

MCNARY ASKS LAND AID FOR VETERANS

Opportunity to Assist in Empire Building Now Before Congress, Says Senator

WOULD AMEND BONUS BILL

Washington, Aug. 28.—Congress has an opportunity to do a grand thing in empire building in connection with the soldiers' bonus, Senator McNary of Oregon, declared today in a statement in urging his proposed amendment to that measure.

Calling attention to the fact that the Government had provided an aid fund for veterans, he argued that there was no good reason for the abandonment of this national policy at this time.

"This amendment is not novel in any of its provisions," he said. "Its purpose and scope are to encourage the development of the agricultural resources of the United States through preference in the matter of employment and the establishment of rural homes to those who have served in the military and naval forces of the United States in the World War, the Spanish-American War and the Philippine insurrection.

"It contemplates an ultimate expenditure for reclamation of about 1,000,000 acres of land in the United States to the sum of \$250,000,000. The amendment does not supersede or displace the present reclamation law. That law will continue to operate exclusively in its present field."

Senator McNary quoted from reports of Secretary Fall and other Federal officials showing that thousands of veterans desired land aid.

Marguerite Walz Defends Brother

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She had gone away to rest. Captain White refused to discuss the case. It was said that the woman had spent some time in the West in motion picture work, and during the war had come home in a lieutenant colonel's uniform. She had suffered severe burns, and had told her friends that she had been a camera man in Russia and had been burned when a film exploded.

The Edgewater authorities admitted today that they are looking for another woman, a girl about sixteen years old, who is believed to have been in the house when the shooting occurred.

She is described as a tall, slender blonde, about sixteen years old, who came to Edgewater from New York the night of the shooting on the same ferryboat with Kline and Bergen, and proceeded to the Kline home in a taxi.

Kline, locked up in the Hackensack jail, will claim the "sunburn law" as his defense, it is understood. Bergen's body was taken to New York today, where the funeral will be held.

Atlantic City police today looked at a photograph of Bergen and said they believed he might be a John Bergen arrested at the recent last summer on charges of larceny, ordered by an actress named Edna "Bonnie" Brown.

The woman's apartment in the Elberon Hotel was leased for \$200 a week, and jewelry, furs and wearing apparel she never appeared against the man the police say looks like the man who was murdered.

Prosecutor Hart declared at Edgewater today the case was one of "cold-blooded murder, premeditated murder, and I shall have no difficulty in proving a first-degree case."

After two days of investigation, Mr. Hart said without hesitation that he disbelieves Kline's story of his proposal to Bergen that they fight a pistol duel in a darkened upstairs room. He is convinced that when Bergen went to Kline's house, at the latter's invitation, the latter was armed with a pistol and deliberately set for him and from which it was not meant he should escape alive.

Kline's brother, who visited the jail with Miss Walz, was assured that Kline had used this name instead of Walter, and he became confused and embarrassed. He questioned the statement that Miss Walz was Kline's sister.

Slain Movie Actor



JACK BERGEN Screen actor, who was murdered in the home of George Kline at Edgewater, N. J.

Mr. Bergen, until told that she came in answer to a telegram sent to Kline in that name. None of the members of Kline's family or that of his wife would say anything about the matter. It was recalled that in one of the notes found on his body Bergen had referred to Kline as "Atlas George Walz."

Kline told the prosecutor two stories of the tragedy, the only material point of difference being that in the version first told, he said his wife and her two brothers, Charles and Lawrence Scullion, were witnesses, while in the second story he described the death struggle as having taken place in his bedroom in the dark, with no one present except Bergen and himself.

Admitting his first story was a lie, invented under the influence of liquor which he drank just after the shooting, the story he now alleges to be the truth is in effect that Bergen attacked his wife six weeks ago and he learned of it from her father and telephoned Bergen to come to his home and "clear up" the matter.

No Chance, Says Prosecutor

Bergen, whose brother James said Kline telephoned John to call on him about a moving picture "job" he had for him, went to the Kline home Friday night about 9 o'clock. Kline said he, his wife and her brothers, talked this matter over with Bergen, who finally admitted he had attacked Mrs. Kline. Then Kline proposed the duel, and pistol in hand, forced Bergen to mount a chair, aimed at him. In the room he handed Bergen a German-made pistol, retaining the American-made weapon he carried for himself. As Kline reached up to light the lights, Mrs. Kline attempted to intervene, he or Bergen pulled the trigger.

Mrs. Kline, the woman in the tragic triangle, has been in a state of near-collapse since the shooting. She spent Sunday with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Scullion, who, with her brother, lived at 1322 Underhill avenue, Edgewater, next door to the Kline home, which is closed. Mr. Scullion said he spent the day telling Mrs. Kline "romantic stories" to help her get her mind away from the tragedy. He indicated that the newspapers had got everything upside down. Mrs. Kline would see no one and none of the Scullion family would talk further of the case.

Mrs. Mary Bergen (she insists that is the correct spelling of Bergen's name), who identified Bergen's body as that of the man who married her in 1917, and deserted her one year later, just before her daughter, Margaret, was born, was seen at the home of her father, Hugh Whitten, a retired policeman. She said Mrs. Kline's rooming house to her indicated Bergen liked that type of woman or knew the type would like him. Bergen was always "broke" and always out of work.

INCREASE COKE FURNACES

Steel Plants Are Also Installing Oil-Burning Appliances

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 28.—(By A. P.)—The Bethlehem Steel Company has started an additional battery of coke ovens at the Steelton plant and will increase the number of furnaces.

Other iron and steel plants in the Harrisburg district are installing oil-burning appliances and increase scales of operations are reported.

Davis-Lewis Coal Conference Fails

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The Cabinet's labor representative was called at Broad Street Station and sent through a brief "third degree" on the situation.

He was easily trailed there, as his white flannel trousers and other very summery attire made a color flash in the crowd on the street when the House committee began a five-hour hearing on a companion bill presented by Chairman Winslow, with the intention of making a report before night and bringing the bill into the House tomorrow.

Coal Loadings Increase

A new high watermark for coal loadings since the strike began was announced by the Association of Railroad Executives, whose figures for last Friday, the latest available, showed that on that day 21,860 cars were loaded. The highest previous total since the strike began in April was 19,043 cars on August 21. On the basis of figures already received, the association announced that loadings for the whole of last week probably exceeded 6,250,000 tons.

In promptly voting approval of the distribution and priority bill, members of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee took the position that the whole question would have to be threshed out on the floor of the Senate, and that it was useless for the committee to waste time debating it. It was said also that the committee action had bound none of the members to support the measure on the floor.

Commissioner Aitchison, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, a member of the presidential committee now conducting the informal coal-control system, told the House Commerce Committee that the opening of the mines would be the unanimous judgment of officials concerned that the Winslow bill or some similar enactment was essential, though he considered that the bill as now being passed. He said that in the week to come, taking an optimistic view, "we may expect 8,000,000 tons of coal produced."

Could Force Fair Prices

Mr. Aitchison explained that the bill would allow the division by the President of an emergency, in which the Interstate Commerce Commission would have complete power to focus the movement of coal in commerce to the best public use, and to use the control over transportation to force fair and reasonable prices, the level of which would be determined by a Federal fuel distributing agency, also authorized by the bill.

"It is obvious that the opportunity for raising prices and extortionate profits lies in the general shortage," Mr. Aitchison continued, "and the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission now being exercised are not broad enough to let us give or refuse cars to producers solely on the basis of their compliance or non-compliance with fair price levels."

Edgar Wallace, a representative of the American Federation of Labor, said the bill generally was satisfactory to labor organizations, but that the price-establishing power was dangerous and unnecessary. The mere establishing of Government power to regulate the distribution of coal in emergency levels.

Lansdowne Wins Traction Fight

Lansdowne has won in the long fight with the Southern Traction Company for the repair of the streets and pike. An agreement has been signed which makes the traction company start the repair of the streets and pike this week. The fight has been going on since 1909.

Harding Determined Coal Must Be Moved

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favorable report today on the Cummins bill to create a coal distribution agency and to extend the authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission over priority of shipments, and it was indicated that the measure probably would be taken up in the Senate itself in the week. At the same time the House committee began a five-hour hearing on a companion bill presented by Chairman Winslow, with the intention of making a report before night and bringing the bill into the House tomorrow.

Hoover Before Committee

Secretary Hoover told the committee that if the Winslow bill were passed, "we hope that control may be necessary for not more than ninety days, but it may be extended for six months."

He estimated that 2,000,000 tons of bituminous coal a week was necessary for railroads, 750,000 for public utility, and 300,000 for governmental, hospital and miscellaneous essential use.

"We rely on approximations of requirements made during war time," he said, "in concluding that a distribution of 9,000,000 tons per week would prevent any general closing up of industry. We hope with rapidly increasing production there is nothing in this bill to prevent that."

The Winslow bill, Mr. Hoover declared, incorporated the most facile and flexible workable suggestions we have for dealing with the situation.

"Notwithstanding in a changing situation such as we have to face," he added, "we might have to come to Congress in two weeks and ask for something else."

To Prevent Profiteering

Secretary Hoover told the committee that the bill's enactment was necessary "to put some restraint on prices and profiteering in coal."

"We are now getting resumption of mining," he said, "but are faced with prospects of derangement of transportation, leading to a possible continuance of coal famine. Now, the usual defects of unchecked price in the economic field is that it leads to increased production, but in this industry the total production will be limited by the capacity of the transportation machine. Enhanced price will give no increase in production, while shortage may be enforced by the stoppage of the railroads, and consequent deterioration of locomotive power."

Control must be maintained on the current production, he said, even though coal output increased sharply, because the Northwest had to be supplied, and because stocks had to be built up before winter.

"All this means," he continued, "that railroads, in a weakened condition, may be unable to carry the load. There must be a continuation, and there must be a restraint on prices."

"I want to say for the coal mine operators that the largest majority of them wish to prevent unfair prices and to do business on an equitable basis. They are conscious of the disrepute into which the industry is brought by about 30 per cent of the coal mine owners, who have taken the opportunity to exact extortionate prices."

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WAY UNION'S RIGHT TO ACT IS ATTACKED

Chicago, Aug. 28.—(By A. P.)—Seniority and new organizations of railroad employees were thrust forward by ten eastern railroads today before the Railroad Labor Board when the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railroad Shop Laborers began a hearing on pleas for an increase in minimum wages from twenty-three to forty-eight cents an hour.

The seniority question, which has been the chief stumbling block over which efforts to end the railway shopmen's strike have several times failed, came to the front when John G. Walber, representing eastern railroads, questioned the right of the United Brotherhood to represent employees on the ten roads.

In the same way new organizations were injected into the proceedings when Mr. Walber declared that as a result of strikes of maintenance men at points on the ten lines, the maintenance union could not represent the majority of track men and shop laborers on those roads.

E. F. Grable, president of the maintenance union, was given until tomorrow morning to reply to Mr. Walber's contentions.

Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the Labor Board, pointed out that under Decision No. 1, in 1920 in connection with the switchmen's strike the board had ruled that strikers were outside the jurisdiction of the board until they returned to work. Chairman Hooper asked that Mr. Grable consider that decision of the board in making his reply tomorrow.

The hearing today was started with two of the labor members out of the city.

When the hearing opened Mr. Grable made a statement presenting the maintenance men's demands, in which he said that Senator Cummins plans an amendment to the Eech-Cummins Transportation Act, setting forth the intent of the law that all workers shall have a living wage.

Grable Emphasizes Three Points

Mr. Grable in his statement emphasized three points:

"First, That the board recognize a living wage as the basis of the decision in this case.

"Second, That in applying this principle, a minimum rate of not less than forty-eight cents an hour be awarded to all our members who under the last wage decision are receiving twenty-eight cents an hour or less.

"Third, That for those who are now receiving more than twenty-eight cents

GREEK FORCES ATTACKED

Turkish Nationalists Begin Offensive in Asia Minor

Athens, Aug. 28.—(By A. P.)—The expected offensive by the Turkish Nationalists against the Greek forces in Asia Minor appears to have begun, although the extent of the operations is not yet known here. The Kemalists, however, had several divisions against the Greek Nationalists yesterday in an attempt to break through the Greek front, but an official statement received from Smyrna says they were repulsed.

TO DISCUSS COAL PRIORITY

Public Utility Bodies to Confer With State Commissions

Harrisburg, Aug. 28.—(By A. P.)—Representatives of various public utility associations will meet tomorrow with the officers of the State Fuel and Public Service Commissions to consider appointment of an advisory committee to act with the commissions in the event of plans in regard to priority coal orders will be issued shortly.

Shipping Board Counsel Resigns

Washington, Aug. 28.—(By A. P.)—Chairman Lathrop announced today the resignation of Elmer Schleyer, vice president and general counsel of the Shipping Board, effective September 1. Mr. Schleyer will become associated with the law firm of Starnes & Levy, of New York. No successor has been selected.

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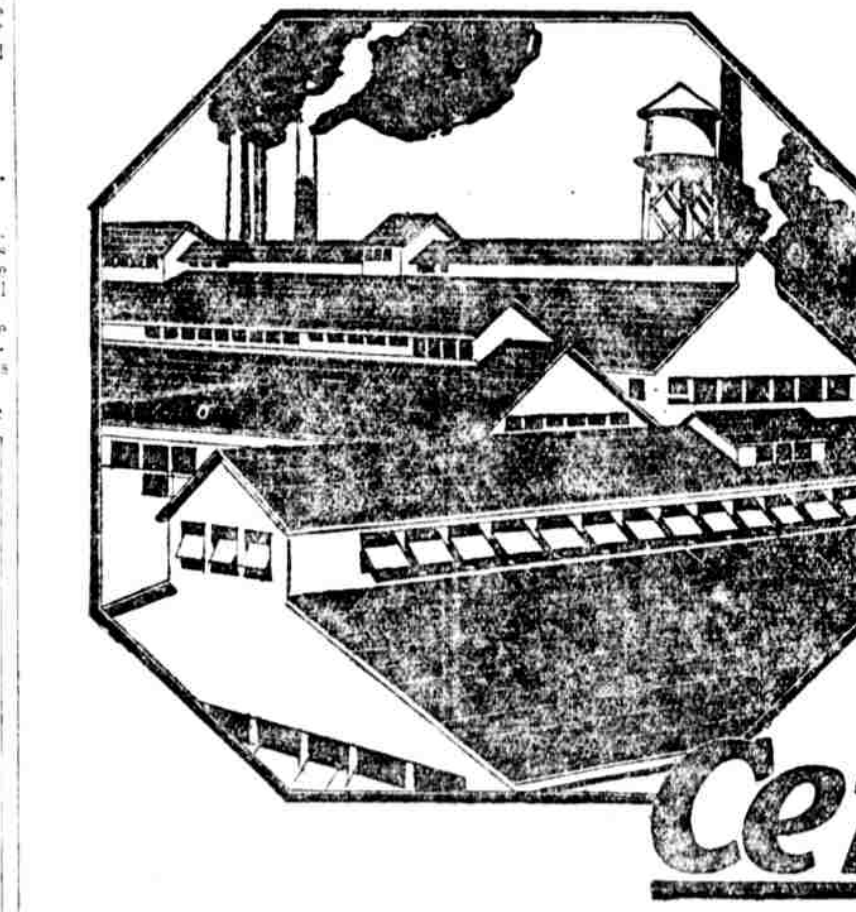
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