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MELLON TRIED TO SANDBAG BONUS

New York Democrat Flays
Secretary of Treasury in
Address Today.

BENEFITING WEALTHY

Says Mellon's Plan is for the
Purpose of Reducing Sur-
taxes of Rich—Bonus
Must Not Die.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Charging
that Secretary Mellon had "attempted
to sandbag the bonus, using a
formidable weapon, the pocketbook
of the nation," Senator Copeland,
New York, told the senate today
he did not consider tax reduction
and the soldier bonus "so related
that one must die if the other
lives."

Pointing out that the treasury
secretary had said that in the long
run the surtax reduction which he
had introduced would bring an estimated
increase in revenue of \$102,000,000,
Senator Copeland proposed that this
be used as the basis for the payment
of the bonus.

Declaring in favor of all cash pay-
ments to the service men at the rate
of \$15 for each day of service, Sen-
ator Copeland said the total of \$11-
\$11,717,242 could be retired in thirty
years with a payment of one hun-
dred million dollars yearly, seventy
million in interest and twenty
million in principal.

Should the additional revenue Mr.
Mellon has promised not be realized,
Senator said, the surtax would
be restored "because the bonus must
be paid."

The real purpose of the Mellon
plan, of course, is to reduce the
surtaxes on the rich," Senator Copeland
declared. "And the taxes are cut in
half from 50 to 25 per cent. The
rest of us, as usual under a republi-
can administration, get only the
 crumbs."

And so insistent is Mr. Mellon on
the big cut in surtaxes, that he re-
fuses to take anything less, refuses
a compromise at 35 per cent, threat-
ening to withdraw his bill if the
promise is urged. If press re-
ports can be relied upon, the
president shares his views.

The great business men with
whom I have discussed in New York
flatly admitting that the bonus
must be paid, have begged me to get
out of the way in one lump. With
this in mind, I shall present in due
time a bonus bill providing for im-
mediate cash payments, such as I
have outlined."

Senator Copeland declared that if
the bonus were paid in cash he would
unflinchingly oppose when it came
providing the funds to issuing of
suspense bonds.

He declared it was time the fed-
eral government gave the country an
example of the proper methods in
financing public projects.

Three Questions Up
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Taxes,
soldier bonus, farm aid and Rus-
sian reparations were subjects to which
congress was given attention either in debate
on the floor or in committee.

The house ways and means com-
mittee continued today on the ad-
ministrative provisions of the Mellon
tax bill, while awaiting the party
conference of house republicans on
whether a bonus measure is to be
reported ahead of tax revisions.

Showdown Assured
(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—A show-
down among house republicans on
the soldier bonus was assured to-
day by the issuance of a formal call
for a conference Thursday night for
discussion of the question. The call
went out by representative Anderson
of Minnesota, chairman of the com-
mittee, was so worded to permit
consideration of taxation and other
pending legislation.

With former service men in the
press pressing for action on the bon-
us before the end of the month, the
publican organization redoubled
its efforts meantime to keep the Mel-
lon tax bill from being displaced
by the tentative legislative program.
The republican leaders want the ways
and means committee to complete its
consideration of the tax bill before
taking up the bonus, but the soldier
bonus is intended to introduce at the con-
ference a resolution instructing the
committee to lose no time in re-
porting the bonus bill.

Coolidge Opposes Plan
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—President
Coolidge regards the surtax provi-
sions of the Garner democratic tax
program as disregarding the prin-
ciple that the government should en-
courage investment of capital in busi-
ness enterprises rather than in tax



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HON. ANDREW W. MELLON
Secretary of the Treasury

DR. HOUCK IS HEAD OF BOARD

Roseburg Physician Elected
President of the State
Board of Health.

RULING IS RECEIVED

Board of Health May Insist on
Antitoxins to Stop Dip-
theria According to
Decision Today.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Jan. 8.—The state board
of health, if it elects, may insist on
antitoxins for the people arresting
diphtheria, according to an opinion
today submitted by the attorney gen-
eral at the annual conference of the
state board. Officials of the organi-
zation, which today held its annual
election, said, however, that at the
present time the board does not seek
to avail itself of such a privilege.

Another opinion, aired for the first
time at the meeting today, held that,
despite the provisions of a law enacted
by the 1923 legislature, physicians
of the state may have narcotics in
their possession. I. H. Van Winkle,
attorney general, held that, although
the 1923 law does not exclude physi-
cians in its clause which forbids pos-
session of narcotics, it is superseded
by the 1921 law to which the 1923
legislation is merely an amendment.

Dr. George E. Houck, of Roseburg,
was elected president of the board.
He will succeed J. H. Rosenberg, of
Prineville. Dr. C. M. Buehler, of
Portland, was chosen vice-president
to succeed Dr. Houck.

Other members of the board are
Dr. W. B. Morse, of Salem; Dr. W. T.
Fry, of Portland; Dr. C. H. Smith,
of Portland; and Dr. Frederick Strick-
er, of Portland.

Following this morning's session,
which was held in the offices of the
state board of control, members of
the board were guests of Dr. R. E.
Lee Steiner at a luncheon held at the
state hospital.

This afternoon the state board of
eugenics was in session here.

FREIGHTER PULLS SELF OUT OF SAND

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—The Japa-
nese freighter Hakuho Maru, which
went aground on a sandy beach off
Willapa harbor, last night, got off
under her own power early today,
according to a wireless message re-
ceived by the Federal Telegraph com-
pany here.

free securities.

Coolidge Gives Reasons.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The chief
executive told visitors today that al-
though he had not made a detailed
study or received the advice of ex-
perts on the Garner program he be-
lieved the high surtax rates proposed
would tend to continue the present
objectionable practice on the part of
capital to invest in tax-exempt secu-
rities.

In the president's opinion, the Gar-
ner program would tend also to place
the payment of taxes in the hands
of the few, and it is the president's
view that when a few pay the taxes
they charge a round sum for it and
therefore it is to the advantage of
the many to pay their own taxes.
Plans to keep tax revision ahead of
bonus consideration has the presi-
dent's endorsement.

FARM OUTLOOK FOR 1924 GOOD

Economic Condition of the
Farmer Has Improved
Says Report.

PREDICT PROSPERITY

Committee on Statistics of the
U. S. Chamber of Com-
merce Says Situation
Seems to Be Sound.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The eco-
nomic condition of the farmer has
improved considerably, according to
the committee on statistics of the
chamber of commerce of the United
States and his outlook for 1924 is
over more hopeful.

The committee in a semi-annual
review of business conditions, at-
tributes the agricultural improve-
ment chiefly to the diminished
spread between prices for farm prod-
ucts and manufactured articles. This
has been brought about to a large
extent, it says, through co-
operative marketing, better opportu-
nities for financing, and expected
reductions in acreage this spring.

Building and construction is de-
scribed in the report as showing un-
usual activity for the season.

Although the output of automo-
biles "continues at an enormous
rate," a slowing down in this and
in the building industry is predicted
as the year advances.

"Upon the whole," the report
states, "the situation seems healthy
and sound, with conservatism strong-
ly in evidence in all sections."

Congress Is Busy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The first
action at this session of congress
to aid the farmer was taken today by
the senate when it adopted the Ladd
resolution regarding wheat specula-
tors.

The measure directs Secretary
Wallace to publish the findings of
his investigation of the grain futures
administration as to position on the
market, taken by the "well known
professional speculators and the mem-
bers of the 'large futures' commis-
sion house of the Chicago board of
trade."

Meantime both senate and house
agricultural committees heard rep-
resentatives of farm organizations of
the Norris-Sinclair bill for creation
of a \$100,000 government corpora-
tion to purchase and sell farm sup-
plies with a view to increasing and
stabilizing prices.

An export corporation to dispose
of surplus crops was urged in the
view by Representative Leavitt, rep-
ublican, Montana, in discussing
forming conditions.

RELIEF FOR GERMAN CHILDREN BE URGED

Mayor Rice received a message this
morning from Robert H. Strong, of
Portland, state chairman of the Ger-
man children relief work, asking him
to call a meeting Wednesday after-
noon at 1 o'clock for the purpose of
considering this very important mat-
ter. While the time for giving the
meeting publicity is short, Mayor
Rice stated today that a meeting
would be held at the city hall at 1
o'clock and he is desirous that it be
as representative as possible. H. L.
Eddy and Henry T. Allen, represent-
ing children relief work now in pro-
gress in this state, will be present at
the meeting and explain what is ex-
pected from Roseburg and the manner
of assembling funds for relief of the
suffering children of Germany. It is
hoped there will be a good attend-
ance. The clergy, school, social and
financial leaders of all communities
in the state are taking an active part
in the drive and Mayor Rice urges
the people of Roseburg to be present
at the meeting tomorrow afternoon at
1 o'clock.

COOLIDGE IS SILENT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Inquiry
at the White House today relative to
President Coolidge's views on the
Bok Peace award brought the state-
ment that Mr. Coolidge has nothing
to add on the subject of interna-
tional peace to that which he said in
his message to congress.

The executive in his message en-
dorsed American membership in the
world court. The Bok award con-
templates a similar step but would
go further and bring about the co-
operation of the United States in
some of the work of the league of
nations.

LATE WIRE NEWS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 8.—Troops
were ordered to Marion, Ill., this
afternoon by Adjutant General C. E.
Black.

A bootlegger's war near Marion has
become so threatening that Sheriff
George Galligan wired the adjutant
general that the civil officers are un-
able to cope with it.

The adjutant general said three
companies would arrive at Marion to-
night. They are the national guard
infantry outfits of Salem, Cairo, and
Mount Vernon.

Sheriff George Galligan this after-
noon announced his object in calling
for troops was "merely precaution-
ary." The sheriff is confined to bed
with a severe case of tonsillitis.

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—Icy pavements
here last night were responsible for
three accidents. Mrs. Sabie Reed, 54,
suffered a fractured skull when hit
by an auto; Mrs. J. F. Hubbard of
Kelso, Wash., had an ankle broken
when she attempted to board a
street car; James E. Sheridan, said
to be 103 years old, was hurt in a
fall on an icy walk.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 8.—Turner
Oliver, aged 64, prominent for many
years in local and state affairs, died
at his home here yesterday evening.

WASCO, Ore., Jan. 8.—Milton A.
Howell is dead as a result of a gun-
shot wound incurred accidentally
yesterday at his farm home three and
one-half miles from here. A charge
of shot from a large bore shot-gun
entered his head below the chin. He
had gone to the woodshed to kill a
rat.

The gun was between the man's
legs. Coroner W. H. Meyers and Dr.
Willard N. Morse, agreed that the
position of the body indicated that
the shooting was accidental.

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 8.—Five
local high school students and five
other persons were injured last night
when a bob-tailed being towed behind
an auto swerved into a passing car,
throwing 18 occupants under the
wheels and runners.

Most seriously injured are:

Leland Fleck, three fractures of the
left leg; Claude Ganger, two frac-
tures of the left leg; Margaret West,
incision in side ripped open; Laura
Stiles, possible fracture of the pelvis
and sprains; Meria Hodson, possible
crushed chest; Ruth Kurtz, leg im-
pairs of left leg torn below knee.

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—William Sil-
ver, a logger, washed this morning
in a North End card room, tipped
the liquid soap container, and cov-
ered his hands and face with carbol-
ic acid which somebody put in for soap.
He was badly burned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The senate
enacted today the first major item
of legislation of the new session when
it passed a bill creating a bureau of
civil aeronautics in the commerce de-
partment. The measure now goes to
the house.

AIRRAANGE CONFERENCE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Jan. 7.—A joint confer-
ence between members of the Oregon
public service commission and the
board of public works of the state of
Washington is to be held January 28
in Portland. It was announced here
today. The session is to be held
with relation to rules and regulations
governing the operation of railroad
track scales.

Recently an informal hearing on
the subject was held at Olympia.
Tom K. Campbell representing the
Oregon commission.

BALLOTS TO BE COUNTED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Unani-
mous decision was reached today by
the senate elections committee to
have brought to Washington for Nor-
mal counting all of the ballots cast
in the Texas senatorial election on
November 7, 1923, in which Senator
Mayfield, democrat, was elected over
George E. R. Paddy, who is con-
testing Mr. Mayfield's right to his
seat.

Chairman Spencer announced that
the petition filed by Mr. Paddy has
six main subdivisions.

It was announced that Senator
Mayfield had prepared his answer to
the petition and that it would be
filed in the immediate future.

MUSCLE SHOALS OFFER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Secre-
tary Weeks let it be known today
that he expects soon to receive an
offer for the purchase of the nitrate
properties and for the lease of the
power projects located at Muscle
Shoals, Alabama, from the Alabama
Power company, acting for itself and
in the name of other southern power
interests.

PEASANTS WILL ORGANIZE ARMY

Mexican Convention Will Pro-
vide Arms and Equipment
for New Forces.

SUPPORT GOVERNMENT

Agrarian Movement Spread-
ing Rapidly—Are Divided
Into Two Classes Muni-
cations From U. S.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 8.—The agrar-
ian movement throughout the re-
public, supporting the government, is
manifest further through the action
of the convention in voting to peti-
tion the government for arms and
equipment for the peasant battalions
which are organizing throughout the
state of Durango.

The decision reached by the pe-
asant congress, which closed yesterday
at San Luis Potosi, was to organize
regular army battalions, state guards
and regional forces from among fed-
eral government adherents.

The Agrarians were divided into
two classes, those able to abandon
their homes to fight wherever the
government decides, and those able
to leave their homes only when the
scene of battle is nearby.

The second class will form state
guards and regional forces, the last
named serving gratuitously.

The arms and ammunitions ex-
pected to be purchased from the United
States are intended for those Agrar-
ian soldiers.

The government munition factory
is working full capacity with plenty
of raw material in stock.

Possession of Field

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Officers of
the Pan-American Petroleum and
Transport company today announced
that the Mexican rebels had taken
possession of its field at Tierra Blan-
ca and Chapultepec. Wells and
pipe lines have been shut down and
no oil is coming through from those
fields.

The statement said that the revo-
lutionists' activities are causing the
Pan-American company the loss of
between 35,000 and 40,000 barrels of
oil daily.

Mexican Policy Assailed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—President
Coolidge's Mexican policy, which re-
sulted in an arms embargo directed
against the De La Huerta revolution-
ists, was assailed from democratic
quarters today in the senate.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas,
democratic floor leader, presented a
bill which would prohibit, under
heavy penalties, the sale of munici-
ples to foreign governments, either
by the United States government or
a private American citizen.

While the measure did not speci-
fically mention the recent sale by the
United States of surplus materials to
the Mexican government under Presi-
dent Obregon, it was explained by the
author as having been drawn with
that incident in view.

The text of Senator Robinson's bill
follows:
"That from and after the passage
of this act, except when the United
States is engaged in war it shall be
unlawful for any officer, agent, citi-
zen or corporation of the United
States to sell or offer to sell, to de-
liver or attempt to deliver, arms or
munitions to any foreign government,
or to any foreign political or military
officer or agent."

"Any person convicted of violating
this act shall be punished by fine
in any sum not exceeding one hun-
dred thousand dollars, and by im-
prisonment not exceeding one year.
The district courts of the United
States shall have jurisdiction to en-
force this act."

Fierce Fighting Reported.

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 8.—Leon,
capital of the state of Guanajuato,
has been the scene of fierce fighting
between federalists and a rebel force
commanded by General Manuel Die-
guez according to passengers arriving
in Juarez today from the south.

Dieguez has a large number of men
is attacking the city with much fury.
Federal leaders are making plans
to cope with the activities of the
rebels in the state of Guanajuato and
forces have been ordered from the
Vera Cruz sector.

TRY TO RELEASE CONVICTED SPIES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WARSAW, Jan. 8.—Several ar-
rests made yesterday revealed the
attempt by the communists to re-
lease by force Sunday night two for-
mer Polish officers, Wiczorkiewicz
and Baginski, who have been con-
demned to death as Soviet spies for
their alleged complicity in the organ-
ization that has been charged with
responsibility for the recent bomb-
ings at Cracow.

WARM SUN IS WELCOMED BY SALEM

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Jan. 8.—Warm sunshine
and steadily rising temperatures to-
day following rain yesterday after-
noon and last night has definitely
routed the cold spell of the past
week. The minimum temperature last
night was 31, the highest minimum
recorded in nine days. The accumu-
lated snow is disappearing rapidly
today, turning the streets into rivers
of slush.

THOUGHT BOK PLAN WAS A SENATE BILL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 8.—A
local newspaper interviewed members
of the Iowa legislature in session at
the state capitol here yesterday on
their attitude toward the winning
Bok prize plan.
"Senator," one legislator was asked,
"what do you think of the Bok
Peace Plan?"
The senator looked up blankly for
a moment, then rose to the emergen-
cy.
"Oh," he explained, "I wasn't here
when they passed that."

ABE EVANS AND HECKER TO HANG

Only Chance Left Is for
Governor to Intervene in
Their Behalf.

RULING MADE TODAY

Both Men Convicted of Cold
Blooded Crimes and Su-
preme Court Decides
Penalty Be Paid.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Jan. 8.—Abraham Evans
and Russell Hecker, two convicted
murderers now awaiting execution at
the Oregon state penitentiary, must
hang unless Governor Pierce inter-
venes in their behalf.

The supreme court this morning
affirmed the findings of the Wasco
county circuit court in the case of
Evans, convicted of the murder of
James Doran, September 19, 1921.

In an oral opinion the court also
denied a petition for a rehearing in
the case of the State vs. Hecker for
the murder of Frank Bowker in
Clackamas county.

Crime Cold Blooded

SALEM, Jan. 8.—Evans was sen-
tenced to be hanged December 2, 1921,
but appealed his case to the supreme
court which stayed the execution.
Evans for a time resisted appeal of
the case, saying he wanted to die,
and repeatedly attempted to commit
suicide in his cell. When closely con-
fined, he invariably becomes violent,
but outside his cell he has been a
model prisoner and is considered one
of the best laborers in the prison. He
is unable to read or write.

Evans, Doran and William E. Due-
carme left Bend, Oregon, at 8 o'clock
a. m. Saturday, Sept. 19, in an auto-
mobile owned by Evans, on their way
to McMinnville, where Doran and
Ducarme had been employed in a
logging camp of the Brooke-Scanlon
Lumber company. They had planned
to go by train to McMinnville, but
missed the train, and Evans agreed to
take them in his car. They arrived at
The Dalles Saturday night, where
Doran and Ducarme stopped at a
hotel. Evans told them that he had a
friend who lived a short distance out
of town who would be disappointed if
he did not stop with him that night,
and he persuaded Doran and Ducarme
to accompany him. About 3
miles out of town, on a road that was
little traveled, they left the auto-
mobile to go to the home of Evans',
supposed friend, when suddenly Evans
is alleged by Ducarme to have shot
and killed Doran and shot Ducarme
in the shoulder. Ducarme escaped,
sent word to Sheriff Christian at
The Dalles and Evans was caught the
next day at Madras.

Evans will be returned to Wasco
county to be re-sentenced.

For a time after his arrival at the
state prison, Evans was suspected of
being insane and was held at the state
hospital for the insane for several
weeks for observation. A board of
physicians decided he was sane.

Russell Hecker, whose appeal for
re-hearing was refused today, killed
Frank Bowker in June 1922 and was
sentenced to be hanged Sept. 22, 1922,
but appealed. In his case the lower
court was affirmed two weeks ago.
The petition came for re-hearing only
yesterday.

J. R. McHugh of Oakland, spent
several hours this morning in Rose-
burg attending to business matters.

CITY COUNCIL MET LAST NIGHT

Regular Business Meeting of
Council Held and Claims
Allowed.

ELKS PRESENT PETITION

Committee Is Appointed to
Gather Data on Expense
of Plan Suggested by
Commission.

In a busy session of the city coun-
cil held last night a large number of
important city business matters were
taken care of and the regular claims
allowed.

The first matter to come before the
attention of the council was a peti-
tion signed by the trustees of the lo-
cal order of the Elk's lodge concern-
ing the connection of the various sew-
ers emptying into the Umpqua river
to a trunk line sewer which would
empty into the river outside the city
limits. The present conditions were
pointed out and the matter of the im-
possibility of the park of Farquhar's
island was also cited. The council
appointed a committee for the investiga-
tion of the matter.

The street committee asked for
more time in which to file its regular
report and the reports of the city
marshal and the street superintendent
were read.

The next matter to be attended to
was the allowing of the regular claims
against the city, which included the
balance due on the street light con-
tract.

A complaint on the condition of the
men's lavatory at the Armory was
read and a committee appointed to in-
vestigate and report back to the
council.

A contention next arose about the
assessment of Military street by the
city. Attorney A. N. Orcutt appeared
for Bertha Hodge, a property owner
on that street, and claimed that the
city had no right to assess that street
on the ground that it was already un-
der county assessment. The matter
was referred to the city attorney for
legal investigation and report.

The council adopted the proposed
assessment for the courthouse alley
and the alley in block 51, known as
Newland's alley. Another street con-
sideration next came up in regard to
the report of the viewers of Spruce
street. The viewers found that the
opening of an extension would dam-
age the property of F. B. Lane to the
extent of \$600, while it would improve
the property of Washington Hughes
in the sum of \$200. This matter was
referred to the street committee.

The report of the public service
commission was voted received by the
council and was placed on file. When
brought up later it was decided to ap-
point a committee to secure plans and
specifications and estimates in detail
of the cost of the bridge, crossing
and approach which have been sug-
gested at the South street site on the
Southern Pacific tracks. It was also
ordered that a bonafide proposition
in writing from the county court sub-
stantiating the offer to pay \$10,000 on
the bridge across the Umpqua and a
similar proposition in writing be se-
cured from S. B. Evans concerning
his donation of the park site in Alex-
ander's addition. The mayor empha-
sized his objection to spending much
more of the city's money in the bridge
project.

The city engineer reported that the
cannery sewer had been connected with
the city sewer at Spring and Short
streets and that the sewerage and
refuse from the cannery would now
be carried through the city sewer
pipes. This arrangement will
alleviate considerably the trouble
which has been caused in the past in
connection with the unsanitary meth-
od in which the peeling and other
sewage and waste from the factory.

Mayor Rice announced that it was
his intention during the coming
months to work up a campaign for the
further beautification of Roseburg and
that he had already secured the co-
operation of the various clubs and
merchant's organizations of the city.
The chamber of commerce and the
Rotary club has already appointed a
committee and the Kiwanis also se-
lected its representatives today. The
council will be represented in the
work by a volunteer committee con-
sisting of Councilmen McClintock,
Reidel and Barker.

JACK BRITTON MATCHED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CANTON, Ohio, Jan. 8.—Jack
Britton, former welterweight cham-
pion of the world, who