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## NOTES AND NEWS

A valued subscriber in renewing her subscription at the end of the year said that she did not wish to start the New Year owing any bills; an admirable resolution which we recommend to Herald readers generally.

The problem of imperialism has been greatly simplified by the use of air-planes for bombing purposes. Instead of costly garrisons to keep the natives in order it is now necessary only that the occupying government maintain a few air squadrons. An example is reported from Mesopotamia where Great Britain, in accordance with the treaty of Paris, is extending civilization. Among the benefits of civilization to which many of the Arab tribes are unaccustomed is that of taxation and various of the tribesmen failed to respond to the assessments, whereupon bombs were dropped on their villages to show them how much better it would have been to have paid their taxes in the first place. The London Daily Mail tells of a sheik who in making a payment on account asked that further bombardment from air be postponed, writing, "You have killed one wife and spoiled another."

An Englishman, writing in the Nation of London, votes for a world pool for the stabilization of wheat prices. The pool would build up reserves to prevent violent seasonal variations in price, a thing to be desired both by producer and consumer. He would have the international pool buy in years of plenty and sell in years of scarcity. On account of the number of great wheat-producing countries to be considered he admits the immense difficulty of the undertaking, but he urges that the need is proportionate to the difficulty.

The optimist who said that no matter how much time he wasted he had as much left as anybody else may have been in the right as far as his own case was concerned, but, in general, wasters have no license to figure that way; the habit of wasting time is a great handicap to its possessor. He finds it hard to work up to his capacity when he does take a notion to bestir himself.

Loyalty to the "lost cause" is apparently still a virtue in Georgia. The Hon. W. C. Lankford, of the 11th Georgia district, in a speech to his home folk declared the defense of the south in the civil war was "the greatest defense of home, of true principles and of sacred rights ever made since the stars first sang together," which everybody will admit is a long time.

## LEGISLATION TO AID FARMERS PROPOSED

Bills Introduced in Congress to Establish Farm Loan System.

Washington, D. C.—Rural credits legislation, said to have the approval of administration officials and proposing to create a farm credits department as a part of the present farm loan system, was introduced simultaneously in the senate and house by Senator Lenroot, republican of Wisconsin, and Representative Anderson, republican of Minnesota.

The two bills, similar in most particulars, would make available for farm loans a total of \$60,000,000, distributed equally among the 12 federal farm loan banks. The present government subscription to the 12 banks totals only \$12,000,000. The banks would be authorized to rediscount farm paper having a maturity of from six months to three years.

The proposed legislation stipulates that farm paper could be rediscounted for national and state banks and trust companies, incorporated livestock loan companies, farm credit banks, cooperative credit companies and other banking institutions. One bill amending the farm loan act to provide additional credits was introduced by Senator Norbeck, republican, South Dakota, and Representative Strong, republican, Kansas; while another, introduced by Senator Norbeck and Representative A. P. Nelson, republican, Wisconsin, would authorize the war finance corporation to make loans to foreign purchasers of

American agricultural products. Both of the bills are introduced by the American Farm Bureau Federation and go beyond the administration proposals in the recently introduced Lenroot-Anderson bill.

## STATE AND FEDERAL LIQUOR TRIALS LEGAL

Washington, D. C.—Two cases considered by the government of major importance in the enforcement of national prohibition have been decided by the supreme court. In one of them, coming from the state of Washington, the government scored a sweeping victory, the supreme court holding that both the federal and a state government can prosecute and punish the same unlawful act in the manufacture, possession, transportation or sale of intoxicating liquors.

The other case, coming from California, the government lost in its contention that in the enforcement of national prohibition an executive officer can impose and collect as taxes the assessments and penalties imposed by those sections of the revised statutes which remain un repealed by the Volstead act and which became law while the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor was not prohibited.

### W. G. P. HARDING



W. G. P. Harding, former governor of the federal reserve board, who will assist Cuba in installation of a banking system similar to the United States federal reserve.

## WASHINGTON BONUS FUND HOLDING OUT

Olympia, Wash.—Approximately \$70,000 of the \$12,500,000 that has been made available for paying the added compensation claims of world-war veterans remains, and as bonus payments now are running between \$2000 and \$5000 a week it is likely the money on hand will last until the next legislature meets.

The latest report of the division of the state auditor's office shows 56,199 claims paid, 2000 rejected, 1362 pending and 1220 classed as professional soldiers, making a total of 60,762 claims received. This number is being increased slowly.

The largest number of rejected claims were those of men not actual residents of Washington when they enlisted here; next were those who received more than the amount of their bonus in extra pay for work in the spruce division.

## DEATH RATE DROPS

Fewer Deaths in 1921 Than in Year Previous.

Washington, D. C.—Figures for practically all states within the death registration area of the country, as announced by the census bureau, reflect the decreased death rate for the total area in 1921 as compared with the preceding year.

Of the adjusted rates figured on the differences in the sex and age distribution of the population in the various states, Montana showed the lowest, 8.8 per 1000 population and Massachusetts the highest, 13.4. For cities of 100,000 or more population, the lowest adjusted rate, 9.2, was reported for Akron, O., while the rate of 19 for Memphis was the highest.

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## BORAH WITHDRAWS CONFERENCE PLAN

Idaho Senator Informed That Harding Is Working Along the Same Lines.

Washington, D. C.—The fight over the proposal of Senator Borah that President Harding call an economic conference came to a substantial climax in the senate when the Idaho senator announced that he would withhold his proposed amendment to the naval appropriation bill on administration assurances given by Senator Watson of Indiana that the president already was sounding out the situation in a way that might lead to some movement that would aid the adjustment of conditions prevailing in Europe.

After Senators Lodge and Watson, speaking for the administration, had assured Senator Borah that the government is now moving in the direction desired by him, Borah said he had no desire to "retard progress" and he announced he would not push his amendment to a vote.

At the White House it was said the president regarded Senator Borah's action as a "wise move." High officials also said that the president was not now contemplating the calling of a general economic conference, but at present proposed American participation in an economic conference on reparations. Adjustment of this and of the allied debts question, the president was said to feel, are necessary before the administration can proceed with further steps in Europe's behalf.

## 7 ARE INDICTED ON WAR FRAUD CHARGES

Washington, D. C.—Benedict Crowell, assistant secretary of war under the Wilson administration and six "dollar a year" men associated with the council of national defense, were indicted here by the special grand jury investigating war frauds on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in construction of war time army camps and cantonments.

The others indicted are William A. Starrett, Morton C. Tuttle, Clemens W. Lundoff, Claire Foster, John H. McGibbons, James A. Mears.

The indictments charge a conspiracy to maladminister existing regulations, to control the giving of contracts to friends, associates and clients under the "cost plus" system, which it is charged resulted in a loss to the government of millions of dollars and reduced the morale of labor.

## GREEK ARMY IS ON MARCH

War is Considered Inevitable Between Greeks and Turks.

London.—A dispatch from Athens says the entire Greek army is moving toward Thrace, war being considered inevitable.

The dispatch adds that former Premier Venizelos telegraphed the revolutionary government advising it to send reinforcements to the Thracian front and asking to be informed of the number of troops there. A meeting of the cabinet followed and

the army moved. The reservists of the 1920 and 1922 classes, the dispatch continued, have been called to the colors. War Minister Pangalos has been appointed commander-in-chief in Thrace and has left with his secretary for Salonika.

### Five Railroads Merge.

Cleveland, O.—Consolidation of the New York, Chicago and St. Louis (Nickel Plate), the Chicago & State Line and Lake Erie & Western, Fort Wayne, Cincinnati & Louisville, and the Toledo, St. Louis & Western (Clover Leaf), was approved here by the board of directors of the five railroads, representing an authorized capitalization of \$105,500,000 and operating 1695 miles of track.

### Armenian National Home Planned.

Lausanne.—Plans for an Armenian national home, financed with a possible \$20,000,000 appropriation by the United States congress or a popular loan in America in addition to funds from other countries, were presented to the Near East conference by the American delegation.

### 45 Implicated in Louisiana Raids.

Nastrop, La.—Forty-five persons were implicated in the Morehouse kidnaping and murders of last August, according to two confessions reported as delivered by the department of justice memo to state authorities at New Orleans.

### Judge Coke Nominated U. S. Attorney.

Washington, D. C.—President Harding nominated John S. Coke to be United States attorney for the district of Oregon.

### Oregon Office Building Recommended.

Salem, Or.—Recommendation for the construction of a modern office building for state purposes at a cost of between \$400,000 and \$500,000 is contained in the biennial report of Secretary of State Koser, filed with the state board of control.

### Washington Tax Meeting to Be Held.

Seattle, Wash.—The tax limit league, organized to scale the total tax rate of this state down to not more than 40 mills on a 50 per cent property valuation, will hold its first state conference in Tacoma early in December.

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Corn—Whole, \$41; cracked, \$43. Hay—Alfalfa, \$19@19.50 per ton; valley timothy, \$22; eastern Oregon timothy, \$23.

Butter Fat—48@49c.

Eggs—Ranch, 50@57c.

Cheese—Tillamook triplets, 32½@33c; Young Americas, 32½@34c; block Swiss, 30@32c; cream brick, 28@30c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75@7.25; medium to good, \$6@6.75.

Sheep—East of mountain lambs and choice valley lambs, \$11@12.50.

Hogs—Prime light, \$9@9.50; smooth heavy, \$8@9.

### Seattle

Wheat—Hard white, \$1.25; soft white, western white, \$1.24; hard winter, soft red winter and northern spring, \$1.20; red, \$1.18; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.50.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$23; timothy, \$27; straw, \$15.

Butter Fat—48@50c.

Eggs—Ranch, 50@55c.

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