Federal Wisdom: Asking a State to Bear a Bigger Share of Relief Burdens After Taking Much of Its Taxable Assets, as in the Case of Oregon Timber Lands.

**THE WEATHER**

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 87%
Highest temperature yesterday 54
Lowest temperature last night 43
Precipitation for 24 hours .60
Precip. since first of month 3.29
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939.....14.22
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 4.12
Rain.


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**ARMS**

Will U. S. put an embargo on war materials to Japan before entering on a new trade treaty This is the day's biggest question relating to foreign relations. The answer is in process of formation at Washington. Watch for it in NEWS-REVIEW service.


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# JAPAN FACES ARMS BAN IN TREATY LAPSE

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BIG Russia says to little Finland:

"My big nazi brother will lick the socks off you if you don't let me lick you."

IT'S amusing, of course, in a cynical way, but if you were little Finland facing the vast resources of mighty Russia you'd find it hard to laugh.

ALSO amusing:

Japan complaining bitterly to Britain of violation of international law involved in Britain's taking Germans off a Japanese vessel.

MORAL for Americans: Stay as far away from the mess as possible.

HERE is something to think about:

Of each seven persons employed for wages or engaged in business in the United States, ONE DRAWS A GOVERNMENT PAYCHECK.

IMPORTANT question at this point: WHO IS the government that furnishes the paycheck for one person in each group of seven

The answer:

The government is THE OTHER SIX OF US.

GETTING back, for a moment, to the war. Here are two dis-


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## PUD Needs Vote to Levy Property Tax, Assertion

PORTLAND, Jan. 26—(AP)—A vote of the people is necessary before a public utility district can levy a property tax, Oregon Business and Investors, Inc., claimed today.

PUD's are governed by Oregon's 6 per cent property tax limitation, the group said. It was pointed out that new PUD's have no tax base, and "any tax levy would be in excess of a 6 per cent increase over no previous tax levy."

The organization said Wasco, Hood River and Tillamook PUD directors were without legal authority to make tax levies to start operations and carry the district pending issuance of revenue bonds.

## Own Voice Rouses "Rising" Genius

Sophomore Herman Richter of Brown university at Providence, R. I., substitutes self-suggestion for the alarm clock with this phonographic device. At 7:30 a. m. the alarm clock mechanism trips a switch and starts a record which plays Herman's voice back to him, urging him to get up. It begins gently but persuasively: "Now Bill," it says, "don't give us any of that stuff. No, don't turn over again. You know what will happen if the dean hears about your sleeping through another eight o'clock class." Then it roars: "Do you hear me. Hey, hey, get up." Herman says he gets to class on time.

## *Silence on Third Term Hits Party, Wheeler Warns*

### Solon Wants Roosevelt To Declare Self

**Continued Dodging Will Lead to Party Disaster, Says Montanan; Question Again Parried at White House.**

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 26.—(AP)—To prevent party disaster, President Roosevelt should declare immediately his third term intention, Senator Burton K. Wheeler asserted today.

"The longer the situation runs the more chaotic conditions within the party become," the Montana democrat told a press conference. "It can only lead to disaster if the confusion continues up to the time of the convention."

Wheeler, who came here to address the United Mine Workers convention, only smiled when asked if he aspired to the presidency. Many political observers believe he will be endorsed by UMW's president, John L. Lewis.

**Would Support Roosevelt**

Wheeler said Mr. Roosevelt could have a third term nomination if he wanted it adding:

"Any president of the United States can renominate himself if he wants to. The federal government has too large an organization and too much patronage for anyone to overcome it. It has always been true that a president could renominate himself and the government today is larger than at any time in history."

Wheeler said he would support President Roosevelt despite personal opposition to breaking a third term tradition.

**Economic Needs Stressed**

Economic "absurdities" must be solved to relieve unemployment and insure prosperity, Wheeler declared after calling yesterday on President Roosevelt to disclose his third term intentions.

"The nearly 10 million who lack real jobs—and agriculture with its millions of low income farmers—must be given an opportunity to consume not only the necessities, but also the luxuries of life," Wheeler said.

Wheeler told delegates representing 600,000 miners that "unemployment—unsolved and comparatively untouched," was America's "No. 1 problem." He continued:

"All right thinking people have long since rejected the idea that


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### Senator Sees Peril to Party

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, above, democrat, of Montana, who asserted today that disaster threatens his party because President Roosevelt refuses to declare his intentions as to a third term. He also said unemployment was America's problem No. 1.

## Naming of 2 New Policemen Waits

**Mayor Young Defers Action on Applicants Until All Councilmen are Present.**

The Roseburg city council, at a brief special session last night at the home of Major A. J. Young, further postponed action upon the appointment of police officers to succeed Everett Hodges and A. B. Carroll, who will be retired from the force Feb. 1.

Mayor Young stated that any action should be taken in the presence of the entire body of councilmen, and as Councilmen C. E. Banning and C. P. Snoddy were not present it was agreed that a final decision on two new appointees should be delayed until all members could be in attendance. It was understood that a special meeting will be called by the mayor early next week to act upon proposed appointments.

The police committee reported that a large number of applications had been received and that the qualifications of each applicant had been thoroughly and carefully examined. The committee, however, made no recommendation in view of the decision to withhold final action.

Mayor A. J. Young urged that all members of the council give the matter thorough study pending the special meeting next week and that probable ability of prospective appointees be studied prior to formal action by the council.

## Explosion, Fire Wreck British Power Plant

LONDON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—A terrific explosion at the power station at Irlam, Lancashire, today cut off power to the townships of Irlam and Cadishead. Officials said they had no suspicion of sabotage.

The entire roof of the building, 60 by 45 feet, was blown away by the blast and debris blocked a nearby railway. Fire followed the explosion. No casualties were reported.

Police said the explosion may have been caused by faulty electrical apparatus.

## Torrential Rains Deal Death, Damage in Greece

ATHENS, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Torrential rains and gales caused heavy damages today in northern Greece, where hundreds of houses were swept away by floods and two trains were derailed. There were 13 casualties in the railway mishaps. Several bridges were destroyed.

## Russian Dead Increasing In Futile Blows

**Casualties Can be Counted in Hundreds, Finns Announce; Defenders are Joined By Seven American Aviators.**

By the Associated Press

In Europe's two wars, activity continued to be concentrated in the Russian-Finnish conflict, with Finns reporting the invaders in difficulties on two fronts—above the Arctic circle and in the southeast of Finland.

Today's Finnish army communique said the Russians were applying "almost unremitting pressure" on Finnish defenses northeast of Lake Ladoga without bending back the lines.

"These attacks have proved very costly for the enemy," it said. "Several companies were cut up and the number of fallen can be counted in the hundreds." More than 400 horses also were destroyed.

In attacks on Fort Mantsi, on the east coast of Lake Ladoga, the army reported the invaders left "over 100 dead in front of our positions."

Seven American fliers arrived at Helsinki yesterday to join other foreign volunteers with Finland's air force. Headed by Vincent Schmidt, Mineola, N. Y., world war veteran who served with the Chinese and Spanish republican air forces, they included Marcus J. Clark, Hollywood, Calif.; Fredrik Lundottersen, Philadelphia; Charles L. Stohlin, New York City; Harry Schell, who had been living in Monte Carlo; George Folds, Lake Forest, Ill., and Emil L. Toussant, Grand Forks, N. D.

**Nazi U-Boats Increase**

In the British-French-German war, Germans reported their submarine production had reached a one-a-day level and British looked for intensified attacks on merchant shipping.

Artillery fire thundered in the Vosges mountains on the western front, but activity otherwise apparently was limited to scouting by the rival air forces. The Germans reported one British plane shot down yesterday.

Merchant marine losses of the war were increased with the tor-


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## Hines Conviction Holds; Oust Judge

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The appellate division of the state supreme court today upheld the conviction of James J. Hines, former Tammany district leader, on conspiracy charges growing out of the Dutch Schultz policy racket.

In related action, the court removed from the bench Hulon Capshaw, one of the two city magistrates Hines was accused of having influenced in protecting the racket.

Hines was sentenced last March 23 to a 4 to 8 years in prison but was released two weeks later in $35,000 bail pending disposition of his appeal.

## Grange Heads Meet to Draw Up Farm Program

Agricultural committee chairmen and masters of subordinate granges of Douglas county met at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon at the I. O. O. F. hall in Roseburg to formulate an agricultural program for the county as a whole. The meeting was conducted by Fred A. Goff, agricultural chairman of Douglas County Pomona grange, and J. Roland Parker, county agent.

The plan followed by Douglas county granges is to outline a uniform program to receive attention from all granges during the year, with each community adding any special local projects which may be deemed of importance.

## Ex-Convict Held Here For Alleged Car Theft

Wallace Paul, 28, who was released only about a month ago from McNeil's prison after serving a federal sentence for auto theft, according to Paul Morgan, state police sergeant, was taken into custody late Thursday near Canyonville while allegedly driving an automobile stolen yesterday morning at Crescent City, Calif. Morgan reported he has been advised by federal authorities that Paul will be taken into federal court on a charge of violation of the Dyer act.

## His Soap Salary Highest in U. S.

Thousands of persons who use his company's product regularly (and who never heard of him), were surprised to learn that E. A. Countway, above, president of Lever Brothers soap firm, Massachusetts, was listed by the U. S. treasury as the highest salaried person in the United States in 1938. The treasury's report on salaries, just released, credits Countway with an income of $169,713—salary and bonus—in that year.

## Prospects of Tax Increase Fading

**Economy-Minded Congress Is Slashing Budget; Limit on Debt Will Remain.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The opinion that congress has decided to avoid the unpalatable dilemma of raising taxes or increasing the national debt limit was expressed today by three influential democratic senators in the wake of new economy victories.

The senate and house clipped $33,550,335 from President Roosevelt's budget estimates in action on three appropriations measures yesterday.

House and senate reductions in administration budget estimates already have aggregated $128,042,401, and anti-spending legislators are hopeful that the drive can be carried on when the more controversial issues of farm and unemployment relief are considered.

The president said in his budget message that if an increase in the debt limit of $45,000,000,000 was to be avoided, congress would have to hold appropriations to his "bedrock" estimates of $8,400,000,000 and to raise $460,000,000 in new taxes to meet higher defense costs.

Senate Leader Barkley (D., Ky.) said yesterday's votes showed that congress wants to circumvent both a greater debt and higher taxes.

"Neither of these is a happy prospect," he commented.

Senator Byrnes (D., S. C.) expressed a similar opinion, while Chairman Harrison (D., Miss.) of the senate finance committee said he never had seen stronger retrenchment sentiment in congress.

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau said:

"I have never seen the tax question so dead."

He told reporters that not only have congressional leaders failed to consult him about the tax proposals—he has not even "heard a whisper" from capitol hill.

## Four Cities to Bid for Both Party Conventions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis and San Francisco have notified the democratic and republican national committees they will bid for the national conventions of the two major parties.

St. Louis has asked for time to make a convention offer to the republican committee meeting here February 16, and San Francisco will be represented before the democratic gathering here February 5.

The 1936 convention that renominated President Roosevelt was held at Philadelphia. His unsuccessful opponent, Alf M. Landon, was chosen by the republicans at Cleveland.

There was some talk in democratic ranks that the February 5 meeting might choose a site, but leave a date for the convention to be selected later by a special committee, after the republicans had decided when their convention would be held.

## Warm Wind Starts Rout Of Ice, Snow

**Oregon Cold Wave Easing But Traffic Hazards Remain; Southern States Still in Grip of Frigid Weather.**

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(AP)—A warming wind, the first in a fortnight, went to work vigorously to remove ice-snow and sub-freezing temperatures in many parts of Oregon today but a silver thaw brought motoring dangers on the Columbia river highway.

The ice glaze along the south bank of the river extended from Portland to Crown Point. Packed snow still covered the roadway east of the point and one-way traffic was necessary at several stretches between Multnomah Falls and Oneonta.

Western Oregon sleet changed to rain and treacherous ice became slush on Portland pavements.

Moderation of the season's most severe cold was general through the Willamette valley. Some sections east of the Cascade mountains, however, were treated to new snowfalls but milder temperatures.

A generous rain drove off Salem's ice and Eugene recorded .89 of an inch of rainfall in 24 hours.

**Farmers Rejoice.**

Five inches of snow sent The Dalles' depth to 11 inches, the greatest since 1937. Farmers rejoiced over the protective covering for crops. Highways were open and the thermometer rose encouragingly from yesterday's 21-degree lows.

A combination of rain and sleet measuring .36 of an inch provided Klamath Falls with sloppy conditions. Snow fell on the highlands near the city.

More sleet pattered on Pendleton rooftops. Thawing conditions were reported on the old Oregon trail highway. Normal winter driving conditions existed but chains were necessary.

There are about 24 inches of


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## Canadian Vote On War Policy Called

OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Political leaders set up campaign machinery today for the most hectic electioneering battle in 20 years as a result of the dominion government's call for a general vote to put its war record up to the people.

In a swift-moving drama which surprised many members, parliament was dissolved yesterday through an address from the throne read by Governor-General Lord Tweedsmuir calling for an early "direct and unquestioned mandate from the people."

The earliest possible election date is March 26.

Canadian election laws require an eight-week period between dissolution and election day. The cabinet was summoned to decide today if the March 26 date would be acceptable.

Prime Minister King announced in parliament he was prepared to "allow the people of this country to say whom they want to administer the country" in view of recent attacks on Canada's war program.

"Political opponents who are seeking to undermine every effort that is put forward by this administration," were blamed by King for the necessity of election. Apparently he referred to Ontario Premier Mitchell Hepburn's attacks on alleged inefficiency in the dominion government's prosecution of the war.

## Oregon Liquor Revenue Shows $300,000 Increase

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Net revenues totaling $2,864,861 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, were reported yesterday by the Oregon liquor control commission.

The report to Governor Sprague said public assistance funds received $2,726,839 from the net income. Gross receipts for wines and hard liquors sold in state stores were $8,380,515, nearly $300,000 more than the previous year.

The commission urged passage of the bill giving the commission control over clubs selling mixers to persons supplying their own whisky.

The legislature passed the bill at the last session but a referendum was filed. Pending the voters' decision the commission recommended that cities adopt ordinances regulating the clubs.

### State Senator Asks 2nd Term

State Senator Charles W. Clark, above, of Roseburg today filed his petition of candidacy with the secretary of state, announcing that he will seek reelection in Douglas county on the republican ticket. Senator Clark is completing his first four-year term in the upper house of the legislature, where his work attracted statewide attention.

Prior to his election as state senator, he served as mayor of the city of Roseburg. He had previously served several years as a member of the city council and during his long period of residence in Roseburg has always been active in chamber of commerce and other civic affairs.

He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war.

## Mrs. Inez Micelli Dies; Funeral Set

Funeral services are to be held at the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors at 2:30 p. m. Saturday for Mrs. Inez Micelli, 77, former resident of Roseburg, who died yesterday at her home in Portland following a long illness.

Mrs. Micelli, a daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. S. Hamilton, pioneer Roseburg residents, was a native of Douglas county, and for many years taught school in this county prior to her marriage to Attorney Frank G. Micelli, now deceased. She had made her home in Portland for the last 20 years.

Surviving are three brothers, Frank Hamilton, Portland; former Douglas County Judge Walter S. Hamilton and Attorney C. L. Hamilton, Roseburg; and a sister, Mrs. Stella Richardson, Roseburg.

Mrs. Micelli was a member of the Episcopal church.

The services at the Undertaking company chapel will be conducted by the Rev. Perry Smith and interment will folow in the Masonic ment will follow in the Masonic cemetery.

## U. S. Exports of Arms in 1939 Show Big Increase

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Export licenses for arms, ammunition and implements of war in 1939 totaled $204,555,780. This was two and one-half times the total for 1938.

Announcing this today, the state department said that actual exports amounted to $102,298,298.

Britain and France accounted for a majority of the licenses issued and actual exports obtained. The major portions of both categories were made up of war planes.

## 29-Year Trade Link With U. S. Ends Tonight

**Way Opened to Congress For Hindering Undeclared War on China; Compromise On Bills May be Effected.**

By ANDRUE BERDING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Expiration of the Japanese-American commercial treaty at midnight tonight opens the way for congress to embargo shipments of raw materials or take other action to hinder Tokyo's undeclared war on China.

Whether any steps actually will be taken apparently depends on Japan. The treaty's termination—without fanfare—places commercial relations between the two countries on a day-to-day basis, although customs duties remain unchanged.

American abrogation of the 29-year-old pact is believed in many capital quarters to have been prompted by congressional agitation for an embargo on materials which Japan needs for her military campaigns.

**Compromise Pondered**

Bills pending in the senate would stop exports to Tokyo on the ground that Japan has violated the nine-power treaty respecting the territorial integrity of China. There is some talk in the senate foreign relations committee, however, of a compromise on these proposals.

Commerce between Japan and the United States approaches $400,000,000 a year. Japan has sought unsuccessfully to obtain a new treaty or some stop-gap arrangement to continue present commercial relations.

Officials here emphasize that it will be up to Japan to take the necessary steps to bring about a new treaty. They believe that world events have given the United States the most strategic moment in decades to settle outstanding troubles with Japan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Senator McNary (R., Ore.) telegraphed petitioners in Eugene, Albany, Pendleton and Astoria, Ore., today he would support a movement to forbid shipment of essential war materials to nations violating the nine power treaty which pledged the signatories to respect the integrity of China.

Such action would embargo shipments of war materials to Japan.

**JAPAN RECOGNIZES PERIL OF GRAVE DEVELOPMENTS**

TOKYO, Jan. 26.—(AP)—This historically significant date—the end of trade treaty relations with the United States for the first time in 86 years—occasioned little public interest today, although the possibility of grave developments was recognized.

Newspapers commented briefly, the economic "weapon" which the United States holds over Japan.


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## County Treasurer Lenox Will Seek Reelection

D. H. Lenox, county treasurer, announced today that he will seek re-election and will be a candidate for the democratic nomination at the primary election in May. Mr. Lenox, a native of Douglas county, has spent the greater part of his life in Roseburg, except for a few years in Klamath Falls. He was engaged in the confectionery business in Roseburg for a long period.

Mr. Lenox has served in the office of county treasurer two terms.

## Bare-Footed Coin Distributor On Los Angeles Street Causes Turmoil

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26.—(AP)—A tall man in bare feet started a riot on Main street by giving away more than 1,000 quarters, and today police sought means to curb his generosity.

The man, known as Brother John, a picturesque figure of the skidroad sector for more than 20 years, late yesterday started handing out 25-cent pieces to homeless men near a Main street cafe, announcing in stentorious tones:

"I'm feeding the hungry. I'm tired of having money. My sons forget material things."

Men came running with outstretched hands, and within a few minutes some 2,000 persons were pushing and struggling to get within Brother John's coin-tossing distance. One man asked loudly where the money was coming from.

"Nature has taken care of me," replied Brother John, waving his beard and his long grey locks. "The wealth and health of nature come to me up through the soles of my bare feet."

Some one called the police riot squad. Eight officers were unable to dispel the crowd, so they took Brother John to Central police station. There, estimating that the man had given away more than $250, they impounded the rest of the money and instructed him not to start another such disturbance.

Brother John, rumored once to have been a prominent San Francisco man, said the money was accumulated from state pension checks and funds given to him by friends.

"I just got tired of hoarding," he explained. "I wanted to see those hungry men on Main street fed."