

HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVES BONUS PLAN FOR YANKS

May Pay One Dollar for Each Day's Duty of Three Million Men.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—A cash bonus of one dollar for each day's service would be given to approximately 3,000,000 of the 4,800,000 men in the army, navy and marine corps during the war under a plan that has been approved by the bonus sub-committee of the house ways and means committee, it was learned today.

The program, which will be submitted to the full committee for approval during this week, calls for an expenditure of slightly less than \$1,000,000,000 which is to be raised by the one-half of one percent on all sales. It is considered very likely that this plan will be the one which will be submitted to the house in the near future.

ELIMINATE SEVERAL CLASSES

With the purpose of limiting the bonus to those who endured heavy financial sacrifices during the war, the sub-committee has eliminated several classes of service men from the groups entitled to benefits, the total number eliminated being estimated at 1,800,000.

Among these classes are:

Those who served less than 60 days because these men did not receive the one-half of one percent bonus.

The men who were assigned to industrial plants, such as shipbuilding and received extra compensation therefor.

All officers.

Men in the regular army before the declaration of war.

Men who, while serving in the army, received compensation from their employers or business interests.

No man would be given the bonus until he applied for it, and this, it is believed, would reduce the total expenditure, as many service men who have wealth are not expected to ask the extra compensation.

The committee is to come to an affidavit that they are not in any of the above classes. The plan calls for payment of the bonus in four equal installments and the sales taxes are to be collected in the corresponding periods.

The average service, the sub-committee has been informed, is 18 months, making the average bonus about \$100.

Hard on "Shave Tails."

Men who were promoted to be commissioned officers would be paid only for the time they served as enlisted men. The committee is now waiting for estimates from the treasury department as to exactly how much can be raised by the elimination of the military estimates, places the amount at about \$1,500,000,000.

The levying of this tax also would be in the nature of an experiment as there is sentiment in congress for having it replace some of the other taxes later. For the present, however, it must be in addition to all other taxes.

The committee plan all business with total sales of less than \$1,500 a year and all small farmers should be exempted. The tax would not be paid by stamp as is the case in the present consumption levies.

Its collection, it is believed, would be simple. All business concerns at the time of every three months after the passage of the law would simply pay one-half of one percent on their total sales.

SOUTH BEND BRANCH OF PURDUE ALUMNI HOLD FIRST MEETING

High School Notes

"When will the doors be opened?" is the much heard question around the high school corridors. Even the seniors voiced it in their assembly chorus, "See, the doors are open." Last October the main entrance was closed because of the danger of the stone work. The entrance is badly defaced by the damage, and the stone work continues to crumble but no work of reconstruction has as yet been started, so students pause and ask again, "When will the doors be opened?"

PROM COMMITTEE TO MEET.

The junior-senior prom committee will meet Thursday at 3:20 o'clock. The committee, composed of Miss Klingel, sponsor of the junior class; Elva Yeasley, Mary Taylor, Josephine Doran, William Davis, William Jackson and Hiller Kreighbaum, all seniors. The senior committee is composed of Miss Clark, sponsor of the senior class; Arthur Russell, Leslie Andrus, Catherine Swintz, Rachael Davis, Vera Clauer and Franklin Wahl.

\$30,000 CONTEST IS ON.

Robert Perinton has just completed a photodrama entitled "\$30,000," starring Warren Kerrigan as a young lawyer who comes into possession of \$30,000 left mysteriously in his office. What should he do with it? This is the question open to any high school student in the United States, and for the most logical answer, the author offers a prize of \$100 and a \$50 can be given for the school; \$50 is offered as the second prize, and \$25 as the third. All letters must be mailed before May 15.

MATERNAL INSTINCT OF COW LEADS IT TO ADOPT A FAWN

WOODLAND, Calif., April 13.—A bull calf, said to be the finest bred Holstein in the world, was born recently at the A. W. Morris ranch near here. Its dam is Tilly Alcartra who holds seven years' world record for milk production, and the sire is Carnation King Syria, owned by the Carnation Stock farm, Seattle, purchased as a calf by the present owners for \$106,000.

Fire LOSSES NO. 7—

MANILA, P. L., April 13.—Fire losses in Manila during 1918 were the largest in the history of the city, amounting to \$10,000,000 according to the annual report of the fire department. The losses in 1918 amounted to \$6,500,000. The large increase is attributed to the fact that fire fighting equipment has not kept pace with the growth of the city.

GIVE UNIQUE NAMES TO STUDENTS' ROOMS

STRIKE HINGES ON CLOSED SHOP

Both Sides Say When This is Settled, Strike Will be Over.

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banding and then if committees and arbitration was unable to make reasonable progress, an appeal should be made to the department of labor or some other neutral agency.

In opening the meeting, the government representative, Fred Both, told the group, "I am going to obtain a demonstration of unreasonable and unfairness." He declared that it was the most flagrant case of misunderstanding that has come to his attention during his service with the department of labor, in which he settled 56 labor controversies. He charged the employers' chief troubleshooter in their refusal to back up from their original stand, declaring that a settlement was in

possible unless both factions were ready and willing to make concessions. The employers, however, through the officials of their organization claimed no union with bad faith, stating "they had already come more than half way."

BOTH SIDES OBSTINATE.

Charges and counter charges were thrown back and forth with no apparent sign of a settlement possible during the early stages of the session. At one time it even appeared that the meeting would be broken up when individuals of both sides picked up their coats and prepared to leave the room. They were halted, however, when the commissioner said that an adjournment would be in order when he adjourned the meeting and that nothing of that sort would be countenanced.

Labor representatives positively stated that they would hold out for their original demands of 75 cents per hour saying that about 400 of their associates had already left the city in response to the strike in Detroit, R. W. Larsen, Mich., and Gary, Ind., where higher wages were being paid. Contractors denied that a higher wage scale was in effect in Lansing and Detroit, asserting that the scale was lower in those cities. It is claimed that the scale of 65 cents an hour for common labor as agreed by the contractors during the negotiations preceding the strike was based on wages paid in other Indiana cities.

The laborites in turn said that they had conclusive evidence that certain concerns were importing men here for the purpose of breaking the strike with the tempting offer of 80 cents an hour.

Predicting a catastrophe for South Bend unless an agreement is reached shortly, Commissioner Both put his proposal to the delegates as a final effort to bring the questions to an amicable settlement.

Places hardest hit by the strike were Detroit, Mich.; Gary, Ind.; the Illinois mine fields; St. Louis and Chicago.

For eight days Gary failed to receive a carload of coal and the big steel mills there laid off workers by the thousands and causing a daily loss in wages and business of several million dollars. Despite this, the situation was improved with several roads lifting freight embargoes.

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Approximately 80,000 workers were reported idle in Detroit, Ky., and other Michigan towns swelled the total of unemployed another 18,000.

About half the coal miners of Illinois were idle and 45,000 miners were out of employment, according to Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois miners.

More than 100,000 were idle here. Some laborers returned to work at the stockyards, but there were still 40,000 stockyards workers idle. Steel mills in South Chicago laid off many thousands.

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