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Tonight and Tomorrow
6:30-8:30 6:30-8:30

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VETERANS PRESENT ARGUMENT FOR ADJUSTED COMPENSATION

(The American Legion has supplied us with the following argument in favor of the adjusted compensation bill now pending in congress. We are pleased to publish it on behalf of the former service men.—Editor.)

When the war closed it was costing the people of the United States \$44,000,000 per day, and the rate of expenditure was increasing rapidly. In other words, the war was costing the people a billion and a half per month of immediate expenditure, in addition to contracts for nearly \$25,000,000,000 of material which had been let. (See Statistics of General Staff.) About thirty days before the armistice Marshal Foch and Secretary Baker met in a little village of France and devoted the entire day to checking up the demands that were to be made upon the United States for men and material for the next ten months. The marshal's plan was to put forth his greatest effort in the late spring and early summer of 1919. He hoped to win the war then. Nobody expected it sooner.

The people of this country were gladly paying the bill, gladly undertaking to pay the bill for the future. That ten months' operation, at the very lowest estimate, would have cost the people of the United States forty billions of dollars.

End Was Surprise

It is history that the war came to an end with dramatic suddenness. It was totally unexpected by the Allies. The plan was to make as much progress as possible in the fall of 1918 and then dig in for the winter, as had been done in the previous years.

What brought the war to a close so suddenly? It was the dash, the courage, the reckless expenditure of life and munitions, the irresistible strength of an enormous army of fresh young Americans who could not be held back, whose breach of the Hindenburg line and unprecedented struggle through the Argonne broke down the morale of the German forces, showed them the folly of further resistance, and was directly responsible for the mutiny at Kiel and the revolution behind the lines in Germany which disorganized the entire government and the military forces with it.

These forty billions of dollars were saved to the people of America as a direct result of the sacrifice and courage of American soldiers—the very same soldiers who now ask that the people of America readjust their war-time pay, not as a gift, not as a charity, but as a simple act of justice.

Here Is Precedent

There is a precedent for it. The civilian employes of the government during the great war numbered hundreds of thousands. During the war they got a 10 per cent bonus on their salaries, and for five straight years after the close of the war both houses of congress have almost unanimously voted them this same bonus. The taxpayers have not complained of that. What is there about the service rendered by the soldiers, the sacrifices they made, their loyal conduct since the war, that they should be discriminated against? What license has the man who sat in his easy-chair during the war and profited from the heroism and sacrifices of our boys to complain against paying his share of the taxes to do these boys the scant justice that they ask?

They saved us forty billion dollars. It will cost us less than 10 per cent

FAITHFUL

The southern lady saw old Rastus setting out with his fishing tackle for a day on the river, and she deemed it a fitting time to rebuke him for his notorious idleness, since she and everybody else knew that the entire family was supported by the industry of Rastus' old wife as a washer-woman.

"Rastus," she said severely, "do you think it's right to leave your wife hard at work over the washtub while you pass your time fishing?" "Yassum, ma'am," replied the old darky earnestly. "It's all right. Mah wife don't need any watchin'. She'll wuk jes' as hard as if I was dah."

MOOSE TO MEET

The charter members of the new lodge of Moose that will be installed here soon will be the guests of District Deputy George R. Hall at a meeting and supper on Wednesday evening, Feb. 20, at the Ferncroft cafe at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Hall has received word that if he can have the lodge installed before March 15 the supreme dictator of the Loyal Order of Moose will be present to make a few remarks.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McVey left Sunday for Banning, where Mr. McVey will remain for some time. Mrs. McVey returned to Torrance Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Babcock and Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Babcock and Leonard Babcock were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Albert and L. W. Babcock of Glendale.

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of that sum, scattered over a period of fifty years, to grant them the bonus. And if it is true that the consumer does, after all, pay the taxes, it must not be forgotten that these boys and their fathers and mothers and wives and brothers and sisters will be paying their share of the taxes from which the readjustment will be paid.

Examples of Others

Every other decent nation has readjusted its soldiers' pay—even Russia. Americans are generous to our peoples. Why not be just to our own? We rewarded the civilian employes with cash bonuses—we paid ship and munition workers—incidentally wages—the big moneyed interests fattened on war profits—and yet we asked our soldiers to give up their jobs and their chance to get some of the good things, and paid them a wage of \$30 a month—a wage fixed arbitrarily years before the war. They went uncomplainingly, with full confidence that the country would do them justice.

And the people, every place they have had a chance, have shown what they think about it. The state bonuses have passed by votes of nearly 3 to 1 in twenty of the northern states.

It is the government that has denied the bonus—the people's government. True, congress passed the bill overwhelmingly, but it was vetoed. And congress will pass it again in 1924 and keep on passing it till the government can hear the voice of the people above the din of the "what you-call-em's." For the people are determined to do justice.

Really the men are moderate. And we must admit they are patient. They have almost been called traitors. Commercial organizations have rallied at them. But you can't scare them. And they are wise. They know where

the anti-bonus campaign originated and they have an idea how it is financed. They don't need to be told about patriotism. They have proved theirs. They're not asking pay for patriotism. They're asking pay for time put in the job. They were only half paid. Everybody else got paid for his time—demanded it in advance. The soldier did his job and then asked for his pay at a rate we would have been ashamed to ask any other man to work for.

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