

SENATE OKEYS DEBT FUNDING BILL TODAY

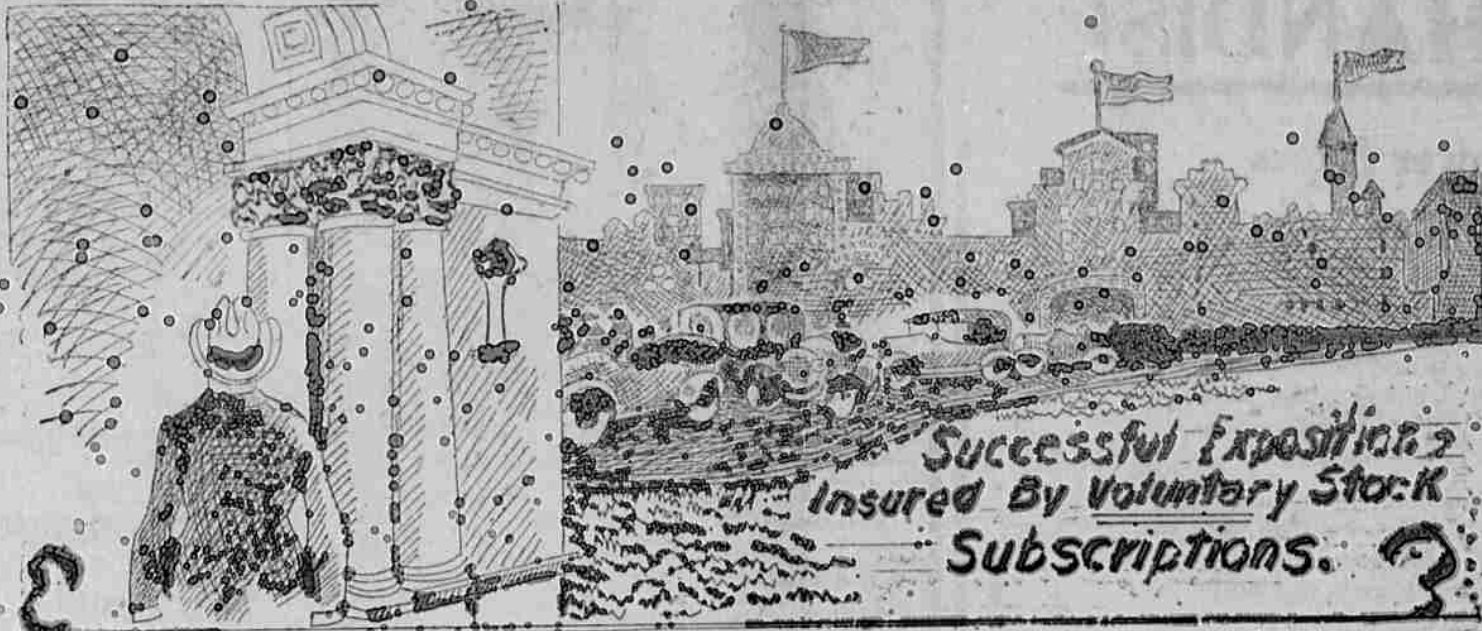
Agreement of Conference Will Not be Awaited

SOLDIER BONUS NOT MENTIONED IN BILL

Democratic Members of Finance Committee Staid For Against Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The allied debt funding bill was approved today by the senate finance committee after most of the provisions objected to by Secretary Mellon had been eliminated. The democratic members of the committee voted against the bill in its perfected form. Chairman McPherson said it was proposed to press the allied debt refunding bill for passage without awaiting the adjournment of the arms conference. Except for the provision that refunded bonds to be accepted from foreign government shall not mature later than June 15, 1947, the measure is virtually in the same form in which it passed the house last October. No soldier bonus provision was added to the bill and it was not discussed.

IT IS UP TO PORTLAND



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MINDS AT WORK

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The agreement reached by the United States and Japanese delegates to the conference Saturday concerning the surrender by Japan of the Kwantung leased territory was formally accepted by the two negotiators today when the Shantung conversations resumed. The question of the lease of the railroad and its line was discussed but continued until tomorrow. When Shantung is out of the way and perhaps sooner, the conference for Eastern committee will resume its consideration of other problems of the Orient, with all delegates in position to present their views. In most of the remaining stages, the delegations have informed themselves thoroughly regarding the views of other groups and the progress of an agreement. The naval negotiations also appear to be as good as completed, the treaty text agreed to by the "big five" being regarded as virtually certain. The full text committee work of the primary session. Each of these meetings probably will be held this week. Leaders are planned to set the conference machinery in motion for final approval of the treaty when Tokio sends approval of the article dealing with Pacific fortifications.

Bonus Bonds Are Sold at Saving Of Millions

SALEM, Jan. 16.—The best bids for Oregon bonds since 1919 were revealed when bids for ten million dollars of the thirty million dollar bonus bonds were opened today. The lowest bid was from Ralph Behnebeck & Company, of Portland, who offered a premium of \$17,900 and 4 1/2 per cent interest, making the net interest to the state 4.08 per cent. The next best bid was 4.68 per cent. If the sale had not been delayed by the supreme court test case bonds would have been sold last September on a basis of 5.75 per cent interest. The state saved two and a half million dollars in interest by the delay.

OBJECTIONS SAID TO HAVE BEEN REMOVED

Leaders of Farm Bloc in Senate Now Believed to be in Harmony With Harding.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Agreement has been reached by leaders of the senate agricultural bloc on two alternatives designed to remove objections held by President Harding to legislation proposing a farmer representative on the federal reserve board. These are expected to be presented to the White House so that the president may indicate his preference. The first suggestion said to have been adopted after informal conference was that the proposed statute be changed to give membership on the board to representatives of the several phases of national industrial and commercial efforts; the second would wipe out any designation as to the make up of the board, which now must include two members of banking or business and leave the representatives to the authority holding the appointing power.

MRS. ADcox PASSED ON EARLY TODAY

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Marie Adcox, aged 28, who shot herself through the left breast Tuesday night when her husband returned home unexpectedly and interrupted a dinner party, died in a hospital here early today. The shooting occurred while the husband, Luther Adcox, pursued Eugene C. Habel, one of the three guests at the dinner party, according to the police.

INSURANCE OF CROPS TO BE THRESHED OUT

Conference of Farm Leaders Called to meet in Washington Next Week.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Insurance of crops as a method of stabilizing prices of farm products is expected to be one of the many suggestions put forward at the national agricultural conference which opens January 23 for inclusion in a permanent national farm policy. Discussion within the conference would be expected to develop whether proposals were recommended that the insurance be carried by the farmers co-operatively, by private companies, or through government aid. Crop insurance has been tested to a certain extent, it was declared, both by mutual farmers' companies and by private insurance companies and agricultural experts declare it has proved successful. Balancing production with consumption is another important topic which leaders expect to come up. Farm products likely to come from the field are the limitation to a more careful study of world production and consumption. Along with this would go crop surveys in America. Suggestions of crop insurance were made to be the main theme of several suggestions, with the economic department and other officers prominently featured. The subject of crop insurance was discussed by J. E. Reynolds, member of the Wheat Growers Association, from Menlo Park, Cal., secretary of agriculture, requesting him to present at the conference which begins January 23. Reynolds has not announced whether he will be able to attend.

Enrollment Week of the Legion Is Started Here Today

ASKS PROBE OF FOREIGN ARMY COSTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Senator McCormick, Republican, of Illinois, today introduced and the senate a half hour later adopted a resolution calling upon the state department to supply information on financial affairs of European governments. He especially requested data on expenditures on military purposes.

This morning the national American Legion drive for one hundred per cent membership got under way. The local authorities are entering enthusiastically into the drive and are making special efforts to live up to the slogan, one hundred per cent strong. Temporary headquarters were established in the Foley hotel building and although every effort will be made to ensure the pledge of all ex-service men, the American Legion would appreciate the voluntary joining of as many as possible. The headquarters will be in charge of Walter Palmer and will be open at regular hours. The dues for this year will amount to \$2.50. One of the special features of this week's drive in La Grande will be the showing of war scenes tonight and tomorrow night at the Star. The initial showing of these scenes took place this morning and the local authorities report that the films depict the genuine battle scenes in France and live up to the advertisements in every way. Every scene is dated and also contains the actual location and explanations are given in some of the scenes. A get-together roster feed will

FUGITIVE IS KILLED NEAR YONCALLA

Alleged Moonshiner Wanted by Douglas County Officers Slain Last Night.

ROSEBURG, Jan. 16.—Douglas Tapp, arrested recently on a charge of operating a still at Yoncalla, was killed near Elton last night by a man named Young. According to word received by Sheriff Starling, Young was reported to be on the way to Clatsop to surrender, claiming self defense. Tapp recently escaped and was a fugitive from justice on a moonshine charge, say officers.

BULLETINS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—The Artusky jury box was filled again today but the release of Mrs. Mary Murphy, one of the two prospective women jurors, left another vacancy.

DUBLIN, Jan. 16.—The government powers of Ireland were turned over today by the British authorities to the provisional government.

A. T. Hill Purchases Interests of Associates

A. T. Hill, who has been identified with La Grande in a business way for the past twenty-five years, has purchased the share of the Hill Department store, W. S. Parker and Miss Bureau, former stockholders, retiring from the corporation. The business will be run by Mr. Hill in the future, as he will give it his entire attention. The Hill Department store, although organized but 27 years ago, has had a good career and is a decided factor in La Grande's commerce. It is Mr. Hill's intention to increase the merchandise stock, all items and operate the institution to give the needs of the entire community of this valley. In speaking of the purchase of interests owned by the other stockholders, Mr. Hill said: "A few years ago when I sold a business that I had owned for a number of years in La Grande, waverly placed its flags in me for a short space of time and I thought for a while of California beckoned me, and the sunny blossom-laden atmosphere of Portland and the Willamette valley. After visiting many points where business opportunities seem quite possible, I saw my comparison with each of these places and La Grande. Invariably when I stopped to strike a balance on the good points of La Grande by the best of figures, so much that there was no longer a doubt in my mind as to the merit of our own city. Then the thought occurred to me that for a quarter of a century I had lived here. My friends are here; people know me and I like them, and I like them—why should I go through the process of making new friends in a probably less friendly community, where other people are already and going good. My conclusion when reached was to return to La Grande, to live the rest of my life here and be a part of this community. With this in mind I purchased my interest in the Hill Department store and it has been a very successful store. I now have bought the interests of my associates and will handle the business in the future. Recently I have finished a home in this city, and to be quite frank with you, I am here to stay—I will share the joys and sorrows, the progress and hardships of La Grande the remainder of my life."

SPECIAL SCOUT SERVICES HELD

Boy Scouts had an outing at the Methodist church last evening when the meeting services were arranged in their honor. Special services were held and the community came to enjoy the occasion. The boys sang their own anthem, "The Song of the Boy Scout Day," and the Scoutmaster, Clark H. Hosen, and Commissioner, J. E. Reynolds, and Scoutmaster, J. E. Reynolds, were in charge. The program was an interesting one.

WILL GO TO WASHINGTON

BAKER, Jan. 14.—William Pollman announced that he had accepted an invitation to attend a conference to discuss agricultural problems of the West and future to be held in Washington, the week beginning Monday, January 23rd. Mr. Pollman's invitation to attend the conference was in the form of a wire from Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. Measures by which the purchasing power of the farmer may be increased will be considered, as will also other problems confronting that industry.

BOXING MATCH ON WEDNESDAY

The boxing match between Tom Johnson and Ben Foster, which took place last night in the local gymnasium, was a very interesting one. The fight was a close one and the judges were divided. The match was held on Wednesday night at the local gymnasium. The judges will be Tom Johnson, George Young and M. E. Reynolds. Roy Flosser, chief of police, will handle the watch. Several interesting preliminary matches between local rising boxers will lead up to the main event. The fight will take place in Rex Hall under the joint management of Norman Deibel and Roy Young.

Union Gets Drubbing at Hands of La Grande

The first La Grande football game was an uninteresting one. La Grande completely outplayed the visitors and Union failing to score a field goal, but the second half proved more interesting. During the last few minutes of play, the game took on the aspects of a football contest. The line-ups were: La Grande—Alstott, center; Garity and Sims, forwards; and Ruckman and Larsen, guards. Union—P. Cook, center; Herick and McElleran, forwards; and Blacker and Gilmore, guards. Both teams made several substitutions. "Skeet" Reynolds refereed both contests. The line-ups were: La Grande—Metzall, center; Lynch and Hough, forwards; Bean and Coker, guards. Union—C. Johnson, center; Dallen and Martens, forwards; V. Johnson and Maxwell, guards. Union made several substitutions, but to no avail. As a preliminary to the game the Union and La Grande second teams played with a result of 24 to 0 in favor of the Union.

Weather

Tonight and Tuesday rain in the west and snow in the east portion of the state. Warmer tonight excepting near the coast.