

War Debt Question To Front

HOOVER ASKS F. R. TO COME TO CAPITOL

France and England Seek Extension of Present Moratorium

FURTHER REVISION IS ALSO DESIRED

President-Elect Roosevelt Is Preparing Reply to President Hoover's Message

By the Associated Press
Here are latest developments on war debts and armaments:
France and England asked extension of the present moratorium, and suggested conferences with the United States looking to further revision.
President Hoover invited President-elect Roosevelt to confer with him on the problem.
Mr. Roosevelt at Albany prepared a reply today.
Senator Walsh (D. Mont.) proposed a special session of congress to pass on debt question, if matter is "urgent enough."
A committee, headed by Alfred P. Sloan Jr., and including Alfred E. Smith and Nicholas Murray Butler, advocated moratorium extension and readjustment of debts.
Senator Fess (R. Ohio) said he would favor a conference on adjustment of debts but would oppose negotiations designed to lead to "ultimate cancellation."
France completed details of a three-point armament reduction plan reported to include a general conscription act by which nations would renounce the right of neutrality in case of war and would join in a general conference to cut armaments.
Koelnische Illustrierte Zeitung, German weekly, in a review of French military organization, said "France is world's champion when it comes to camouflaging her military expenditures."
The French government called these conclusions "fantastic and false," and said France plans to reduce naval strength.

By John F. Chester
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
On board the presidential special

MRS. DELONG PASSES AWAY IN PORTLAND

Mrs. J. P. DeLong, age 88, passed away at the home of her daughter, Anna DeLong, in Portland early this morning. The body will arrive in La Grande Wednesday morning and will be taken to Walker's Funeral Home. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church with Rev. W. H. Hetzogl in charge of the services and burial will be in the family plot in Summerville cemetery.
Mrs. DeLong is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Ella Oliver, of Torrance, Cal.; Anna DeLong, of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Lena Willinger, of Seattle, Wash.; and Mrs. Maud Wallinger, of Alice, by two sons, Walden DeLong, of Riverdale, Cal., and Ernest DeLong, of La Grande. Mrs. DeLong is a pioneer resident of this valley having lived here 40 years.

Committee, Court Working on Budget

The county court and the budget committee opened their annual session this morning to work out the county budget for 1933. In the office of Judge U. G. Couch, county judge, at the court house, members of the budget committee are George H. Curry, John Davis and J. A. Gaskill.
Although they spent the morning in session they had not proceeded far enough to make any announcement for publication when the Observer went to press.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair tonight and Tuesday in west portion and local rain or snows tonight or Tuesday in east portion; no change in temperature; moderate to fresh south winds offshore.
WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—37° above.
Minimum: 36° above.
Condition: Cloudy, traces of snow.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 56, minimum 39 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain 16 of inch. Range: 17 degrees.
WEATHER NOV. 14, 1931
Maximum 43, minimum 32 above.
Condition: Cloudy. Range: 11 degrees.

Ex-Service Man Dies of Wounds From Knife Fray

Roy Robinett, of Salem, Succumbs Early Today; W. H. Baughn Accused of Causing His Death

SALEM, Nov. 14 (AP)—Victim of a vicious slashing, Roy Robinett, ex-service man, died at a local hospital early today from knife wounds inflicted Sunday evening, officers said, by W. H. Baughn, 53, over an argument about title to an automobile at the home of Mrs. I. Schocker, formerly Olive Robinett, near Detroit in eastern Marion county. Baughn offered no resistance to officers and was lodged in the Stayton jail overnight.
Robinett was brought to Salem but died on the operating table. He was single. Baughn is the father of seven children.
Robinett was slashed diagonally across the abdomen from the right shoulder blade to the top of the left thigh, the knife cutting through the abdominal wall. Other slashes were likewise inflicted.
Officers said they had learned from the participant, Robinett being convicted.

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Band, With Its Future In Doubt, Plans Concert

The La Grande band is planning for a special concert to be given the early part of December. The members have been rehearsing steadily since the Round-Up and expect to be able to present one of the finest concerts yet given in this city.
Although the band is functioning practically without funds the band members feel that in these times when everyone is more or less depressed, the inspiration that can come from music and music alone, will be appreciated by the people of La Grande.
The future of the band is very much in doubt. Through popular subscription a fund sponsored by the American Legion was raised to help defray the expenses of the band for this year and the band members feel that they want to function if possible until the first of the new year.
The date and place where the concert will be given will be announced at any early date in these columns.

Red Cross Roll Call Campaign Begins Tuesday

Plans for La Grande's annual Red Cross roll call are rapidly nearing completion, and the big drive will open tomorrow morning in all sections of the city, reports Rev. Paul De P. Mortimore, general chairman of the drive.
A very important meeting of all who expect to take part in the roll call drive will be held at 7:30 this evening in the city hall. At this meeting all workers will receive their final instructions, and all necessary materials.
The chairman in charge of various divisions of the work are Mrs. Nor-man Fess, Miss Madeline Larson, and Harold Boone. Mrs. Lynn Wright is in charge of materials used by the workers.
In connection with the national Red Cross roll call, two nation-wide radio broadcasts have been announced. President Hoover is to speak tonight over the hook-up of the National Broadcasting company, beginning at 7:00 o'clock Pacific time. Tomorrow evening President-elect Roosevelt will speak at 8:00 o'clock Pacific time over the Columbia Broadcasting system hook-up.

Warrants Will Be Discussed Tuesday

Discussion relative to the acceptance of school district and county warrants in small denominations by the merchants will be held tomorrow when the chamber of commerce meet in monthly forum luncheon at noon at the Sacajawes Inn. Many merchants have expressed their willingness to accept warrants in small sums provided they can pass them on to other in late regular course of business, it is said.
The chamber of commerce has several activities in which it is engaged at present, including assisting the local Red Cross committee in the distribution of flour to the destitute needy. The flour was milled from government wheat by local mills.

Ridealgh's Case Will Be Decided

SALEM, Nov. 14 (AP)—The retention or dismissal of W. W. Ridealgh as superintendent of transportation for Oregon will be decided at a late conference today, the board of control announced at its meeting this morning. Routine matters were the only other business transacted by the board.
Governor Julius L. Meier several weeks ago requested Ridealgh to submit a report on his activities and to show cause why his position should be continued.

DRY WORKER DROWNED, IS CODE'S TALE

Alleged Swindler Tells Police R. Robins Slain by Rum Runners

SUSPECT HELD IN JAIL AT BOSTON

Officers Not Fully Convinced of Authenticity of Story But Expect to Investigate It

BOSTON, Nov. 14 (AP)—A story of the drowning at sea by rum runners of Colonel Raymond Robins, missing prohibitionist and friend of President Hoover, was told police today in their investigation of Ralph Code, 40, alleged swindler. Robins has been missing since early in September.
Code was held in \$10,000 bail in municipal court after he had pleaded not guilty to charges of larceny.

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BEGIN WORK ON WALLS AT L. H. S.

Scaffolding Is Completed Saturday—Damaged Sections to Be Razed

With the scaffolding completed on Saturday, workers at the La Grande high school building began today to tear down the damaged section of the walls under the direction of Al Helmer, foreman. The school board, at a recent meeting, hired Mr. Helmer as head of the work and directed him to start activity here immediately. The building was damaged by fire the evening of Sept. 7.
The school board plans to meet later this week to work out a system of labor, and also to act on the resignation of Director Ernest R. Ringo, which was tendered last week.
Straw bosses have been appointed by Mr. Helmer, with the approval of the school board. They are John Gietthuber, M. A. Smith and Weldon Vedder.

JOHN ROGERS SUCCUMBS TO APPENDICITIS

John A. Rogers, a resident of La Grande, died at the local hospital Saturday evening after a valiant battle for life. Stricken with acute appendicitis several days ago, he underwent an operation, but death could not be checked.
Funeral services will be held at the Catholic church at 9 a. m. Tuesday with burial in the Summerville cemetery. Rosary will be held at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary at 7:30 o'clock tonight.
Mr. Rogers was born in Wisconsin May 22, 1886 and was 46 years, five months and 21 days of age. He leaves his widow, Laura; one son, Bert, of La Grande; a brother, W. C. Rogers, of Spokane; a sister, Mrs. John A. Shira, of May Park, and other relatives.

Kiddle in Line for Presidency

With the election of last week now a thing of history, nevertheless two conditions created by the vote stand out with unusual importance to La Grande.

Two Drowned In Lake Near Klamath

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—The apparent drowning of Joe and Oscar Olson, almost two weeks ago in Upper Klamath lake, was reported to state police yesterday by a searching party.
A dog marooned, on an island, led to an investigation which disclosed an overturned boat, a hat and an oar floating on the lake and equipment owned by them in a deserted cabin near the mouth of Wind river.
The county coroner will institute further search Monday.

Amy Johnson Will Fly To S. Africa

LYMPNE, Eng., Nov. 15 (AP)—Amy Johnson, England's premier woman flier and in private life Mrs. J. A. Millson, took off today for a long flight to South Africa in an attempt to beat her husband's record of 4 days, 17 hours and 19 minutes for the same trip.
BAKER MAN ROBBED
PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—George Luker, Baker, Ore., was robbed of \$50, Friday night, he reported to local police. Officers took two suspects a few hours later, as they were preparing to leave the city and recovered \$15.75 from the men.

TIGERS FAIL TO GET GAME IN PLAY-OFF

Hood River and Medford to Meet to Decide Which Team Plays Jefferson

LA GRANDE CLAIM ONE OF FOUR BEST

Blue and White, Under Ira Woodie's Coaching, Loses But Three Games in Four Years in State

With Medford and Hood River high schools reaching an agreement over the weekend to play next Saturday—the winner to challenge Jefferson High of Portland to a game in Multnomah stadium for the mythical championship on Thanksgiving day—it appeared that La Grande's chance of entering the play-off was practically eliminated.
In other words, there are four outstanding teams in Oregon this year—Medford, Hood River, Jefferson and La Grande—and when the mythical championship is decided, it will be just as mythical as the name implies. Because after two of the three teams have been defeated, La Grande High's contention for a claim to the title will be just as strong as ever—too strong to be completely ignored.
It is just another example of the need of a clear cut plan to determine a championship in high school football in Oregon, local fans believe.

Medford, Hood River Get Call
As it happened, Medford and Hood

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BUTLER CALLS FOR LIBERALS TO TAKE REINS

NEW YORK, Nov. 14 (AP)—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler has issued a call to what he called the young, liberal elements in the Republican party to take over the reins of that party.
The Columbia university president, in a statement yesterday, said that unless this is done the party will go the way of the Whig party and will soon pass out of existence because of its incapacity to face the future with understanding and courage.
He advocated a program which would include the loosening of the grip on government by "every form of private or group interest, a balanced budget, retention by the people of the remaining natural resources, removal of high tariff barriers to international trade, readjustment of war debts, a study of the world monetary system and the gold standard, and general cooperation by all nations."
Dr. Butler for years has been a prominent Republican.

Hood River Back Will Be Protested

THE DALLES, Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—The Dalles High school was today preparing to protest the eligibility of Tom Swanson, fullback on the Hood River high school football team, if he was to play in the game today. It was charged that Swanson is a ten-year student. Hood River recently protested George Starr, The Dalles fullback, who was ruled ineligible because he participated in a prize fight in 1930.
Hood River has scheduled a game with Medford and is seeking the right to play Jefferson High of Portland for the state title.

Senator Nye Rests Comfortably Today

ST. PAUL, Nov. 14 (AP)—U. S. Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, injured when his car skidded from a slippery highway near Hudson, Wis., Saturday, rested fairly comfortably at a local hospital today.
Examination revealed two rib fractures and many cuts and bruises. His left hand was to be X-rayed for a possible fracture. It was badly bruised and cut.

Nye will be confined to the hospital several days at least.

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Special Legislative Session Likely

THE "WAR" IS OVER, LET'S GO AHEAD!



Rainfall Brings Floods In Some Sections Today

PORTLAND, Nov. 14 (AP)—Small streams, taxed by heavy rainfall, were flooding lowlands in many sections of the state today. Particularly in the coast section where heavy rain has fallen for two days, a high water experienced.
The unusually hard rain, a strong southwest wind and a high tide combined Sunday to delay travel along the North Oregon coast. An 8.2 foot tide reached the highway along many sections of the coast and a wind of gale velocity interrupted telephone communication.
The Klamath, Willamette and Trask rivers were running high.
Heavy rains prevailed over the entire state during the weekend. More was predicted for today.

NO ABUSE OF LAW EXPECTED BY DRUGGISTS

PORTLAND, Nov. 14 (AP)—Oregon druggists are confident there will be no general abuse of the law which permits pharmacies to dispense liquor. This was the statement of F. R. Peterson, senator member of the executive committee of the National Association of Retail Druggists, who left Portland last night to attend a committee meeting in Chicago.
Oregon druggists will be the first to benefit from the repeal of the state prohibition law and Peterson explained frankly that the new system will result in increased revenue for nearly all druggists.
He said the government liquor probably will sell for \$2.50 to \$3 a pint. If this price prevails the total cost per pint to the consumer will be \$5 to \$5.50, the additional expense being for a physician's prescription, without which no liquor can be sold.

War Debt Facts

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 (AP)—Foreign nations have paid the United States \$2,627,580,897 and still owe this country \$11,598,501,462, plus \$184,000,000 in interest postponed when war was negotiated.
Of the payments, \$953,343,802 was received before the debt was funded and \$1,674,237,094 since that agreement was negotiated.
The total now due includes \$62,000,000 in principal postponed under the moratorium.
Under the funding agreements, Great Britain owes \$4,398,000,000 and has paid \$202,000,000 in principal and \$1,149,720,000 in interest.
France owes \$3,863,650,000 and has paid \$161,350,000 in principal and \$38,650,000 in interest.
Including the amounts received before the debts were funded, Great Britain has paid \$1,911,798,298 and France has paid \$499,078,891.
The total debt includes those owed by Armenia and Russia, while the total payments include the debts of Cuba and Liberia which have been paid.

Colonel Turner Seeks New Record

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 14 (AP)—Col. Roscoe Turner landed for fuel here today at 12:40 p. m. C. S. T., five hours and 54 minutes after leaving New York in an attempt to establish a new east-west transcontinental flight record.
Turner's plane was refueled in ten minutes and he streaked west at 12:50 p. m., expecting to stop at Albuquerque, N. M.

Labor Leader Is Shot In Tacoma

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 14 (AP)—Emmett C. Ryan, 35, widely known Tacoma labor leader affiliated with the teamsters' union, was shot and killed last night on the outskirts of the city when he and another man, still sought, are said by police to have attempted to hold up a milk truck only to meet resistance from the driver, Jack Anderson. Officials were also investigating a report that labor troubles were involved.
Anderson was exonerated by Deputy Sheriffs Palin and Milone and Coroner Edward R. Perry.

SAYS BEER WILL END RACKETEERING

NEW YORK, Nov. 14 (AP)—Governor George White, of Ohio, believes legalization of beer will end racketeering.
Here on a vacation after his reelection, Gov. White said in a statement today he is convinced the problem of racketeering and the problem of prohibition must be approached "in the light of reasoning."
"I believe a change in the prohibition law is inevitable," he said, "and I am prepared to ask the Ohio legislature to repeal, or modify, the state enforcement act as soon as a federal change justifies."
"I am convinced of one thing. That is the legal manufacture and sale of beer will end racketeering. Most of the racketeering is in the distribution of beer. That is because of its bulk. The moment we allow beer to be transported for sale, the racket will cease to exist. The same situation does not obtain in bootlegging hard liquor because it can be transported more readily."
Governor White said he was one of the earliest advocates of control of the liquor traffic in his state.
"I have been convinced from the

Woman, 38, Held At Coquille In Shooting Case

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—Miss Ruth Bryant, 38, was being held in the county jail at Coquille today pending an inquest into the death of Fred Hanks, 33, who was found dead from a bullet wound under the heart, outside the Bryant cabin at Lakeside, Ore., early Sunday.

Hanks, who had been employed by the woman for work around her home, came to the cabin at an early hour Sunday and attempted to gain entry by crawling through a window and was warned away by Miss Bryant, who upon his refusal to heed the request, fired through the cabin wall, county officers said they were told by Miss Bryant.
Officers said an inquest would be held Monday.

Hanks was a native of Monteville, Ala., and his mother resides in Frisco City, Ala. Miss Bryant is said to be the daughter of a former Kansas judge, now dead.
She is said to have been divorced several years ago from a man named Rice, of Grants Pass.
Police said Miss Bryant told him she and Hanks had been drinking and that the man became abusive, beat her and proceeded to wreck the place. He tore a stove loose and carried it into the yard. She locked the door, preventing his return to the

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Ohio Milk Strike Brings Violence

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Meanwhile, police arrested three men as a result of the attacks.
The men refused to accept a proposal for arbitration of a 20 per cent cut in their wages. They struck when their counter offer to accept a 10 per cent cut was rejected by most milk dealers.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Nov. 14 (AP)—Wheat showed the liveliest advance in price today that has been seen since August, but failed to hold the gains except to a minor degree.
Bearish action of the New York stock market put an increased handicap late on friends of higher wheat prices. Operators who had been aggressive buyers of wheat lower today turned sellers at the last of spite predictions that threshing turns would show United States spring wheat yields had been officially overestimated 30,000,000 bushels.
Wheat closed unsettled at the same as Saturday's finish to 3/4c higher, corn also unchanged to 3/4c up, oats unchanged to 1/4c advance, and provisions unchanged to a rise of 30c.

TAX PROBLEM CONFRONTING THIS STATE

Selective Sales Tax Considered by Governor Julius L. Meier

PUBLIC REACTION TO PLAN SOUGHT

Return of State Property Tax Would Bankrupt Several Counties, Executive Believes

By Clayton V. Bernhard
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
SALEM, Nov. 14 (AP)—A special session to provide sufficient revenue to operate the state government will be necessary if the state tax on real property remains off the levy. And the session would have to be called prior to the levying of next year's taxes December 31. This was the opinion of members of the state tax commission, state budget director, and several leaders of the 1931 legislature as voiced to the Associated Press today.
The calling of the special session, comprising members of the 1931 assembly, by Governor Julius L. Meier will rest entirely upon the demand for further elimination of the property tax. It was pointed out by state leaders versed in the situation. The governor is considering a sales tax, but will recommend it only if the demand for continued relief upon property taxpayers is sufficient, it was declared.
Considers Sales Tax
The governor, in a statement to the press Saturday night, said he was considering recommending a selective sales tax to the legislature. To put this in effect prior to the levying of new taxes would require calling the old legislature back to Salem. It decided upon, the assembly will probably be called the middle of next month, and should complete its task.

CANCER KILLS BILLY BROCK, NOTED PILOT

CHICAGO, Nov. 14 (AP)—Billy Brock, pioneer pilot, airmail flier, and conqueror of the Atlantic, is dead.
The man who survived the dangers of pre-war aviation, taught American soldiers to fly during the World War, piloted airmail planes, and then capped his career with a flight over the Atlantic, died last night of cancer.
William S. Brock, as he was christened, but known as Billy Brock in aviation circles, was born 36 years ago at Gladstone, Ohio. As a youth the exploits of Lincoln Beachey, Arch Hoxsey and other early American fliers, led him into aviation. At 16 he was a pilot.
His 20 years of flying spanned the days when a London to Paris flight was set down as a record to the present era of around-the-world flights.
In 1927 Brock and Edward F. Schlee tried to break the existing record for flight around the globe, flying first from Harbor Grace, N. F., to Crofton Field, England. Then they flew their plane, The Pride of Detroit, on to Japan where, due to adverse weather conditions the trip was abandoned.

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