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LAND DESIRE OF SOLDIERS, BODY HEARS

Mondell, Republican Floor Leader, Tells Committee the Country Must be Attractive as Cities.

PICTURES FARM RUSH

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Many former service men are anxious to assist in reclaiming government lands to provide homes for themselves, Representative Mondell of Wyoming, the Republican leader, said today before the house ways and means committee, which is holding hearings on soldier relief legislation.

Mr. Mondell did not urge passage of any such legislation at this time, saying he appeared before the committee to explain the advantage of the land bill, which he has introduced at the request of the interior department.

3,000 Ask 58 Farms.

At a government land opening in Wyoming several days ago, more than 2,000 former service men applied for 58 small farms opened to settlement, he said, adding that this desire "to get back to the farm" has been evidenced on other occasions.

The Republican leader warned that congress in the near future must undertake an extensive program of attracting people back to the country and making waste land productive, as the cities "are more attractive than ever before."

"Carpenters are getting \$1.25 an hour," he said. "There is no place on earth where the farmers can make \$1.25 an hour without sending prices so high that the average people cannot afford to eat."

REPUBLICAN WOMEN GET POLL LESSON

Republican precinct chairwomen were instructed by Walter Bossert, district Republican chairman, and Miss Esther Griffitt White, county women's chairman, how to take the first poll of women voters, which is to be started immediately in the city. The instruction was a part of the program of a noon luncheon at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday noon.

Poll books and precinct maps were distributed. Special emphasis was laid on the fact that complete information must be secured from every woman in each precinct.

Each new voter will be asked what her politics are. If she is independent or doubtful, this will be tabulated in the manner of the male poll.

Mrs. Ed. Toner, wife of Republican candidate for governor, who is to speak on the present teaching crisis at the mass meeting in the High school auditorium Wednesday night, was present for the luncheon, excusing herself at the opening of the business session.

Labor Starts Fight to Oust Unfriendly Officials

(By Associated Press)

PHILADELPHIA, March 10.—Delegates of American Federation of Labor officials, reached in Washington two weeks ago, to oppose all candidates for public office who are regarded as foes of organized labor, bore fruit here today in the opening of a campaign against 25 Pennsylvania and seven New Jersey members of the House of Representatives."

In a bulletin issued by the Philadelphia-Camden advisory boards of the federation, attention is called to the railroad bill recently passed by Congress and approved by the president, and the defeat of all congressmen voting for it is urged.

"The advisory board," says the bulletin, "feels it is its duty to those who voted to 'slap labor in the face' and also those who voted to grant labor justice. Now, therefore, see that neither you nor your friends and acquaintances ever again vote for those who gave labor a slap in the face."

President's Letter Aid Reds, Says Paris Paper

PARIS, March 10.—President Wilson's letter to Senator Hitchcock regarding reservations to the Versailles treaty was given little space and minor position in most of this morning's newspapers.

The Gaulois prints its comment on the first page under the caption "Warnings of Wilson."

Mr. Wilson, it says, "takes revenge for the silence imposed on him by illness. In less than 24 hours he presents us with two documents in which he affirms in a singularly aggressive manner that he has recovered full possession of his masterly faculties."

"He finishes the weakening of governmental frame works of order and discipline which he already has so thoroughly shaken. His anti-imperialist formula will bring new encouragement to international Bolshevism, under cover of which Germany prepares her future revenge, which Mr. Wilson denounces but not with the clearness and energy we expected from his fairness if not from his friendship."

TWO KILLED WHEN 'PLANE CRASHES AT MIAMI, FLA.

(By Associated Press)

MIAMI, Fla., March 10.—Maxwell Blanchard, of Chicago, pilot, and Charles Sims of New York and Kenneth Earle, of Mount Clair, N. J., mechanics, were killed last night when a three-seated Aero-Marine machine crashed to earth near Hillsborough Light, 35 miles north of Miami. The cause of the accident has not been determined.

Vanderbilt Scion Wedded in England



The Marquis of Blandford with his bride, formerly the Hon. Mary Cadogan, leaving St. Margaret's church. The Duchess of Marlborough, the groom's mother, was formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt.

ENGINEERS ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO NATION CONVENTION

Charles Maloney, of Gary and Joseph G. Hays, of Indianapolis, were elected delegates to the national convention of sanitary engineers at Pittsburgh in June, at the Wednesday morning session of the Indiana society in the Commercial club rooms. John Fritag, of Terre Haute, and H. H. Highland, of Gary, are alternates. John Marchessau, of Elkhart and William Burke, of South Bend, were named directors.

Propositions Brought Up.

Wednesday morning's session was featured by verbal clashes. The questions of increasing the dues of the organization and employing an expert to aid the members of the association, were discussed. The dues were finally increased from \$10 to \$18. The hiring of an expert was voted down.

Considerable discussion occurred on a proposition that the organization affiliate with the American Builders and Contractors. Otto Tolle, of Terre Haute, was appointed by the I. S. S. E. to attend the annual conference of the Builders and Contractors in Indianapolis on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

A resolution asking that sanitary engineering be taught in the normal schools and that common and high schools take it up as part of the industrial course, was passed.

Speak on Jobbing.

August Buschman, of the Buschman Supply company, and Louis Phillips, pany, spoke Wednesday morning on the jobber's viewpoint on selling of plumbing supplies.

Four members of the organization have died since the last convention and the obituary committee read tributes to them.

Muncie was favored for the next meeting. No other town is making a bid.

The convention will be closed with a theatre party at the Washington. Many delegates may leave late Wednesday.

Large Audience Expected To Hear Richard Miller at Teacher's Meeting

Members of the Richmond Federation of Teachers were confident Wednesday that a large audience will attend the mass meeting of citizens in the high school auditorium Wednesday night when Dick Miller, Indianapolis banker, and ex-president of the Rotary club of that city, and Ed Toner, Republican candidate for governor, and editor of the Anderson Herald, will speak. Miss Flora Broadbent, president of the Teachers' Federation will preside.

Of added interest will be the appearance of the senior high school orchestra in prelude. Mrs. Toner arrived in Richmond Wednesday noon from Anderson, but Mr. Toner motored over from Indianapolis, stopping in Cambridge City and several other towns, and did not arrive until Wednesday afternoon.

In connection with Teachers' week Dr. George D. Strayer, professor of educational administration at Columbia university will address a public audience in the high school auditorium Saturday at 2:30 p. m.

Funeral for Mrs. Connell To Be Held Friday Morning

Mrs. Anna Mary Connell, 80 years old, died following an illness of one week, at her home at 108 North Third street, late Tuesday. She was born in Ireland but came to this country when five years old. She moved to Richmond in 1876, and has lived here ever since.

She is survived by two sons, William Connell, of Richmond, and John of Hamilton; three daughters, Mrs. John McCarthy, Miss Emma Connell and Mrs. Edwin C. Greene, by 22 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in St. Mary's church at 9 a. m. Friday. Burial in St. Mary's cemetery. The Rev. W. J. Cronin will officiate.

To Study Evidence in Trial of Socialists

ALBANY, N. Y., March 10.—The assembly judiciary committee which for more than seven weeks has been investigating charges of disloyalty against the five Socialist members of the state assembly, will have an executive meeting next Tuesday or Wednesday. Louis M. Martin, the chairman, announced today. At this time the evidence presented will be gone over carefully, Mr. Martin said.

The committee completed its public investigation yesterday when Elow R. Brown, former state senator of counsel to the committee, and S. John Block for the defense made the closing remarks. Briefs are to be filed by both sides and it is believed a report by the committee will be forthcoming in about two weeks.

Mrs. Sarah Macey, Aunt Of Gov. Goodrich is Dead

WINCHESTER, Ind., March 10.—Mrs. Sarah Macey, 70, is dead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John D. Miller, of organic heart trouble. She was the widow of former Judge J. W. (Chess) Macey, who served one term as judge of the Randolph circuit court and was well known in Randolph and Wayne counties.

She is also an aunt of Governor James P. Goodrich. She is survived by one daughter Mrs. John D. Miller, of Winchester, John M. Macey, Jr., an attorney of Winchester, and a son, Shields Macey, of El Reno, Oklahoma. The funeral will probably be held Saturday.

Jesse Brumfield, a pioneer, of this county, 81, is dead at the home of his son, east of here. He is survived by nine children, two sons and seven daughters. One of his grandsons is a missionary at La Paz, Peru, South America.

The funeral of Mrs. Allen Ross, 58, will be held from the family residence on Residence street this afternoon at 2:30. Besides the husband, a son and a daughter survive.

WILSON RIDES AGAIN.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—President Wilson today took his third automobile ride since he was ordered to bed last October. An open car was used and Mrs. Wilson, Miss Margaret Wilson and Rear Admiral Grayson, his physician, accompanied him.

BANDITS GET \$5,000 FROM RESTAURANT; 3 WOUNDED

CANTON, O., March 10.—Three men were wounded in an exchange of shots when five armed automobile bandits held up the restaurant of Steve Boldi, this morning, and escaped with \$5,000 in cash. More than a score of shots were said to have been fired.

Allies Cut Off From U. S. Feed Bag—Houston

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The allied governments will receive no further loans from the American government, Secretary Houston announced today.

Bryn Mawr Club Leader Aids Campaign



Mrs. J. Austin Stone.

Mrs. J. Austin Stone, prominent in social circles of New Washington, and president of the Bryn Mawr club of that city, is aiding the drive for \$2,000,000 for that college. She is a classmate of Helen Taft, acting president.

Bloch Completes Trans-America Trip to Vote For Suffrage

(By Associated Press)

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 10.—State Senator Jesse A. Bloch of Wheeling, completed his 3,000 mile flying trip across the continent from California to Charleston early this morning in order to vote on the federal suffrage amendment in the senate of the West Virginia legislature.

Senate forces favoring ratification anticipated immediate action upon the amendment when it convened this afternoon, and with Senator Bloch's vote hoped to break the deadlock which has existed between pro and anti-suffrage forces since the special session of the legislature was called.

Antis Are Also Active.
Anti-suffragists, according to their leaders' declarations last night, were still fighting to defeat ratification and there was some talk of them contesting the seat of Senator Raymond Dodson, who is listed on the side of the suffragists.

Opponents of ratification claim that Senator Dodson, while representing

Spencer, Roane county, has his residence and business in Charleston. His supporters assert that his official residence is at Spencer.

If Senator Dodson's opponents are successful in contesting the seat, it is pointed out, the deadlock would continue, Senator Bloch's vote failing to make the necessary majority.

ONE AMERICAN IS FREED BY VILLA; 1 NEVER CAPTURED

(By Associated Press)

EL PASO, Tex., March 10.—Joseph Williams, of El Paso, an employee of the American Smelting & Refining company, captured and held for ransom by Francisco Villa when the bandit wrecked a train on the Mexican Central railroad Thursday, has been freed, according to a telegram from Williams to his employers received today.

Williams, an employee of the American Smelting and Refining company, was taken from a Mexican Central railroad train last Thursday when it was attacked, looted and burned by bandits until Villa's personal direction, passengers arriving at the border stated. He was returning to the United States for further treatment for German gas poisoning.

More than a score of soldiers defending the train were killed, latest reports stated.

The attack occurred between Corralitos and Relano, about 400 miles below the border.

James M. Arthur, manager of the Mexican Consolidated Mining company has not been kidnapped by Mexican bandits, but is safe near Nogales, Mexico, the American consul there reported today to the state department.

Mrs. Arthur, who is in Nogales, Arizona, telephoned her father, F. E. Avery, at Columbus, O., yesterday, saying that her husband needed \$2,000 and this was said to have led to the reports that he had been kidnapped.

**Newson and Pickett to
Reconsideration Meeting**

Cornell Newson, secretary of the Richmond Fellowship of Reconciliation, has been appointed local delegate to the western convention of the national fellowship in Oskaloosa, Ia., March 12, 13 and 14. Mr. Newson will leave Wednesday night. Clarence Pickett, president of the local body is to preside at the session of the convention. The two Richmond men will return to Richmond early next week.

The Western Fellowship convention is patterned after the eastern convention held recently. Matters of national and international importance are to be discussed.

Mr. Pickett will go to Oskaloosa from the west coast where he has been traveling with a group of official Friends in behalf of the Friends Forward Movement.

Farm Body Membership Total Rises to 1300

With only a small portion of Wayne township uncanvassed, directors of the Wayne county farmers' federation hope to finish the federation's drive for members soon.

Illness has caused considerable delay in Wayne township, and although all other townships in the county have finished, there remains a small portion of Wayne to be canvassed thoroughly.

The federation now has approximately 1,300 members.

Bryan Asks Withdrawal of Name; Impossible

(By Associated Press)

LANSING, Mich., March 10.—William Jennings Bryan telephoned Secretary of State W. V. Vaughn today, requesting that his name be withdrawn from the Michigan presidential primary.

He was advised by Mr. Vaughn that the state law does not permit withdrawal after certification.

TERRIFIC COST OF SLOW NAVY TOLD BY SIMS

Admiral Says War Would Have Been Over in July, 1918, if His Recommendations Had Been Followed.

SAW THE DANGER POINT

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 10.—Failure of the navy department to co-operate fully in the war during the first six months after America's entry cost half a million lives, 15 billions of dollars, 2,500,000 tons of shipping and prevented a victory over Germany by July, 1918, Rear Admiral Sims told the senate investigating committee today in presenting documentary evidence in support of his charges of delay against the department.

The officer read to the committee recommendations he had made to the department immediately on his arrival in London in 1917. A cablegram sent late in April, 1917, said the critical area where the war would be won or lost was in the eastern Atlantic at the focus of all lines of ocean communication to England and France.

Admiral Sims told the committee that although he repeatedly urged that every destroyer and small craft that could be sent to sea be detached immediately to this area, his recommendation was not complied with until about six months later.

Recommended Brest Base.
He also recommended, he said, that two divisions of the American dreadnaughts be sent to a base on Brest to guard against raids in the English channel by German cruiser forces, but this recommendation was entirely disregarded.

"If the tonnage lost in 1917 had been saved by the prompt co-operation of the navy," he said, "America could have had a million men in France at the beginning of 1918, instead of 300,000."

Admiral Sims said the German offensive of 1918 was due to the failure of the German submarine campaign, and that in all probability it never would have been undertaken and the morale of the German people would have been broken if the American troops had been more promptly dispatched to France.

Saw Victory July, 1918.
He estimated on the basis of what happened when the American forces did arrive that victory could have been achieved by July, 1918, if the tonnage had been preserved.

One American