders had supported an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the Red Cross in 1919, Caraway said he wanted to ask some questions. They were as follows:

Mr. Hoover—Mr. Hoover, you said on Nov. 1, that no deserving person in this country should be hungry or cold. You held up this \$25,000,000 appropriation. Now, will you tell us whether you are playing with human misery or whether these people are not deserving?

Tilson—I want him to tell us the truth. He was not telling the truth both times. One of these statements was not the truth and he knew it.

Snell—Could he be right both times?

"Any Party's Candidate"
Payne—I want John Barton Payne to tell us the origin of the resolution to decline a federal contribution. Who wrote it? Who asked its promulgation?

Caraway said at the time of the 1919 appropriation Mr. Hoover was seeking the presidency.

"Herbert Clark Hoover," he continued, "was willing to be any party's man when he was a candidate for President."

Emphasizing Mr. Hoover's statement of November that all deserving citizens should not suffer, Caraway demanded to know whether the drought-stricken farmers were not deserving.

Two Policemen Lose Jobs
MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 2.—Resignation of two police officers, Carl Viles and Earl Doolittle, is announced by Mayor George R. Dale, who said the two had been under suspension for a week for failure to report their whereabouts while on duty. Dale said he had found no evidence that the two men had been intoxicated at the time they failed to report.

Father Saves Playmate, but Unable to Rescue Own Son, 5.

By United Press
TOLEDO, Feb. 2.—David Braddeck, 41, Perryburg, O., rescued William O'Brien, 7-year-old son of a friend who was visiting him, from beneath the ice of the Maumee river here, but was unable to save his own son, Norman, 5. Two boys had ventured out on the ice in a toy auto.

Turnips Given to Needy
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 2.—Ninety bushels of turnips are in storage at the city hall for distribution to needy families, the gift of Preston C. Gilliat, hotel proprietor.

DON'T wear short and flimsy clothing on cold days.
Dress for the weather and ward off colds and flu. Read what Dr. Morris Fishbein has to tell you in The Times, starting Friday.

