

OBLIGATIONS NEAR MILLION

State of Oregon's Irrigation and Drainage Interest Is Large.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—The total obligations of the state of Oregon, with relation to the payment of interest on bonds issued by irrigation and drainage districts, exclusive of tentative agreements entered into with the Summer Lake and Silver Lake projects, aggregating \$513,525, according to a financial report prepared here today by Percy A. Chipper, state engineer. Of the obligations or guarantee of interest the amount of \$545,125 actually has been paid by the state. Contracts for the payment of interest on irrigation bonds entered into by the state follows:

Ochoco irrigation district bonds in the amount of \$5,350,000, interest to be paid for periods varying from two and one-half years, to three and one-half years, aggregating \$242,250, of which \$194,250 acres of irrigable land located near Pineville, Crook county.

Talent irrigation district bonds in the amount of \$252,500, interest to be paid for a period of two and one-half years, aggregating \$37,875, of which \$22,725 has been paid. This district comprises approximately 11,000 acres of land and is located in the Rogue River valley.

Warm Springs irrigation district bonds totaling \$1,550,000, interest to be paid for periods varying from two and one-half to three and one-half years, aggregating \$312,500, of which \$220,500 has been paid. This district includes 20,000 acres and is located in Malheur county.

Slide irrigation district bonds in the amount of \$100,000, interest to be paid for a period of two years, aggregating \$12,000, of which \$3,000 has been paid. This district comprises 1400 acres of land and is located along Snake river in Malheur county.

Payette-Oregon Slope irrigation district bonds in amount of \$275,000, interest to be paid for a period of one year, aggregating \$16,500, of which \$8,250 has been paid. This district is located in Malheur county and about Snake river.

Grants Pass irrigation district bonds totaling \$1,150,000, interest to be paid for a period of two and one-half years, amounting to \$175,000, of which \$81,500 has been paid. This district comprises 12,000 acres and lies in the vicinity of Grants Pass.

Medford irrigation district bonds aggregating \$500,000, interest to be paid for a period of six months, amounting to \$15,000. This entire amount has been paid. This district has an area of 18,000 acres and lies in the vicinity of Medford, Jackson county.

In addition to the securities upon which the state has agreed to pay interest, bonds have been certified as follows:

Medford irrigation district, \$300,000; Grants Pass irrigation district, \$100,000; Ochoco irrigation district, \$75,000; Talent irrigation district, \$43,000; Teal irrigation district, \$20,000, located in Umatilla county and comprising 16,500 acres; Wallowa Valley improvement district No. 1, \$125,000, located in Wallowa county and including 10,000 acres.

Squaw Creek irrigation district, \$113,000, located in Deschutes county and comprising 8150 acres; Hood River irrigation district \$167,000, located in Hood River county and containing 1174 acres; Enterprise irrigation district, \$40,000, located in Klamath county and comprising 2373 acres; Gold Hill irrigation district, \$55,000, located in Jackson county and including 1104 acres; Port Vamoy irrigation district, \$25,000, located near Grants Pass, Josephine county, and comprising 800 acres.

Bonds certified by the commission aggregate \$7,755,000, according to the report of the state engineer, upon \$5,752,000 of which the state has agreed to pay interest for periods ranging from six months to three and one-half years.

There are in Oregon 59 irrigation districts, comprising approximately 1,000,000 acres of irrigable land. These districts have authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$20,000,000, of which amount \$7,250,000 have been issued.

The expenses in connection with the certification of bonds, and the guarantee of interest thereon, directly chargeable to irrigation districts, are paid by the projects, including certain expenses of the irrigation and drainage securities commission.

The expense in connection with the advertising, issuance and sale of state bonds for the payment of interest on irrigation district securities, are now paid from funds arising from premiums on the sale of state bonds. Approximately \$1400 has been received from this source and \$1000 expended. The irrigation and drainage securities commission has collected from the district \$9,000 and has expended \$6700.

A number of districts have made application to the irrigation and drainage securities commission for the certification of bonds and the payment of interest thereon, but the commission has taken the stand that no bonds should be certified until arrangements have been made

for their disposal. In no event shall the state be called upon to pay any interest on unsold bonds in the hands of the irrigation districts, the commission ruled.

Bonds for which application for certification has been made and no action taken by the commission aggregate \$7,615,000. This includes the application of the Jefferson Water Conservancy district, heretofore known as the North Unit irrigation district, in the amount of \$5,000,000.

The irrigation law under which the state is now operating was enacted in the year 1917. In addition to providing for the organization and operation of irrigation districts and the issuance of bonds, it carried a provision for the certification of irrigation district bonds by a commission composed of the attorney-general, superintendent of banks and state engineer. By certification the bonds become legal investments for trust and savings funds of a similar character. The state has no financial responsibility under this provision of the statute.

In 1919 the constitution was amended authorizing the payment of interest on irrigation and drainage district bonds for any one of the first five years after their issuance. This amendment provided for the issuance of state bonds, the proceeds of which are applied to the payment of interest on the district bonds.

While this is usually regarded and referred to as an interest guarantee, it is in effect a definite contract between the state and the district for the payment of interest on the district bonds for a specified time, the district reserving the right to notify the state at any time that it does not desire to avail itself of this payment.

The money advanced by the state is repaid by the district after district bonds have been retired. This constitutional amendment, however, provided no funds for the payment of interest on the state bonds. The irrigation and drainage securities commission, therefore, without definite statutory authority, declined to enter into contracts for the payment of interest by the state unless the districts would agree to pay the interest on the state bonds as the same became due, thus putting the state in the position of a guarantor without expense on its part. The legislature later passed an act confirming the acts of the commission requiring irrigation districts to pay the interest on the state bonds as they become due.

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THOUSANDS IN ANTI-RED WAR

(By Associated Press) HELSINGFORS, Finland, Jan. 27.—The natives of Russian Karelia, numbering about 40,000, whose revolt against soviet domination, has caused the exchange of sharp notes between Russia and Finland, are blood brothers of the Finns who live just west of them. Their language is practically the same. They are, however, members of the Greek Orthodox (Russian) church, while in Finland proper the population is largely Lutheran.

The Russian soviet government, in signing a treaty of peace with Finland at Dorpat, Estonia, promised to give the Karelians autonomy. A Karelian commune, with some autonomy, was established with its capital at Petrozavodsk (on Lake Onega). The government, however, was largely in the hands of Karelian communists.

The Russian government in its notes to Finland, accused the latter of promoting and aiding the revolt in order to annex Karelia to Finland.

While recruiting bureaus for the insurgents have been established in Helsinki and elsewhere in Finland, and the sympathy of the Finnish press and public has apparently been largely in favor of the insurgents, the Finnish government contends that it has given no official aid to the Karelians.

MEXICAN HARMONY. (By Associated Press) MEXICO CITY, Jan. 31.—No 24 facilities exist between the Mexican and Guatemalan governments, and although our administration has not yet recognized the new Guatemalan regime, the relations between the two peoples are as cordial as ever. President Obregon told newspaper men Monday. He laughingly dismissed rumors of war between Mexico and Guatemala as absurd.

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AUTOS KILL FOUR HUNDRED

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 27.—Four hundred persons were killed in Paris streets by automobiles or horse-drawn vehicles, tramways and other means of locomotion in 1921.

The problem of street traffic has been the subject of many investigations and numerous reports and recommendations have been made to Prefect of Police Leullier.

Some time ago "red bands" about six feet wide were painted across the streets at the intersections of the busiest corners of the city, policemen were stationed at these points to motion automobiles to slow up and pedestrians crossing the streets on the "red bands" were supposed to be in absolute safety.

Pedestrians, however, seemed to think it was below their dignity to wait the "red band" and now they have been abandoned for "zones of safety." The latter will consist of adopting the system in vogue in New York at the busiest corners along Broadway or Fifth avenue.

Parisian chauffeurs, however, show little regard for the pedestrian wearing the white button and continuously "run past signals" is a way that would bring them before a New York magistrate to be fined, in Paris it brings nothing but good natured banter generally directed against the policeman from pedestrians who may be run over at the next corner.

Former Minister of Justice Sall, of the Clemenceau cabinet, Viscount de Rohan-Chabot and Countess de Wignacourt were the most prominent persons who were run down and killed by automobiles in the past year.

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(By Associated Press) DELHI, India, Jan. 30.—Lord Reading, Viceroy of India, set forth the attitude of the Indian government toward the revolutionary elements in a recent address to a delegation from the Punjab chamber of commerce. After promising that the full strength of the government would be exerted to prevent disaster, as called to that time, Lord Reading added:

"We have no desire to interfere with the lawful activities of political parties however opposed to us but, although we are most anxious to redress all legitimate grievances and to remove the grounds of popular discontent, yet we cannot allow any political activity to impose its will upon the country by violence, intimidation, coercion or other unlawful means.

"There is today a natural and legitimate desire on the part of the vast majority of the people that the law should be respected and observed.

"I cannot but think that in some quarters there is a misconception of the position of the government of India. They have, I verily believe, the support of the law-abiding citizens of India.

"It cannot be fairly said that we have abused this power. Indeed we are sometimes criticised for not having sufficiently exercised it and I readily admit that we sought to avoid action which might either be misconceived or misrepresented as too severe or as provocative."

MORE LIQUOR IS IMPORTED

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Liquor importations and withdrawals in 1921 were thousands of gallons greater than in 1920, according to figures made public Monday by prohibition authorities.

Three hundred and forty thousand gallons of whiskey, 34,193 dozen quarts of champagne and 127,133 gallons of brandy, gin and cordials were imported in 1921, as compared to 134,886 gallons of whiskey, 25,419 dozen quarts of champagne and 92,252 gallons of other liquors in 1920.

Withdrawals from customs warehouses in 1921 were 137,200 gallons of whiskey, 18,857 dozen quarts of champagne and 127,224 gallons of gin, brandy, cordials, etc., as compared to 97,720 gallons of whiskey, 10,913 dozen quarts of champagne and 79,539 gallons of other liquors in 1920.

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