

## RELIEF BILL NOW WITH CONFEREES

**Administration Leaders Believe Amendments Will Be Adjusted Quickly**

### EASILY PASSES SENATE

**Only 18 Votes Against Measure After Week of Acrimonious Debate**

**Washington, Jan. 23.—Passed by the Senate after a week's debate, the bill appropriating \$150,000,000 for food relief in European and Near East countries went to conference today with administration leaders in both houses firmly of the opinion that minor amendments by the Senate can be adjusted and President Wilson's request finally granted early next week.**

**Senate members of the conference committee, selected late yesterday after the measure had been passed by the Senate by a vote of 33 to 18, are Senators Martin, of Virginia; Overman, of North Carolina, and Warren, of Wyoming. The principal amendment by the Senate would substitute for the House section against using any of the appropriation for enemy peoples a provision that neither the U.S. nor its allies would be liable to the debts of the Allies.**

**The small vote recorded against the measure was a surprise to its sponsors, as nearly the entire Republican membership of the Senate and several Democratic Senators had voted against the bill while it was being discussed.**

**When the vote was finally recorded, however, nineteen Republicans voted for it, while fifteen voted against it. Only three Democrats voted against the measure.**

#### Borah and La Follette Attack

**Senators Borah, Republican, and La Follette, Republican, of Wisconsin made the final attacks upon the bill. Senator Borah maintained yesterday of previous days against "waking the masters" and again charged that the bill was "inspired" by the packers and Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, before Mr. Hoover left for Europe, so that the packers could obtain the surplus surplus of meat they had stored in the United States and in England.**

**Senator La Follette declared the money might be better spent in providing employment for workmen and discharged soldiers at home.**

**The vote on the bill was as follows:**

For the Bill—43	Democrats—38
Against the Bill—10	Republicans—15
Gore	
Borah	
Fernald	
France	
Harding	
Knox	

**Knox Explains Vote**

**In announcing his intention of voting for the bill, Senator Knox declared that he was still convinced of the necessity for the appropriation. He said:**

**"In all legislative experience, I have never seen anything so difficult to make up my mind as to what my duty in the circumstances was. The manner in which this proposition has been presented to Congress has been so inadequate, so vague and so difficult of classification, that it is hard to feel willing to support it."**

**St. Gervais would be ever unwilling to fall in with a measure, even a moderately moderate, if the Allied Government agreed upon by the Inter-Allied council that properly clarified and modified certain well-known principles of the League of Nations. I have therefore concluded that the bill I have introduced will be voted in favor of the appropriation asked."**

**"My difficulty in reaching this conclusion has been greatly increased by a very grave anxiety as to the possibility of poverty, suffering and homelessness in our own country, which is in our first duty to prevent and also to do whatever we can to help the Allies in their efforts to reconstruct the world after the war."**

**"The Penrose amendment, however, is a stand alone of three to be an amendment to the bill, and the amendment to the Senate was defeated."**

**The second Penrose amendment provides that so far as food shall be expended for the purchase of wheat to be donated preference shall be given to grain grown in the United States," was added.**

#### VILLA TURNS BOLSHEVIST

**Bandit Now Plans to Reform Economic Conditions**

**Washington, Jan. 23.—After a week's debate, the Senate today voted to confirm the appointment of Villa as Minister of Finance, and returned to the Senate a bill concerning an amendment to the bill, which was introduced by Senator John Sargeant, of New Hampshire, and Thomas F. Durkin, of Massachusetts. Both bills were withdrawn by Senator Sargeant, who announced that Alexander S. Noyes, of Worcester, and George W. Ladd, of Boston, had been appointed to the important posts of finance minister and reformed bandit.**

**Germans Release Philadelphia Men**

**These prisoners, who had been held for two years, were released from the prison of Hanover, Germany, to-day, and returned to Philadelphia, having been exchanged for German prisoners held in France. The men were captured in 1917, and were held in the prison of Hanover, Germany, until now.**

**Walter Baker & Co. Ltd., the largest manufacturer of chocolate in the world, has been awarded the contract to supply the British Army with 100,000 boxes of chocolate per month for the duration of the war.**

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## LOANS TO ALLIES DECREASE

**Only \$170,000,000 This Month. Usual Amount \$100,000,000**

**Washington, Jan. 23.—By A. P. Andrew, acting director of the Bureau of the Budget, it was indicated that at this time since the nation entered the war, only \$170,000,000 has been paid to the Allies, and that this was caused principally by the continuation of shipments of food for payment, of which the American credit had been largely used. The Congress, it was said, had enacted the pending bill advocated by the Treasury, to allow loans to the Allies, but the amount of such loans, it was indicated, officials do not know for much change in the present low rate of demands on the American credit.**

**Total credits extended by the Treasury have amounted to \$8,385,773,000, but only \$7,543,816,000 actually has been paid to the Allies, it was said. The Liberal and Radical parties never have presented claims for payments. Russia has paid \$127,000,000 to her credit, but has not applied for money since the revolution.**

## PENROSE OFFERS HOPE TO WAR CONTRACTS

**Predicts Revenue Bill Requirement of Reports Will Be Dropped or Modified**

**By a Staff Correspondent**

**Washington, Jan. 23.—Senator Boss Penrose of Pennsylvania, during his publication of the Finance Committee's proposed budget, to-day, that the Senate and House conferees on the war revenue bill either would strike out or make harmless the administrative features concerning regulation by individuals and corporations who contracted with the government.**

**These administrative changes, contained in Section 1492 of the war revenue bill, would have brought a heavy protest to congress from all persons who consider that they would be harassed endlessly by them, without any benefit to the government.**

**The objectionable paragraphs provide for individual partnership and corporation tax liability arising in the war period with the government for the performance of any work or supplies of any materials shall file with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and with the Attorney General, within six months of the passing of the act, a copy of every contract with the government for any work and labor performed and materials and property supplied and accounting of all money received, expended, incurred and profits realized.**

**It is expected that the other conferees on the war revenue bill, and I believe the objectionable paragraphs will be stricken out entirely or made innocuous," said Senator Penrose today. "The carrying out of these administrative features would be of no benefit to the government, as the tenants which contracts were made during the war already have copies of them on file.**

**"I think the provisions may be changed so that the Internal Revenue department, after receiving information, I don't believe that any burden will be placed on the government will want it, or that it will ever be requested."**

#### MOUSE IN HIS MILK

**New York Man Says Shock Made Him Ill**

**New York, Jan. 23.—New York man says he was shocked to death by a mouse in his milk.**

**George H. Blum, 225, Susquehanna Street, Bronx, N. Y., says he was shocked to death by a mouse in the beverage whose name was some kind of milk punch, he said, taken in the walls of his house long before grape juice was ever heard of.**

**The following women are owners of personal property who are taxed on returns in excess of \$200,000:**

**Mrs. E. Glazier**

**James H. Glazier**

**Mrs. J. Houston**

**Mrs. W. M. Morgan**

**Ruth W. Morgan**

**John W. Morgan**