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THE KING PAYS—"And Hezekiah prayed, . . . Lord, bow down thine ear, and hear; open, Lord, thine eyes, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God." 2 Kings 19:15-16.

Congress is asked to sanction a great international highway from Canada right down through the United States, Mexico and Central America. Better ask Mexico and aragua.

New York night clubs complain that they are losing money under the new curfew law because "the real spenders loosen up until after 3." They might hire a few gunmen to hold up the spenders on their way home.

**AN ACTORS' HALL OF FAME**

Who is your favorite actor? Otto H. Kahn, New York financier, proposes to give everyone an opportunity to express his choice, and at the same time support a worthy city. A campaign is on to raise \$1,500,000 for a home aged actors, to contain a theatrical hall of fame, the names to be selected by the votes of donors to the fund. Both stage and screen stars will be included, and playwrights as well. The present generation is to be considered along with past. Forty-four names of each group will be inscribed on the tablets.

One wonders if the theatrical genius of the past will get proper dues. The great names of Siddons and Garrick fit secure their inclusion, even though no one now living has seen either. But how will the older figures hold up in the popularity of the performers of today? Will Sir Irving, Joseph Jefferson and Sol Smith Russell be able to surpass the Barrymores and Fairbanks in a popular vote? Is it that this hall of fame will list not the great names of past and present both, but only the passing preferences of the modern hour.

**PEACE PRIZE WELL USED**

The prize of \$25,000 awarded to Elihu Root by the Wood-Wilson Foundation in recognition of his distinguished service in aiding the establishment of the world court has been turned over by him to the council of foreign relations, money will be used as an endowment in support of the quarterly review known as Foreign Affairs.

This publication and the organization back of it are opening not for profit, but for the dissemination of general information upon international affairs. The magazine, too, known in the country so far, is ably edited, avoiding partisanship and turning its attention to general problems of statecraft. Its editors seek to discover and to present honestly and fully the basic facts of international affairs.

This, as many persons believe, including Elihu Root, is of the best ways to serve the cause of peace. If the prize is instrumental in bringing the truth about foreign affairs to the thoughtful attention of more men and women, it will be a prize well spent as it was well won.

**Marriage Medical Examination Bill**

HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP)—Representative L. Van today introduced a bill to repeal the anti-marriage medical examination and substitution of an act calling for a physician's affidavit by each to a marriage to the effect they had been free from contagious diseases for a period of one year prior to application for marriage license. The same bill was passed by both houses last season but was vetoed by Governor Pierce.

Express companies doing business in Oregon would be compelled to pay a tax of five per cent on their gross receipts in accordance with a bill introduced today in the house by Representative R. S. Hamilton of Bond.

Dog owners will no longer pay a personal property tax on their animals if house bill Number 196, introduced by representative Lloyd Graham at Washington county in your prior to application for marriage license. The same bill was passed by both houses last season but was vetoed by Governor Pierce.

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## MONEY PROBLEM WORRIES SOLONS

### Legislators Consider Test Cases in the State Supreme Court

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP)—Legislators considering the matter of increasing revenues for state purposes and grappling with the problem of taxation, were discussed today a suggestion that a test case be submitted to the supreme court for an opinion concerning the six per cent limitation in the constitution. This provides that taxes may not be increased more than six per cent over the amount levied the year previously, money for payment of bonded indebtedness and interest thereon being excepted.

The question has been raised whether this limitation would apply to new forms of taxation, such as the proposed tax on intangibles and corporate excess, or upon a income tax.

**Offset Bill Introduced**

A second income tax measure has appeared. Representative Mark McAllister has introduced a bill with a property offset. This is a duplicate of the bill rejected by the people at the November election. Representative Hazlett has a duplicate of the income tax bill and still another income tax bill is expected to be introduced.

The house late yesterday adopted a resolution providing for an investigation of telephone rates and practices. Attorney General Van Winkle, ex-Governor Oswald West, Colonel A. E. Clark and four members of the house will conduct the investigation.

The house adopted a resolution by Representative Hector MacPherson, of Linn county, for a special commission of five members to study administrative reorganization and report to the next session of the legislature.

**O. & C. Bill In**

Funds derived from the Oregon and California land grant refunds would have to be applied to indebtedness of the various counties, school, road and port districts and other subdivisions benefiting. If house bill Number 85 introduced by Representatives Howard, Potter, McCready, Cramer and Schuller, and Senators Bell and Bailey, passes, money derived from the refund would have to go into special funds and invested in lawful securities.

## Carol to Return To Rumania, Says Persistent Rumor

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Jan. 19 (AP)—Queen Marie appears to have been victorious in her long struggle for rehabilitation of her wayward son, Prince Carol. Persistent reports from sources which are far from negligible, together with veiled allusions in the newspapers, all tend to show the government has been convinced that the only way to clear the atmosphere, persistently overcast since Carol renounced his rights to the throne, is to recall him.

Premier Averescu and the members of the cabinet are understood to have practically decided to consent to a reconciliation with Carol, subject to certain conditions, in order to obtain necessary support to combat the opposition. In this connection the party of the Bratiano brothers, Ionel and Vladila, who for years have wielded powerful influence in Rumania and the party of Premier Averescu are said to be negotiating for a union with the national peasant party, which supports Carol, for the formation of a solid bloc.

**Announcement Expected**

Everything is dependent on meetings of the political parties fixed for the end of the week, but in any case, the understanding is that a reconciliation between Carol and his family will take place even if the contemplated party fusion fails.

It remains to be decided when and how public announcement of the reconciliation shall be made. The general belief is that if publicity will take the form of notification that permission has been given for Carol to return to Rumania, as certain matters have still to be settled with Carol, it is probable the announcement may be delayed.

## BRAMWELL TO APPEAL FROM BANK RULING

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP)—Sidney J. Graham of Portland was here today to file a notice of appeal from the decision of Judge G. F. Skipworth, of Eugene, rendered here a few weeks ago, requiring Frank Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, to return the main office of state banking department from Portland to Salem. The suit was instituted against Bramwell by George P. Young, editor of the Capital Journal here. In the meantime, pending appeal, it is understood that an effort will be made to secure an amendment to the state banking laws from the legislature nullifying Judge Skipworth's opinion by granting to Bramwell full latitude in establishing his main office where he pleases. It is stated a resolution has been adopted by the state bankers association in favor of the amendment.

## YOUR INCOME TAX

### YOUR INCOME TAX No. 3

The normal tax rate under the revenue act of 1926 is 1 1/2 per cent on the first \$4,000 in excess of the personal exemption, credit for dependents, etc., 3 per cent on the next \$4,000, and 5 per cent on the balance.

The surtax rates apply to net income in excess of \$10,000, as in the revenue act of 1924. The maximum rate, however, under the 1926 act, is reduced to 20 per cent, which applies to net income in excess of \$100,000, instead of a maximum of 40 per cent on net income in excess of \$500,000, as was provided by the 1924 act.

The exemptions are \$1,500 for single persons, and \$2,500 for married persons living together, and heads of families. In addition a taxpayer is entitled to a credit of \$400 for each person dependent upon him for chief support if such person is under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective. Such dependent need not be a relative of the taxpayer nor a member of his household. The term "mentally or physically defective" includes not only cripples and those mentally defective but persons in ill health and the aged.

A taxpayer, though unmarried, who supports in his home one or more relatives over whom he exercises family control, is the head of a family and entitled to the same exemption allowed a married person. Also he may claim \$400 for each dependent. For example, a widower who supports in his home an aged mother and daughter 17 years old is entitled to an exemption of \$2,500 as the head of a family, plus a credit of \$400 for each dependent, a total of \$4,300. The \$400 credit, however, does not apply to the wife or husband of a taxpayer, though one may be totally dependent upon the other.

## Today in Washington

Senate meets at 11 a. m. on Smith case.  
House meets at noon with army bill discussion in order.  
Senate foreign relations committee resumes Nicaraguan discussions.  
House appropriations committee considers report on first efficiency bill.

## Kellogg Shows Alarm at Mob's Actions in China

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—Secretary Kellogg regards the recent Paochow incident involving the first direct attack on American nationals during the present anti-foreign movement in China, as particularly serious from an American viewpoint.

It was said today at the state department that spread of the rioting to other centers where Americans are living naturally would increase the gravity of the present crisis in China. Whether that is to be expected Washington officials are uncertain.

There was no indication whether or any new instructions had been sent Admiral Williams, commanding American forces in Chinese waters. The American naval forces are standing by available for whatever duty may be assigned to them or prepared to meet an urgent emergency involving the protection of American lives under general instructions and without awaiting further orders from Washington.

## BRITISH BISHOP

CANTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—Sailors from the British gunboat Chata today began strengthening the defenses around the British concession here. They erected a barricade of building iron plates along the Backdoor of Shammonee, the foreign settlement.

It is understood that the British are prepared if necessary to send a number of small tanks and additional airplanes from England to China for the defense of Shanghai.



## GIANT RAILROAD SYSTEM IN SIGHT

### Northern Companies Announce Plans for Consolidation

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (AP)—Plans for merging the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways and their subsidiaries into the world's greatest transportation system have been announced.

The plan, subject to approval by the interstate commerce commission, calls for leasing the main lines to an operating company which also will operate the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, now controlled by the northern companies through equal ownership of 57 per cent of the stock, will continue as a separate entity.

A joint statement by Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern, and Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific, says single control of the Burlington will be favorable to more decisive handling of its department policies.

"Steps that are now being studied," said the statement, "will further to a still greater degree a community of interest which has long existed between the Northern companies and which began when they jointly acquired control of the Burlington over 25 years ago and was enlarged when they built and acquired the Spokane, Portland and Seattle system. The two northern companies being thus permanently allied as to mileage of more than 12,000 miles, very naturally seek to strengthen and extend that community of interest and to make it more beneficial to their stockholders and more serviceable to the public."

The statement referred to a proposal, made by the interstate commerce commission as a basis for discussion for separating the Great Northern from the Northern Pacific and grouping the Great Northern with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

"On the other hand," the statement continued, "the interstate commerce commission has sanctioned extensive unifications by stock control and lease. It is this sort of a unification which is now receiving study by the two northern companies."

The statement adds that when definite conclusions have been reached the northern companies will explain the situation to the governors and state commissions of the states through which the northern lines operate.



I was too busy this morning to even turn in an ad. The Observer called several times before I got it ready.

Two big truckloads of material went to the country yesterday. Everyone is busy or they can't stay around here. Business will run off and leave us.

We are just about out of Royal lump coal till the next car gets here, so remember to order the nut coal as much as possible.

There is a little snow on the ground this morning so let's all go for a buggy ride. I rather think it was raining last night.

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	<b>Stub Model Umbrellas</b> In all silk and mercerized materials in bright colors with both plain and plaid borders, clever carved handles. <b>15c</b>		<b>Fabric Gloves in colors</b> One lot of good quality fabric gloves in colors of tan, grey and white, must all sizes. Priced for clearance at <b>25c</b>

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