

POLITICAL KETTLE IN ARABIA BOILING WITH MUCH ACTION

(By Associated Press.)
JERUSALEM, July 19.—The Transjordanian country has been invaded by Ibn Saud, Sultan of Nejd, and leader of the powerful Wahabi tribe. Saud has declared hostilities against Abdullah Emir of Transjordan, and at the head of 10,000 well-armed Arabs he is within four-hours march of Amman, the capital of Transjordan, which is about 50 miles east of Jerusalem.

This invasion came without any warning the latter part of May, and it has added materially to the turbulence of Anglo-French relations in this part of the world. It has brought to light what is alleged to be a secret treaty concluded some three months ago between Saud and representatives of the French Republic.

Emir Abdullah realized at once the seriousness of this move by the Wahabis, whose home territory is in the central part of the Arabian peninsula, and did two things: sent a delegation to Saud to negotiate peace, and informed the Palestine government of the true state of affairs. Mr. Phylby, British representative in Amman, and General Ghabib Pasha, composing the delegation to the Wahabis, were seized by Saud's followers and released only after very strong representations to the Wahabis from Sir Wyndham Deeds, the British acting High Commissioner in Palestine. Saud is still encamped within a short distance of Amman.

The alleged secret treaty with France is said to have been negotiated by a Wahabi named Mohammed Pacha el Ousseini. It involves military and political relations and is aimed against Great Britain and her protégés, King Hussein of Hedjaz, King Feisal of Mesopotamia and Emir Abdullah of Transjordan. Its clauses have been published here. They set forth, among other things, that the French government recognizes the sovereignty of Ibn Saud; engages to supply him with money, arms and ammunition and to support him if he is attacked by the governments of Hedjaz, Mesopotamia or Transjordan. In return Saud engages to counteract any tendency toward the formation of an Arab confederation in the Arabian peninsula under the guidance of Great Britain, and to help with troops in case French soldiers in Syria are attacked by troops or irregular bands from Mesopotamia or Transjordan.

It will be recalled that Ibn Saud last year declared war against Hussein, father of Emir Abdullah, and probably would have captured Mecca had it not been for the timely intervention of Great Britain.

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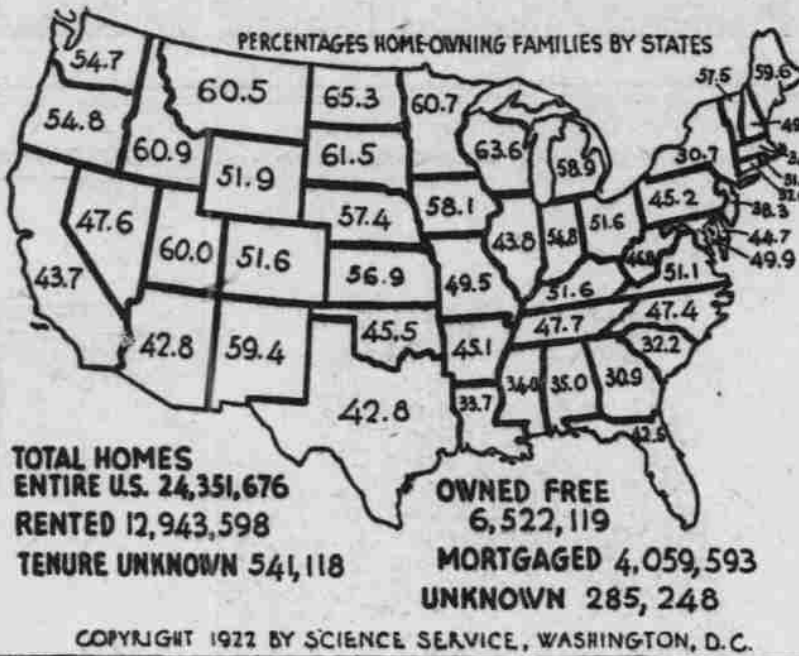
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War Bounties and Pensions

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—Will the Federal government ever be called upon to pay the bonuses voted by the various states to veterans of the World war? This question is suggested by the fact that the congress once took action of substantially that character in connection with another war, and because so many states have decided to reward their soldiers of 1917-1918.

Following the War of the Revolution the first pensions which may be regarded as a form of bonus were paid by the various states, but in 1789 the congress passed an act whereby the general government assumed the payment of such pensions as had been granted by the states and this provision was continued by subsequent legislation. There has been no suggestion as yet that the burdens and obligations of the states incident to the recent war be similarly taken over, but one of these days some worthy congressman may seek to endeavor himself to the people back home by proposing to dip into the federal treasury for the funds that otherwise must come from the state strong boxes. To date 12 of the states have paid or are paying bonuses, while in three others all the necessary steps have been taken except the raising of the money and in eight referendums are to be taken on bonus legislation. In all the bonus appropriations actually made or proposed in these 23 states aggregate considerably more than three hundred million dollars—\$331,739,000, to be exact, according to departmental figures available in Washington. This is not a stupendous sum, as government expenditures go these days, but it represents substantial items in the budgets of some of the states.

Moreover, practically all this state

generosity has been provided for by bond issues and the taxpayers of the various commonwealths will not realize fully the burdens they have assumed until the bonds come due and must be redeemed or refunded. That will be the time when it is most likely that a proposal will be heard to shift the load off on Uncle Sam's broad shoulders. Of course it is improbable that such a scheme would get by as long as only 23 states are interested, but if a sufficient number of the other states place themselves in the bonus column it would be no difficult matter to get the requisite votes for the congressional action indicated.

What the States Pay
Allowances by the states to the veterans take various forms and are of varying amounts. They include pensions for the sick and wounded, assistance for educational and vocational training and cash bonuses. The latter are based on length of service and range from 50 cents to \$1 per day, with maximum payments of from \$100 to \$300.

In connection with state action along this line and the proposed federal bonus it is interesting to review the rewards of war heroes dating back to early colonial days. The New England militia which joined the British army in the invasion of Canada were paid a money bounty, as were those who wintered at Louisbourg in 1760. When the

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Revolutionary war came on volunteers in the Continental army received small grants of money and land from the government, and as the enemy was especially liberal in this respect a competition developed that led Washington at one time to fear the loss of his army unless the congress was more generous. The states gave bounties of varying values, Virginia and New York voting lands, but in 1780 there came a crisis when Washington had to offer \$200 each to retain his veterans, and finally, in order to demobilize his army in 1783, persuaded the Continental congress to give the officers a bonus equivalent to five years' full pay.

Washington himself, by the way, was a beneficiary of the land grants to soldiers of the French and Indian war. Lord Dunmore of Virginia was authorized to offer bounties of land to all officers and soldiers who had served in this war, the grants ranging from 5,000 acres for field officers to 3,000 acres to captains, 200 acres to subalterns or staff officers and 50 acres to privates. Washington secured patents in his own and other officers' names for 63,000 acres, of which his own share was 32,000.

These grants were much larger than those promised officers and privates of the Revolutionary war when colonels were given 500 acres, majors 400, captains 300, lieutenants 200 and non-commissioned officers and enlisted men 100, while major generals received 1,100 acres and brigadiers 850 acres. Four thousand acres were granted under 520,202 warrants. Then came the Civil war and under the Act of 1862 land script worth \$125 per acre was distributed for 9,600,000 acres.

All volunteers in the northern army during the Civil war received cash bounties, cities and states competing with each other and with the federal government, while many individuals hired substitutes to take their places at the front. By 1865, owing to the magnitude of the war and the difficulty of getting recruits, the gratuities which a volunteer could gather in amounted to as much as \$1,500, and "bounty-jumping" had become a business. A man would enlist in one place under one name, hurry to the front, collect his bounty, desert and then go to another locality and repeat the performance under another name. Aside from what the government paid out it is estimated that local and state bounties in this war amounted to more than \$300,000,000.

When we come to the matter of pensions which are deferred bounties or bonuses, it is found that prior to the World war the government had disbursed a grand total of \$5,220,935,393, in addition to establishing and maintaining soldiers' homes. The number of soldiers and sailors in the several wars covered by this expenditure was: Revolutionary war, 184,038; War of 1812, 286,730; Mexican war, 78,718; Indian wars, 83,993; Civil war, 2,213,363; Spanish war 312,000; Philippines and China 146,151; total, 3,304,993. The average pension paid to each enlistment has been \$919.

Official records show that 5,016,832 men and women participated in the World war. Of these 4,350,467 were in the army, 586,302 were in the navy and 80,063 were in the marine corps. If the pensions and bonuses which will eventually go to this great fighting force average substantially the same as the pension payments for other wars it is apparent that the total bill will aggregate something like fifty billion of dollars.

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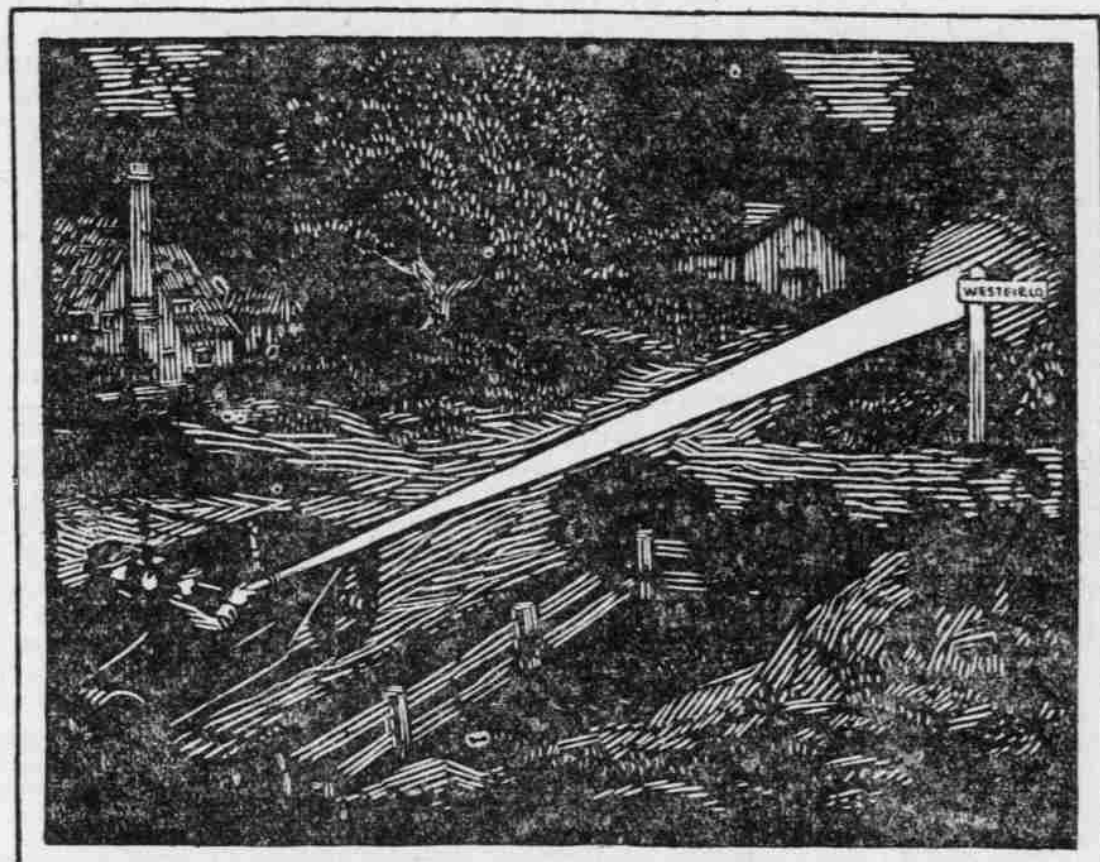
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