

VETERAN LOANS ARE LIKELY TO TOTAL BILLION

\$500,000,000 Must Be Raised by Treasury in Month, Mellon Says.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 18.—World war veterans are following the ancient advice of Omar Khayyam—"take the cash and let the credit go," so literally that it now is estimated the cost of the loan "bonus" enacted by congress will reach a billion dollars.

The flood of applications, which reached a grand total of 1,372,006 in the first two weeks, confronted the treasury today with necessity of providing additional money to pay the ex-soldiers at a time when the government faces a deficit and income tax collections apparently are far off on account of the business depression. Treasury Secretary Mellon walks home every night past the veterans bureau and sees the activity there, but it was not until Brigadier-General Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans affairs, sent over the facts and figures that he realized the extent of the bonus rush.

Incidentally, Hines' estimate of a billion dollars as the cost of the loans is that originally made by the treasury.

Soon after Mellon had received Hines' letter, he published it, with the statement that the treasury would have to furnish \$500,000,000 by April 11, less than a month hence. This will cause additional spending, probably in short-term securities.

The treasury has just put \$300,000 in short-term securities on the market to pay the loans.

"I believe that my original prediction that 75 per cent of the veterans would avail themselves of the privileges of the legislation will prove to be reasonably close to the actual experience," Hines wrote Mellon.

The veterans bureau already has paid out \$104,035,366 on 282,874 applications. The checks average \$367.78 each.

No Danger Here

World war veterans need not fear that the cashier's window of the regional veterans bureau in Indianapolis will hang out a "closed" sign, despite the troubles of the United States treasury department in financing the loans on adjusted compensation certificates.

"The money will be forthcoming and there'll be no halt in our work in making loans," declared John H. Ale, regional manager of the bureau, today.

"We are now checking against our third million-dollar appropriation. We have 27,603 applications for loans on file and are issuing the checks at the rate of 1,000 a day," Ale said.

He estimated that the regional bureau would be able to pay loan applications within forty-eight hours after April 15.

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Poultry. Experts Are Puzzled by Strange Phenomena.

By NEA Service
WATERPROOF, La., March 18.—You've heard of the goose that laid the golden egg, and now comes a



duck that lays coal-black eggs. The fowl which has attracted widespread interest here is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Goldberger of this city. Poultry experts are frankly puzzled.

AVUKAH WILL HEAR KEAHEY

Butler Professor to Give Lecture Monday.

Professor Ralph Keahey, associate professor of history and political science at Butler university, will deliver a lecture on "Propaganda and the World Today," next Monday night, March 23, at Kirshbaum center at 8 p.m.

The address is under the auspices of the Butler chapter of Avukah, national student Zionist organization.

Professor Keahey will conduct his lecture in open forum style. The public is invited to attend.

ALFALFA BILL FIGHTS WEALTH IN OUSTER WAR

Tangles With Millionaire Highway Board Chief in Inquiry.

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 18.—Oklahoma's outstanding political feudists, Governor W. H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray and Lew H. Wentz, Ponca City oil millionaire, clashed today when a general investigating committee began an inquiry into the state highway department.

The joint committee was convened to hear Wentz's story of why he, as member of the highway commission, opposed a contract for 800,000 barrels of cement, which Murray said he would have signed and "let them squawk afterward."

The contract was approved by two Democratic commissioners Chairman Sam R. Hawks and J. F. McKeel, old friends of the Governor. It was never consummated, however, because the federal highway engineer refused to approve the cement declined.

Wentz made a counter charge against Murray, contending the contract carried a "joker" that would not protect the state if the price of cement declined.

As the joint committee took up the work where a special house committee left off, impeachment threats were heard in the Capitol where two Governors have been ousted in the last eight years.

Murray and Wentz have been political enemies since Murray announced his candidacy and assailed the former commission chairman for his policies.

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NEGRO ADMITS 8 CAB HOLDUPS

Taxi Driver Calls Police: Bandit Captured.

A Negro bad man ended a brief criminal career early today as bullets of police guns whined past his ears.

Within a few hours after his arrest, following robbery of a taxi driver, Jesse Davis, 27, Negro, 1037 North Belmont avenue, had confessed to seven other taxi driver holdups here since Sunday night.

Entering a cab operated by Albert Prinz, 246 Leeds street, at Union station, Davis robbed the driver of \$350, and ordered him to "drive around a while."

On North Capitol avenue Prinz sighted patrolmen Timothy O'Neil and George Johnson. Darting from the cab he sprinted to them and told them of the robbery.

Meanwhile Davis left the cab and fled in the opposite direction. The police fired several times, and Davis stopped.

He wore a watch and ring taken from two of his victims. The drivers whom he robbed were: Ray Rees, 1559 Southeastern avenue; Earl Smith, 2635 East Mar-

ket street; Ralph Day, 5821 East New York street; John Le Mount, 1117 Broadway; Luther Blair, 823 Dyer place; John Bracken, Negro, 2860 Highland place, and William King, Negro, 355 West Eleventh street.

I. U. GRAD SENTENCED California Robber Claims Degree From Hoosier University.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—George M. Wilburn, 27, who said he was a graduate of Indiana university,

was sentenced Tuesday to serve from fourteen years to life in San Quentin prison, on charges involving him in fifty robberies committed since last October.

Wilburn said he left college, could not obtain work, and started his bandit career.

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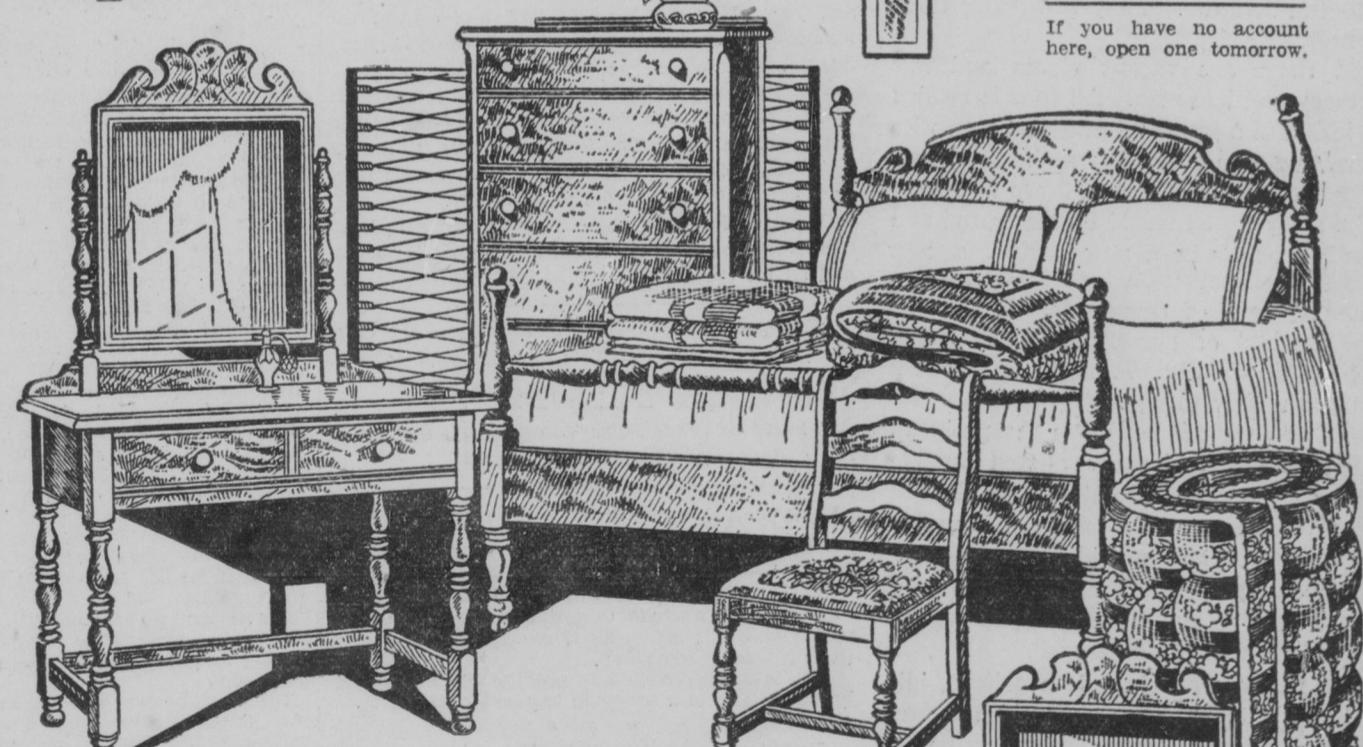
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