

AUDITOR ON STAND; SAYS CASH MISSING

Conda J. Ham, Portland
Accountant, Testifies
in Fowler Trial.

BOOKS WELL KEPT, WITNESS STATES

Cross-Examined by De-
fense Counsel, But Tes-
timony Unshaken —
Tells of Two Audits.

BAKER, Ore., Mar. 18 (Special to
The Observer) — Mrs. Emma Fowler,
defendant in the trial in which the
state accused her of larceny of public
money, occupied the witness stand
for a few moments today, but only
for minor testimony.

The state was attempting to secure
admittance or testimony from Mr.
Cherry, pertaining to a talk he had
with Mrs. Fowler shortly after her
arrest in Pendleton, but the defense
objected. In the court room, it was
understood that the testimony, if ad-
mitted, would indicate Mrs. Fowler
was going to Portland to secure al-
leged missing funds.

In order to prove their point, the
defense asked to place witnesses on
the stand and this was granted. Sher-
wood Williams, called and the de-
fense asked what he told Mrs. Fowler
when he interviewed her in Pendle-
ton. He said he told her she was sorry
she was in trouble and if she would
tell where the bonds were, he thought
she could be spared the humiliation
of arrest and allowed to go on to
Portland, Raymond Gurdane, county
sheriff of Umatilla county, testi-
fied briefly to the effect that he
arrested Mrs. Fowler the afternoon
of Feb. 3 on advice from the sheriff
of Union county.

When Mrs. Fowler took the stand,
the defense asked her questions con-
cerning Mr. Williams' talk. Her
answers agreed substantially with his
statements. A. A. Smith, prosecution
attorney, cut in to ask: "Mrs. Fowler,
you said you had bonds or money in
Portland, didn't you?" Before she
could answer, the defense objected
and the objection was sustained.
At 2:30 o'clock attorneys were still
arguing the matter and Judge Lusk
had not made a decision as to whether

TRIAD CHOIR MAKING PLANS FOR CONCERT

One of the finest Sunday evening
concerts presented thus far by the
Triad choir, under the leadership of
Mrs. A. L. Richardson, at the Presby-
terian church is promised Sunday
evening at 7:30. A number of the
leading artists of the Triad choir
and Baker will appear in solo work.

Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp Jr., whose
rich contralto voice is admired by
many in La Grande, will make one
appearance on the program. Mrs.
Richardson states. In addition to one
solo, Mrs. Bohnenkamp also sings with
the choir.

Federal Dry Agent Shot In Lewiston

LEWISTON, Ida., Mar. 18 (AP) — C.
D. Maxon, federal dry agent, was shot
in the face by a tear gas gun today
when he attempted to arrest three
bootlegger suspects. The men fled to-
ward Walla Walla, Wash. in a car.
Maxon related in a hospital that he
found a still with 80 gallons of
whisky and 850 gallons of mash in a
house. Three men drove up in a car
and he stepped on the running board
to arrest them and one fired the gas
gun in his face, blinding him. He
fell to the ground and they escaped.
This was shortly after midnight.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Probably showers to-
night and Thursday, clearing
in east portion tomorrow.
Moderate temperatures.
Moderate southwest winds
offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m. 41 above.
Minimum: 32 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain early
this morning.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 49, minimum 29
above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain 12
of inch.

WEATHER MAR. 18, 1930
Maximum 63, minimum 29
above.
Condition: Clear.

Merchants Ready For The Annual Spring Opening

Band to Play Early Fri-
day Evening—Latest in
Styles to be Displayed.

La Grande as a city will welcome
spring on the evening before its cal-
endar arrival, when merchants will
stage their annual spring opening
Friday night of this week, beginning
at 7 o'clock. All plans are completed
for the event, and the only chance
for anything but the affair rests
with the fickleness of March weather.
Showers are more than welcome
at present, but merchants are hope-
ful that the skies are clear Friday
and Friday night.

Clear weather will mean that scores
will attend from nearby towns, pos-
sibly from Walla Walla county to view
the new spring modes that will be
"unveiled" at the Spring Opening.

As an added attraction, the La
Grande municipal band, famous
throughout the Northwest for its
high standards of music, will play a
concert in the business section early
in the evening.

In order to provide that no inter-
ruptions be forthcoming from traf-
fic, the city has agreed to rope off
the downtown business section to
Greenwood streets for the evening,
and cars will be routed on Washing-
ton and Jefferson avenues during
the show.

Merchants throughout the busi-
ness section have announced that
they have received the latest and most
attractive styles in clothing, mer-
chandise, etc., and are planning some
elaborate show windows, many of
which will be covered from view un-
til the opening begins at 7 o'clock.
Merchants in general have entered
into the spirit of the opening in a
whole-hearted, enthusiastic manner.

So far only one store, J. J.
Palm, has announced it will have
living models. The models will
appear on a platform built
across the interior of the store. The
models follow: Miss Jean White, Miss
Leah Bramwell, Miss Bernice Wilson,
Miss Lucille Fitzgerald, Mrs. C. H.
Devine and Miss Veda Hogenesen.

Young girls who will model the
latest styles are: Miss Jean White,
the Misses Mary Jean Bohnenkamp,
Kathleen Peare, Mary Marie Johnson,
Betty Zitting, Ann Stoddard and
Phyllis Stiles.

Contests Held Here Last Night By First Ward

Miss Ida Nebeker received first
place in the young women's first
speaking contest, which was held as
a part of the honor day exercises
given by the First Ward of the L. D.
S. church last night at the Recrea-
tion center. The contest was the first
of the series and the champion
contests were not held last night as
was planned but will be an event of
next week.

Opposing Miss Nebeker were Miss
Edith Moore and Miss Lucille Metcalf
and the judging was very close.

Walter Bean, president of the
Men's club, was master of ceremonies.
Other performers were the men's
chorus, composed of Marion Wilford
Zaugge, Nick Hughes, Carl Zaugge,
Robert Baxter, Robert Ward, Car-
rence Berry, Edwin Rogers, who will
sing at the highest honors in the
stake contest in the near future.

Along with the men's chorus, the
women will also compete for stake
honors, singers, and dancers. The
contest will be held at the Recrea-
tion center, and the champion
contestants will be: Ruth Stoddard,
Ida Nebeker, Ruth Black, Eunice Roun-
dly, Lucille Fitzgerald, Lillian Jenkins,
Katherine McNeill, Myrtle Russell,
Nedra Metcalf and Myrna Davis.

Robert Ward sang a solo as a part
of the program.
The winners in the stake contest
will go to Salt Lake City to
compete in the national contest.

Legionnaires To Convene Mar. 30 At Ontario, Ore.

An interstate convention is being
planned by the American Legion
posts of Oregon and Idaho to be held
at Ontario on March 30 and officials
from both states will be there along
with many other distinguished guests,
announces H. E. Brady, district com-
mander.

Many La Grander are planning to
attend and the drum corps is making
arrangements to go en masse and to
compete with many other corps
being entered in the contest. The
contestants are expected from towns all
over the two states.

Meetings start in the afternoon at
3 o'clock with speeches by both state
commanders, and a discussion of
state problems will be carried on for
the purpose of fostering good will and
becoming acquainted. A banquet is
being planned to follow the business
meetings.

An interstate meeting was held last
year in Weiser, Idaho.

More Employment
Appears In Store

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (AP) — From
reports so far available, Standard
Statistical Company, Inc., concludes
"unemployment has passed its worst
period" and that seasonal gains in
business should result in "a slow but
progressive increase in the number of
workers employed during the first half
year."

Estimates are somewhat more
numerous, says the company's re-
port, "that moderate cyclical improve-
ment in the last half of 1931 will
at least prevent a duplication of the
conditions of the past winter."

Woman Beaten By
Officers, She Says

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (AP) — Mrs.
Genevieve Potocnik, who said she was
beaten by two police officers in a
school, charged at the Seabury
vice hearing today that two plain
clothesmen last fall, after several
drinks in her apartment, beat her
severely, attempted to assault her,
and finally arrested her on a charge
of prostitution.

They beat her so badly, she said,
that she had fifty scars on her body.

OIL KAMELA, UNION ROAD THIS SUMMER

Thirty-Four Miles In-
cluded in Strip to be
Advised Soon.

OTHER HIGHWAY WORK IS PLANNED

Commission Meets Today
With Spaulding in At-
tendance — Next Meet-
ing Apr. 2.

Bids on a number of state high-
way projects, including the oiling of
the La Grande section of 34 miles
from Kamela to Union, will be opened
by the state highway commission
Apr. 2 in Portland. A considerable
amount of highway work has been
done in this section in the last two
years, the oiling project coming as
a finishing touch.

SALEM, March 18 (AP) — The Drain-
age section of the Umpqua
highway in Douglas county, 55 miles
in length, has been taken over by
the state highway commission as a
state project. It was announced to-
day. The action, along with ad-
vertising for bids on ten pieces of
construction, was decided upon at
a meeting held in Salem with all
three members of the commission
present. The session was first at-
tended by Charles K. Spaulding, re-
cently appointed to replace C. E.
Gates on the board.

The Umpqua section connects the
Pacific highway with the Oregon
coast highway and heavy construc-
tion work, including building three
bridges and a tunnel, is now under
way on this road. Douglas county
and communities affected agreed to
pay 25 per cent of the cost in
completing the road improvement if
the state would take over the high-
way. The project was accepted.

Readvertising for bids on the Nye-
Pilot Rock section of the Oregon-
Washington highway for resurfacing
and widening was also announced.

The contract was let last
month to Lair & Co., of Kelso
for \$80,000, but the contract had
been invalidated, the commission
stated.

Bids on the projects will be opened
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M. E. OFFICIALS COMING FRIDAY

Bishop and Mrs. Brown to
Head Group of Church
Leaders Visiting City.

Bishop and Mrs. Wallace E. Brown,
of Helena, Montana, with other lead-
ers of the Methodist church will visit
La Grande Friday, Saturday and Sun-
day, coming here from the church
they are spending Wednesday and
Thursday. Bishop Brown is bishop
of the Helena area of the Methodist
church and this visitation is a part
of a 10-day survey of the western
district of the area.

Accompanying Bishop and Mrs.
Brown are Rev. Ezra Cox, of the board
of home missions, of Philadelphia,
Dr. C. L. Clifford, area director of
religious education of the Helena
area; and District Superintendent
H. G. McCallister, of Boise, Idaho.

W. H. Hargis, of the local
Methodist church, will go to Baker
tomorrow to address the sub-district
conference there on the subject
"What the Helena Area Seminar
Means to Practice."

Beginning Friday afternoon at 2:30
these church leaders will provide an

Ask Referendum On Oleo Excise Tax

SALEM, Mar. 18 (AP) — A prelimi-
nary petition for a referendum on the
oleomargarine excise tax act, was filed
today with the secretary of state, and
the act is expected to be on the bal-
lot in the next general election.

The petition was filed by the anti-
food tax league of Portland, by Mrs.
Alexander Thompson, president, who
has been fighting the excise tax for
ten cents a pound on oleomargarine
sold in Oregon, as incorporated in
house bill 294. The petition will re-
quire 10,000 names to be on the bal-
lot.

This is the second referendum peti-
tion filed since the legislative ses-
sion, the first being against the Rogue
river act closing the stream to com-
mercial fishing.

STATEVILLE PEN FLAMES; GUNS HEARD

Institution at Joliet Scene
of Bitter Rioting —
Smoke Rolls High.

MILITIA ON WAY TO THE PRISON

Dining Hall, Kitchen and
Laundry Reported Gut-
ted; Reporter Witnesses
Brief Tilt.

JOLIET, Ill., Mar. 18 (AP) — Fire
destroyed the dining hall and laundry
and spread to the roofs of cell houses
at the new Stateville penitentiary to-
day during a riot in which 31 convicts
were shot, one through the head.

JOLIET, Ill., March 18 (AP) — State-
ville prison was afire this afternoon
and rioting and gunfire were heard
within the walls. Later flames were
seen to break out in the roofs of
two cell blocks.

Warden Henry C. Hill, speeding to
the new penitentiary from his of-
fice in the old prison across the river
after an alarm, found the prison in
flames and disorder within.

Newspaper men were ejected from
the gates by armed guards. They
heard rioting and shooting.

Leopold Jr. transferred
Nathan Leopold Jr., one of the two
boy slayers of Bobby Franks, had
just arrived at Stateville with a group
of 19 prisoners being transferred from
the other prison when the rioting
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GRAND RONDE PINE COMPANY IN NEW HANDS

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18 (AP) —
Purchase of the stock of lumber and
plant of the Grand Ronde Pine com-
pany at Ponderosa, Ore., from the Stod-
dard Lumber company of Baker, was
announced here today by E. S. Collins,
assistant president of the company.

Collins is president and C. H. Min-
naugh general manager of the com-
pany.

The plant has a capacity of about
40,000 feet a day and the Collins
company plans to continue opera-
tion on the same scale.

FORMERLY AT PERRY
The Grand Ronde Pine company
at Ponderosa, at the edge of Union
county near Medical Springs, was re-
moved there a few years ago from
Perry, where it was operated for many
years by the Stoddard brothers. A
number of former La Grande resi-
dents are employed by the company.

Legislators Speak At Rotary Meeting

Senators Colon R. Eberhard and
Fred E. Kiddie and Representative
Victor Eckley were the speakers at
the meeting of the Rotary club at
the hotel here today. They gave some
interesting information relative to the
recent legislative session, their talks
being similar to those given by legisla-
tors in other parts of the state. The
committee on commerce, augmented with
additional facts about certain bills. All
three spoke interestingly of the work
accomplished at the session.

Visitors included Clarence Potter,
of Baker, and Judge C. M. Hum-
phreys, of La Grande.

Commissioner Is Indicted by Jury

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 18 (AP) —
Fred W. German, Multnomah county
commissioner, was indicted by the
county grand jury today on a charge
of involuntary manslaughter.

His automobile last month struck
and killed Louis Lampert, 75, as
Lampert was walking across an inter-
section.

The grand jury held German had
been guilty of "imprudence and dan-
gerous speed."

Mal S. Daugherty
Sentenced Today

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, O.,
March 19 (AP) — Mal S. Daugherty,
former president of the defunct Ohio
State bank, convicted March 4 of
misappropriating the bank's funds,
today was sentenced to ten years in
the Ohio penitentiary, fined \$5,000
and ordered to pay the cost of proce-
dure.

Defense attorneys stated that they
would appeal.

Franklin-Hughes Circuit Purchases
Inland Theatres, Inc., Announcement

Jack Wright, local manager for In-
land Theatres, Inc., announced early
this afternoon that he had received
announcement of the purchase of the
Inland Theatres, Inc., consisting of 12
theatres in Oregon and Washington,
to the Franklin-Hughes circuit, a
newly organized corporation.

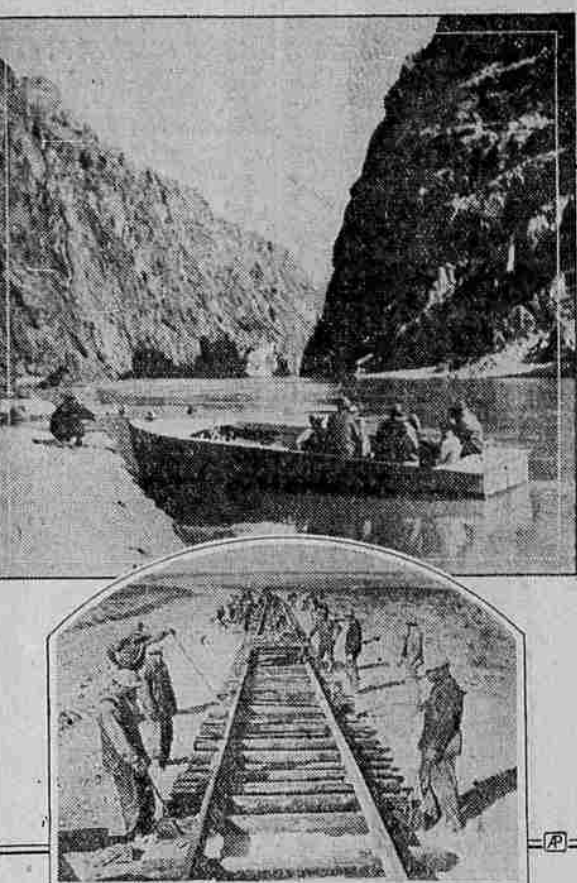
Mr. Wright is a former manager
of Fox West Coast theatres and Mr.
Hughes is a young millionaire who
sponsored the production of "Hell's
Angels."

The sale of the circuit involved ap-
proximately a million dollars, \$350,000
of which was cash. The Inland Theatres
were taken on a 20-year lease.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Mercer Jr.
will remain with the circuit and will
retain directorship and management
of this division. There will be no
changes in policy, either in this di-
vision or in the three La Grande
theatres which belong to the group,
according to the announcement made
by Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright has been in the thea-
tre business in Washington for the

STARTS RAILS TO HOOVER DAM



Workers and materials are assembling for the six-year task of
building the world's largest dam between the walls of the Colorado
river canyon at the point shown in the upper picture. Work is
already well advanced on the railroad (below) which will carry
supplies to the dam site.

Body of Woman Discovered Half Buried In Snow

CHICAGO, March 18 (AP) — Search
for the slayers of Miss Norma Newby,
73, whose body was found half buried
beneath a coating of snow in a lonely
clearing in a forest preserve last
night, suddenly shifted to the state
of Virginia today. The woman had
been missing since March 2. Apparent-
ly she had been slain with a heavy
automobile wrench.

When police were questioning
Frank J. Murray, Chicago representa-
tive of an eastern engineering firm,
who had been an admirer of the
woman for 17 years, his brother, D. J.
Murray, arrived at the station with
a special delivery letter from Sheriff
Thomas B. Fleanor, of Jonesville, Va.,
saying that Murray's car was found
there.

Two Men Escaped
In a subsequent long distance
phone conversation, Fleanor told
Chicago police that two men aban-
doned the car there either the morn-
ing of March 3 or 4. They were at-
tempting to steal another automobile
when Fleanor discovered them. They
fled when he tried to arrest them.

While talking with the Virginia
sheriff, police announced that Mur-
ray and Arthur Dorion, to whom Miss
Newby was reported to have been en-
gaged, would be held only to-
afternoon. Murray's brother, D. J.
Murray and Dorion's brothers, Omar
and Albert, who were held with Mur-
ray and Dorion, will also be released
after the inquest.

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Seven Klamath Men File Suit Against Railway

PORTLAND, March 18 (AP) — Decla-
ring faith was broken by the rail-
road, seven complainants were today
seeking the return of an accounting
for value of property in the heart
of Klamath Falls, donated by 610
residents of the Klamath basin for a
city terminal for the Oregon, Cali-
fornia & Eastern Railway company,
several years ago by Robert
E. Strahorn.

The complainants, trustees of the
Strahorn railway terminal fund, are
John W. Siemens, C. W. Underwood,
Edward Lawrence, R. H. Dunbar, Hy-
man Wechsler, Barney Chambers and
Edward Dodge. The case was filed
in federal court yesterday.

The complaint says that in 1916
Strahorn offered to build a railroad
from Klamath Falls northward to
Sprague River valley, with a con-
tribution to Bend, if Klamath Falls
would donate the right of way to
Sprague River valley and appropri-
ate \$300,000 for a municipal railway
from the end of Klamath lake
through the city to Dairy station.

The money was raised, the trustees
contend, a sum of \$60,000 turned
over to the railroad, and the city
bonded itself for \$300,000 and built
the road.

The complaint declares Strahorn
never pushed his line into the Bend
territory.

Hawley's Income Report Returned

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP) — Sur-
vivors of the annual struggle over in-
come tax legislation may gain a bit of
comfort from this.

Representative Hawley, Republican,
Oregon just got his return back for
collection. He had overcharged him-
self.

Hawley is chairman of the ways
and means committee that writes all
the federal tax laws. Last night from
the 1928 act of 1928 under which col-
lections are made. He also is chair-
man of the joint committee of the
house and senate on internal revenue
taxation and co-author of the tariff
act of 1930.

Workmen Start Early Attacks On Huge Project

Placing Rails Across Des-
ert to Hoover Dam Site
— Boulder City to Rise
From Sagebrush.

By Frank H. Frawley
DENVER, Colo., Mar. 18 (AP) — After
more than eight years of planning
and agitation, the major offensive
against the turbulent Colorado river
has been started.

Among the first steps the Six Com-
panies, Inc. of San Francisco, suc-
cessful bidder on the general con-
tract for Hoover dam and power
plant, will take approximately 1,000
workers to Western wastelands to
build a railroad to carry supplies to
the dam site in Black canyon.

Another railroad, built on contract
for the government, is under con-
struction now. It will extend from
Las Vegas to the site of the dam.

The government already has ad-
vertised for bids on the construction
of living quarters for 10 engineers
and workers at Boulder City, Nev.,
where 4,000 men and their families
will make their temporary or per-
manent homes.

Boulder City will rise from a wild-
erness of sagebrush. A sum of \$525,-
000 has been provided for laying out
this model city and starting the con-
struction of a highway to the dam
site.

Tunnels to Divert Flow
One of the striking engineering
feats facing the contractors is di-
version of the flow of the great stream
from its bed between the huge cliffs
where the dam is to be built.

To accomplish the diversion it will
be necessary to drive four tunnels
50 feet in diameter through the solid
rock on both sides of the gorge —
two tunnels on each side. These tun-
nels will be lined with concrete, and
they will carry the water from the

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Tunnel Cave-In Takes Lives Of Five Is Report

QUINCY, Cal., March 18 (AP) — Five
men were reported killed in a cave-in
while working on a tunnel for con-
struction for the Western Pacific railroad 8
miles northwest of here early today.

Details of the cave-in were lack-
ing and the only channel of com-
munication was a highway made al-
most impassable by two days of rain.

County authorities left here im-
mediately to investigate.

The tunnel is being bored through
a mountain near here to provide
for an extension of the Western Pa-
cific from Belter to Kettle, Cal. The
extension will link with a
southward extension of the Great
Northern railroad to form a new
trunk line connecting California,
Oregon and Washington with eastern
lines.

The Morrison-Knudsen company of
San Francisco is building the tun-
nel.

Authorities here also were notified
that a Western Pacific freight train
had been derailed early today at
Clilo, between Quincy and Portola,
after striking a loose rock which had
rolled onto the track. Nine cars were
said to have been derailed. All traf-
fic on the line was held up.

ADMISSIBILITY OF TESTIMONY IS AT STAKE

HILLSBORO, Ore., Mar. 18 (AP) —
While the courtroom thrilled at a de-
bate more dramatic than anything
before, a local murder case today
the Bowles murder case poised in mid-
flight today as attorneys battled over
admissibility of testimony.

Almon C. Bowles and Miss Irma
Loucks, charged with murdering
Bowles wife, display more interest in
the legal battle than they have in
the testimony.

Presiding Judge George R. Bagley
announced at the noon recess that he
would take under advisement the
matter at issue—whether allegedly
conflicting statements of Dr. Paul B.
Cooper should be offered by the state.

Cooper, a state witness, the physi-
cian who attended Mrs. Leone Bowles,
prominent Portland society woman,
after a knife blade had plunged into
her heart, sat on the witness stand
throughout the wordy, bitter session.
He was unmoved.

American Suicides In Cell At Rome

ROME, March 18 (AP) — Leon L.
Davidson, of Kansas City and New
York, who hanged himself in his
prison cell Monday after arrest on a
confidence charge, probably will be
buried in Rome.

Authorities here received a cable-
gram today from a brother in Kansas
City asking information as to funeral
arrangements.

Charles L. Spencer, of Albany, ar-
rested with Davidson, will be held
without bail until trial on the same
charge of swindling a British colonel
out of the equivalent of \$35,000.

INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS ON DECREASE

Slump Noticed for Mar. 16
Not Accepted as In-
dicative, However

OTHER DECLINES ANNOUNCED TODAY

Smoot Says Increase in
Taxes Will be Unneces-
sary if Debt Payments
are Reduced.

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP) — The
first day's collections of income tax
for the 1930 income dropped \$5,000-
000 as compared to the first day
of a year ago. The tax report Mon-
day, March 16, was \$15,100,382 as
compared with \$15,145,965 last year
on March 13.

The decrease, however, was not ac-
cepted by treasury officials as in-
dicative of the general trend the
collections will take. The amount
covered only that portion of income
tax for which checks had been de-
posited before 10 o'clock Monday
morning.

Due to March 15 falling on Sun-
day, tax payers had until midnight
Monday to make returns and officials
felt it would be impossible to gauge
the flow of income until reports for
the remainder of the week have been
received.

Compare With 1930
Monday payments brought the in-
come tax collections for the month
to \$58,134,904.85 as compared with
\$57,072,262 for the same period last
year. For the fiscal year, the col-
lections have totaled \$1,329,555,929 as
compared with \$1,320,142,103 in the