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LEGION DEMANDS END OF WASTE BY FEDERAL MACHINE

Extravagance Must Be Curbed if Deserving
Veteran Is to Be Treated Fairly,
Commander Contends.

BITTER AGAINST ECONOMY LEAGUE

'Thrift Drive' Merely an Attack on Ex-Service
Man, Says Johnson; Cites Many
Costly 'Experiments.'

BY TALCOTT POWELL
Editor Indianapolis Times

The American Legion, after fifteen years of framing
expensive pension legislation, suddenly has realized that
there is a bottom to the treasury's money barrel.

Outstanding officials of the organization, the national
headquarters of which are here, admit that if the really dis-
abled veterans and the dependents of the war are to receive
just treatment in pension matters, unnecessary extravag-
ance of the federal government must be curbed.

They understand that able-
bodied veterans earning ade-
quate incomes can not re-
ceive subsidies from the gov-
ernment if the soldier who
really was handicapped for
life in the Argonne is to be
supported decently.

The present legion administra-
tion, which will give an accounting
of its stewardship to the national
convention in Chicago on Oct. 2,
proposes that the legion pick up the
study of government economy where
the National Economy League
dropped it.

Bitter Against League

Louis A. Johnson, commander of
the legion, is bitter in his condem-
nation of the National Economy
League, because, in his opinion, it
posed as favoring all government
economy and actually was interested
only in cutting down payments to
veterans.

"This organization once was pretty
vocal," he said. "Today the mask
has been torn from its face. It is
exposed as a body of the richest men
in the country who had no purpose,
but to raid the veterans and then
run to cover. It abandoned its great
spring membership drive. Its na-
tional chairman has resigned. It has
taken its objective."

"The legion, I believe, should go
into this whole question of income
tax exemptions, so that we shall not
have the spectacle we have had this
year of the Morgans and the Otto
Kanis escaping taxation through
legal holes so big that you could
steal an oxcart through them."

"How about the \$65,000,000 that
has been spent on the prohibition
bureau alone, with fully twice that
much thrown into the coast guard
and immigration service? Enforced
an unenforceable law which a ma-
jority of the people obviously do not
want?"

Cites Money Wastes

"How about the terrific subsidies to
steamships for carrying ocean mail? Why,
I know of one case in which the
government is paying \$17,000 a
pound for hauling mail across the
ocean. Another steamship company
was permitted to borrow \$6,500,000
for twenty years at 2 per cent in-
terest."

The department of agriculture
spent last year \$7,000,000 on a study of
the habits and home life of practically
every known variety of insect and
reptile. It even got out a book on the
life of the frog. Who in the world is interested
in the domestic affairs of a bullfrog, except
another frog?

Department of commerce experts
also put out thousands of dollars to
find out what part of a bedsheet
wears out first, and reached the as-
tonishing conclusion that the part of
the sheet which wears out first is
that point of which the heaviest
part of the body rests.

"Our national government today
is publishing far more pamphlets
and books than either of the two
largest private publishing concerns
in the country."

Cost Huge Sums

"All these activities are costing
the taxpayer plenty of cash. It
seems to me that the veterans can
perform a real service by keeping a
check on these governmental activi-
ties."

The enlightened and patriotic
citizen who once wore the uniform
of his country now realizes that the
treasury is not a money-making
machine of infinite production
capacity; if his wounded and
disabled comrades who bore the brunt
of the most awful fighting the world
ever has seen and their dependents
are to make sacrifices, the able-
bodied veterans should make sure
that such sacrifices are not un-
necessary."

The next story will tell of the re-
sults of an investigating committee
which the Legion appointed for the
purpose of evaluating the present
pension laws.

MINISTERS WILL MEET

Annual Sessions of Lutheran Pas-
tors Set for Monday.

Yearly meeting of the Lutheran
Ministerial Association of Indian-
apolis and vicinity will begin at
10:30 a. m. Monday at the First
Lutheran church. The Rev. C. E.
Gardner will be in charge of the
meeting.

Today's Selections

At Coney Island—
1. Tabaku, Billie's Orphan, Justice
Logan.
2. Royal Majesty, Sir Jacob, Ken-
tucky Helen.
3. Devilish, Lady Pal, Golden Ray.

Heat Record Threatened; Mercury May Hit 96 by Afternoon; One Victim

FEAR DEATH IN LAKE



Man Prostrated, Taken to
Hospital; No Relief
in Sight.

With the heat record for Sept. 8
equaled Friday at 95, the mercury
today made tracks for the all-time
September heat mark of 96.

Despite a prediction of slightly
cooler weather for Sunday, there
were indications that today may be
the hottest day of the entire late-
summer wave.

J. H. Armstrong, senior United
States meteorologist, forecast fair
weather for tonight and Sunday,
with slightly cooler temperatures
prevailing Sunday.

One Indianapolis man was pros-
trated by the heat and was treated
at city hospital. The heat victim
was Joseph Branson, 71, of 233
North Cable street, who collapsed
while walking at Pearl and Black-
ford streets.

Many lawns and gardens in the
city have been burned by the week's
scorching heat, and some crops in
the vicinity are believed to have
been affected. Late corn has been
aided by the heat, following last
Saturday's rain.

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temperatures for Sunday does not
indicate that the break in the heat
wave is near and the far-ab-
normal weather may continue next
week.

Code Called 'Bad'

They included Charles O'Neill,
New York; R. E. Taggart, Phila-
delphia; J. D. A. Morrow, Pitts-
burgh; and James D. Francis, Hunt-
ington, W. Va.

It was understood the operators
told Johnson they considered the
code so "bad" that they would not
bother to submit written suggestions
of changes before the deadline at 6
tonight.

The specific clauses to which they
objected were unrevealed, but it was
understood they centered on price
and labor provisions. Morrow said
announcements regarding the con-
ference would have to come from
Johnson.

Johnson said he had postponed a
public hearing which he had set for
Monday afternoon. The postponement
was suggested by Deputy Ad-
ministrator K. M. Simpson, in
charge of the coal mine code.

Previously, Johnson threatened to
impose the code arbitrarily if there
were any further attempts to delay
it.

Labor Gains Point

Labor provisions of the code in-
clude the recovery acts guarantees
of the right of collective bargaining,
give miners the right to a check-
weighman of their own choosing,
outlaw scrip, child labor, and com-
pany stores and towns, and give orga-
nized majorities the right to share
their work with bona fide un-
employed workers of the same mine.

The price provisions prohibit
charging below a fair price, to be
determined by divisional code authori-
ties operating under supervision of
the recovery administration and the
national bituminous coal board.

Despite the apparent rejection of
the code by the Appalachian operators,
Johnson said he believed he
had the difficulties in the way of
promulgation of the code would be
"bridged over" and he scheduled a
series of new conferences with this
end in view.

CHARITIES PARLEY HERE

Associated Lutheran Group to Hold
Convention Sept. 26-29.

Annual national convention of the
Associated Lutheran Charities will be held
in Indianapolis Sept. 26 to 29.

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workers will speak on the program,
which has been arranged by national
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**Lad Is Stricken in River;
Dies Before Aid Arrives**

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thing the last three times he went to the post and placed in a favorable

spot makes Manners in the fifth one of the outstanding choices of the

day. The best on the card, set 2, Reville Boy, the "baddest" post actor

on the track, figures to step out and cop the sixth without much competition.

He will be last until he hits the head of the lane, but from then

on watch the old boy come!

In the Air

Weather conditions at 9 a. m.:

Southwest wind, ten miles an hour;

ceiling, unlimited; visibility, 6 miles;

temperature, 81; barometric pres-
sure, 29.96 at sea level; general con-
ditions, clear with light smog.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. 72 8 a. m. 79
7 a. m. 73 9 a. m. 85

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The best-looking prospect on the

Lincoln Fields—

1. Even Play, Cash Surrender,
Transcend.

2. Aegis, Saracen II, Miss Marr.

3. Thomasville, Woodlander, Flick-
er Lehman.

4. Madelon, Skirl, Kibitzer.

5. Royal Rock, Abe Furst, Sure
Pop.

6. Indian Runner, At Top, Esoff.

7. Anna Adela, Pharahead, Row-
dy Boy.

8. All Hail, Ft. Dearborn, Port
O'Play.

9. Devilish, Lady Pal, Golden Ray.

10. Skirl, Upset Lassie, Kittie Sue.

11. Manners, Patsyette, I Pass.

12. Reville Boy, Ridgeview, Peggy
Lehman.

13. Royal Rock, Abe Furst, Sure
Pop.

14. Track-Fast.

15. Help Too Late.

"Can you make it?" called the
Beers boy.

"I think so," gasped Woodrow.

A moment later he cried for help
and went down. Paul Noe, 16, of
1816 Winfield avenue, and Carl

Hancock, 1154 North Believen
place, who were passing by, leaped
into the water in an effort to save
Woodrow, but he had gone down
for the last time before they could
reach him.

MINE OWNERS RESUME WAR ON COAL CODE

Johnson Faces New Battle;
Wrath Is Aroused by
Operators' Letter.

FIGHT LABOR CLAUSES

Price Provisions Also Are
Target of Attack in
Negotiations.

BY H. O. THOMPSON
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Mine
operators precipitated a new crisis
over a code for the soft coal in-
dustry today.

"The situation is very delicate,"
said Recovery Administrator Hugh
S. Johnson, emerging from a con-
ference with spokesmen for the
operators.

The code drafted by the govern-
ment satisfied labor. It was praised
by William Green, president of the
American Federation of Labor, who
said any complaints against it would
not be submitted.

They were not long in coming.

Walter Jones, liaison man for the
so-called Appalachian group of
operators, whose mines have been
brought into the code, gave Johnson a letter
nonchalance with which the adminis-
trator read and hurled to the floor. Then he sum-
moned the operators.

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