

## LEGION POLL ON BONUS BILL EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A nationwide poll of the members of the American Legion to determine which particular benefit of the pending bonus bill the members would choose under the optional feature of the bill probably will result from demand of the senate finance committee for an estimate of the immediate financial obligation to the country should the bill be passed.

Sentiment of the committee for such a poll was expressed at a hearing today at which the legislative committee of the Legion appeared to urge immediate action on the bonus bill by the senate. The finance committee had ordered the hearing on the theory that in working out a plan for tax revision it must have some good idea of the possible obligations of the nation in the next two or three years.

**Extent of the Obligation.**  
It was pointed out to the Legion leaders soon after they had appeared before the committee that if all the 4,000,000 ex-service men in the United States entitled to compensation under the law should choose the money bonus of \$1.25 or \$1 a day for service abroad and at home, respectively, the immediate obligation to the United States would be in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000,000. The government is in no position to pay this sum or anything like it, members of the committee agreed.

Thereupon Senators McLean, of Connecticut; Simmons, of North Carolina, and others said to the Legion members that if a majority of the ex-service men should choose under the bill either adjusted service certificate

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cates, vocational training aid or farm or home aid, which are the other three options of the bill, the immediate obligation to the nation would be much less and the government would be in a much better position to pass the bill.

## Chester Keever's House is Destroyed by Fire

HAGERSTOWN, Ind., Dec. 17.—The six-room farm house of Chester Keever, two miles northeast of town, was destroyed by fire early Wednesday evening. The fire probably originated from a stove. Mr. Keever started a fire in the heating stove and left the house. His family had spent the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Keever, and were there when Mr. Keever first saw the blaze. They reached their home too late to save anything. Household goods and clothing were lost. Insurance was carried on the house and contents.

## Masonic Calendar

Friday, Dec. 17.—King Solomon's Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M. Called meeting; work in Mark Master degree.  
Saturday, Dec. 18.—Loyal Chapter, No. 49, O. E. S. Stated meeting.

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