

### GLADSTONE LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Carter returned to Bar View Thursday where they will spend the winter. While there they will make many improvements in their property. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christy will occupy the Carter home on Arlington street during their absence.

Mrs. E. W. Eby and sons, Jack and Cleland, were called to Gresham, Friday by the serious illness of the former niece, Miss Edna M. Marston, who is suffering with typhoid fever. The ladies of the Abernathy Grange held a special meeting at the Park place school house Friday for the purpose of discussing the plans of rebuilding the Grange hall, recently destroyed by fire.

It was decided not to rebuild at present, and plans were made to hold their meetings in the assembly hall of the Parkplace school for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kent are spending the week end with their daughter Mrs. Fred Steiner and family in Forest Grove.

The much needed new sidewalk is being put in between Darmouth street and the school house.

Mrs. Emma Hamilton of Portland is the house guest of her sister, Mrs. Edward Harrington for the week. During her visit, Mrs. Harrington entertained a number of former class mates in her honor.

Mrs. Bennett and grandson, Gordon Bennett Nash, who are spending the winter in Portland, the latter attending the Hill Military Academy, are spending the week end with Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Nash of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Catto and son Everett spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Eaton in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Green are rejoicing over the arrival of a son whom they have named, Robert Clyde, Mrs. Gilbert Morris, sister of Mrs. Green, is in charge, both mother and babe are doing nicely.

Mrs. E. J. Alldredge has been the house guest of her daughter Mrs. Dave Catto during the week. Mrs. Alldredge is visiting her grand daughter, Mrs. LeRoy Eaton in Portland, for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Legler left early Sunday morning for Seaside, they will be joined by a party of friends in Portland, they will spend the week end at Seaside.

O. F. Freytag and Thomas E. Meeds left early Saturday morning for Spokane where they will transact business. The trip was made in the Meeds machine. Mr. Freytag will return the first of the week via Seattle, and Mr. Meeds will visit with friends and return later.

Mrs. Harvison and son Clyde, of Gladstone, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen and daughter, Mrs. Madge, of Clackamas Heights, motored to Portland Friday where they spent the day with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Morris have returned from their honeymoon and will occupy their new home on Arlington Street, which is nearing completion. At present they are staying with her sister, Mrs. Clyde Green.

Linn Parker of Globe Arizona, arrived in Gladstone Sunday, where he will spend the winter with his brother, Chester Parker and wife.

Miss Mildred Kyler entertained Miss Stella Grant and George King of Portland at her home Wednesday evening.

The Monday Evening Sewing Club met at the home of Misses Leona and Dorothy Fox on Claridon Street, Monday evening.

Mrs. Samuel Arnold of Portland was a business visitor in Gladstone Saturday. Mrs. Arnold was formerly Miss Ruth Rauch of this place.

Mrs. J. B. Fox spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yoder in Hubbard. Mrs. Fox was the guest of honor at a dinner party given by Mrs. Yoder.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Legler were guests at the Pacific View Hotel at Seaside over the week end. A house party was given for them by some of their Portland friends, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Burdon had as their house guest during the Christian Endeavor convention, Miss Dorothy Phillips of Eagle Creek, and Mrs. Bennett of Clackamas.

Gladstone football team met and defeated the Oregon City team at Chautauqua Park Sunday afternoon by a score of 6 to 0. The line up for Gladstone was: center, Elvin Charles E. C. George, L. Lund, L. G. Noel, E. E. Moore, R. E. Danney Wallace, L. E. Mead Oswald, Q. B. Randolph Service, H. B. William McMillan, F. B. J. W. Meyers, H. B. Troy Solomon.

A game has been arranged with a Portland team for next Sunday on the Chautauqua grounds. Elvin Charles is manager and Randolph Service captain of the team.

Mrs. C. E. Niles is spending the week with her husband who is chief engineer on the "Robert Young" which makes the run from Portland to Astoria. This is a most wonderful trip at this season of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Eby entertained at dinner Sunday at Carver Park the former's father, S. M. Eby of Vancouver, Washington and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Eby of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Eby had as their guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Baxter of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Baxter of Oregon City.

The Missionary Society of the Christian church will hold their first regular meeting of the fall at the home of their president, Mrs. E. P. Nelson, Wednesday afternoon. Plans for the winter work will be made at this meeting. A full attendance is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ketchum and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Powell River, E. C. and Mrs. Ketchum's sister, Mrs. Charles Bomar of Minneapolis are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Olds. Mr. Ketchum is identified with the paper mills at Powell River and is here on a ten day leave of absence visiting his sister, Mrs. Grant Olds.

The Gladstone council met in regular session Tuesday evening with all members present. Mayor Vedder presiding. The usual bills were audited and ordered paid. The treasurer was instructed to order the proper blanks for delinquent street assessments.

### ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP N. P. TRAIN THWARTED

Bandits Escape; Effort Made By Crew To Capture Pair Unsuccessful By Travelers.

PORTLAND, Oct. 10.—What is believed to have been an attempt to hold up a Portland-bound Northern Pacific train near Tenino, Wash., early this morning was thwarted by members of the train crew, headed by Conductor E. E. Young, of 585 East Eleventh Street, North.

According to Young, who was in charge of train No. 401, arriving at Portland at 7:45 o'clock this morning, two armed men, about 27 years of age, were found wandering about in the sleeping car aisle by the Pullman porter as the train passed Kyrro. Without showing any signs of resistance, the pair accompanied the porter to the front end of the train, where Pullman Conductor McLean, brakeman Rube Morrison and Conductor Young surrounded them.

### FLIGHT RECORD BROKEN BY PLANE AT SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Oct. 6.—San Diego listened to the song of the Liberty motor all night long.

It was the never-falling drone of the wonderful air machine that has kept Lieutenant John MacReady and Oakley Kelly aloft for more than a day and a night and has given them a new world record for sustained flight in a heavier-than-air machine.

The mammoth Fokker transport monoplane, built in America for the army air service, cruised high under a brilliant full moon directly over the city all through the hours of semidarkness. Its huge dragon-fly shape was lined sharply against the moon many times in the night and the roar of its motor was always audible.

MacReady and Kelly set one world record for aviation when they sprang into the air yesterday with the Liberty motor lifting a load of 10,300 pounds. They made more air history shortly before 3 o'clock this morning when they passed the world's sustained flight record of 21 hours and 48 minutes held by Walter Landman of Berlin.

They hopped off at 5:53 yesterday morning. In a note dropped at Rockwell field the aviators declared that they will stay aloft until their gasoline supply is exhausted, bearing other untoward happenings. They estimated their landing time somewhere between 4 and 7 o'clock this evening.

MacReady now holds the world's record for altitude. It is 40,800 feet.

### GOVERNMENT ENDORSES ANTI-KLAN CANDIDATE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Stirred to action by repeated outrages of the Ku Klux Klan in Texas, the Harding administration has determined to force a showdown on the issue of the Klan's "invisible government."

The decision reveals a situation unique in the annals of American political history. It will mean that a Republican administration will support the candidacy of an independent Democrat for the United States senate. He is George E. B. Paddy of Houston, anti-Klux Klan. Paddy is out to end the "hooded horror" of the Klan in Texas, where repeated outrages, including the tarring and feathering of women, are regarded as threatening the sovereignty of the federal government.

The decision to support Paddy was reached at a White House conference Saturday night between President Harding, Attorney General Daugherty, Secretary of War Weeks, and R. B. Creager of Brownsville, Republican state chairman and close friend of the president.

### RADIO CONCERNS FORM \$170,000,000 COMBINE

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—A \$170,000,000 combine of American, British, German, French and Argentine radio plants giving America control of world air communications, was announced today by Captain Powhatan Page of the Pan-American Wireless company and officials of other gigantic corporations involved.

The monster merger was negotiated by the Radio Corporation of America and plans are now afoot to include the Orient and Australia in the project, the central station of which will be the Radio Corporation's plant in New York.

### Isaac Guggenheim Mine Magnate, Dies

SOUTHAMPTON, Oct. 10.—Isaac Guggenheim, American capitalist and copper magnate, died here suddenly today.

Mr. Guggenheim came here in his motor car from London yesterday to meet Henry W. Marsh, who arrived on the Aquitania. Both stayed at the Principal hotel.

Just before retiring Mr. Guggenheim complained of plans in the chest, which he attributed to indigestion. This morning he was too indisposed to take breakfast, and a physician was called for, but Mr. Guggenheim died before the doctor arrived.

### Women Refuse Duty On Jury Called To Try Indian Slayer

DALLAS, Ore., Oct. 9.—Indications this morning, when the trial of Phillip Warren, Grand Ronde Indian, indicted for the murder of Federal Prohibition Agent Glenn H. Price and Grover C. Todd, was called, were that all of today, and possibly the greater part of tomorrow, would be taken in securing a jury. Immediately upon opening of court today Judge H. H. Belt ordered the calling of a special venire for the trial.

This action on the part of the court was due to the refusal of thirty-nine out of the forty women on the regular jury panel to serve in the Warren murder case. They made their wishes in this matter known to the clerk of the court at various times since the trial was set, and when Judge Belt heard of the large number of refusals he determined to call an extra panel of thirty.

J. N. Helgeson, prosecuting attorney of Polk county, will handle the case for the state, and Warren will be defended by Oscar Hayter of Dallas. Walter L. Toole Jr., of McMinnville, will assist the prosecution.

Warren maintained his typical stoical demeanor when brought into court this morning by Sheriff John W. Orr. He appeared indifferent to the proceedings. A fair sized crowd was in the courtroom, but though the defendant is an Indian, practically no fellow redskins were present.

### Bend Legion Gives Support To Ousted Bonus Appraisers

BEND, Oct. 6.—A vote of confidence in H. J. Overturf and O. B. Hardy, recently summarily removed as appraisers for the bonus commission, until such time as a competent legal body shall decide upon their guilt or innocence of the charges made by the commission, was passed by Percy A. Stevens post, American Legion, last night. The post refused to recommend anyone as successors of Overturf and Hardy.

At the same time the post took steps through the appointment of a committee headed by Lynn B. Coovert, to investigate fully the acts of the bonus commission as regards Deschutes county loan applications.

Members condemned the delay which has resulted in only 24 loans being granted out of more than 120 applications, and the practice of reducing the amount of loans by cutting down the appraisal, as has been done, it was declared, in virtually every case.

Thousands of dollars are tied up in lands brought under bonus loans which are being delayed, and owners of land are beginning to refuse to sell if the bonus is to be used as a part of the purchase price, it was declared.

### 33 ARE KNOWN DEAD IN FIRES AT HAILEYBURY

CABALT, Ont., Oct. 6.—A heavy rain today had virtually quenched the forest fires which cost possibly sixty lives and destroyed the town of Haileybury and several smaller settlements.

Thirty-three bodies have been recovered in the smoldering wreckage that a week ago was Haileybury. Many more persons are missing.

Relief measures have been undertaken in all the surrounding centers untouched by the conflagration. Scores of families have been separated. Personally supervised by Premier Drury of Ontario, hundreds undertook fan work in North Bay and Cobalt. Thousands of refugees arrived at Cobalt and relief trains carried the greater proportion of these south to North Bay.

The burned area in the Haileybury district extends from Cobalt, one of the largest towns in Northeastern Ontario, which was only saved by a change in the wind's direction last night, to Englehart to the north, a distance of thirty miles. The entire burning area spreads over the two provinces of Quebec and Ontario, fan shaped, with the three cities of Ottawa, Quebec and Montreal to the south.

Of these three, Montreal is probably the nearest to the large fires. In Haileybury the property loss is estimated at \$4,000,000. The number of homeless is said to be at least 6000.

Farmers working in a potato field on the outskirts of Haileybury late Tuesday, started a rubbish fire to burn dried potato tops. Today, as a result, only twenty houses stand in the lake town of Haileybury.

### COMPLICATIONS ATTEND MARINE BOOZE RULING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—A flood of international complications, the seriousness and extent of which officials did not care to speculate on today, is confidently expected to follow the government's sweeping decision that no booze of any sort under any flag may come into the ports of these dry United States.

An immediate world-wide howl of protest is anticipated by government officials from President Harding down to the customs officials and dry authorities whose duty it will be to try to enforce the unprecedented order. Officials took the position today, however, that congress framed the law so as to give the executive branch of the government no other alternative, and it is now up to congress to change the law, if it wants it changed.

Orders were dispatched by the United States shipping board to cease immediately the sale of all liquor on all boats flying the American flag. As for the foreign ships, nothing will be done toward enforcing the order until the treasury experts figure out a way to apply the "ships that touch liquor shall not touch our ports."

Of 1,500,000 homes destroyed in Poland during the war, about 500,000 have been rebuilt.

### AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE HELD CAPTIVE BY TURKS

SMYRNA, Oct. 5.—The exact status of the American consulate general here will come before the national assembly at Ankara this week for discussion.

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Most of these speak fluent English; they fought for a year or more in the American army in France and then obtained their discharge to visit Greece.

### Mutilated Torso And Severed Head Are Found In Park

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—The ghastly discovery of an severed head in a sack in Bronx park last Sunday was augmented today by the finding of mutilated torso, part of the same body.

Police resumed their "fine tooth comb" of the park for four other parts of the murdered man, for such surgeons have pronounced the victim, but they believe that the murderers or their agents are coming again with the severed limbs of the corpse. They believe the torso was placed in the park yesterday. It was wedged between two rocks. Efforts at identification have failed.

### Prohibition Official Is Killed In Crash

SAN MATEO, Cal., Oct. 6.—Special Assistant Attorney General Robert H. McCormack, in charge of prosecution of prohibition cases on the Pacific coast, died today, at Miles Memorial hospital, as a result of injuries sustained last night when his automobile, driven by his wife, overturned near Berkeley. His skull was fractured, and he never regained consciousness. Mrs. McCormack was not seriously injured.

### MAN SHOTS AT WIFE AND COMMITS SUICIDE

CENTRALIA, Wash., Oct. 7.—Gus Dundee of Napavine shot and killed himself last night about 9 o'clock, wounding his wife, when he found packing to elope with another man.

Dundee returned to his home to find his wife and the man engaged in packing in the woodshed. He grasped a single barreled shotgun and shot at his wife, who dodged. A bullet grazed several inches across the back of her neck. Physicians believe still will recover.

Dundee crawled through a window in the shed and, placing the gun to his head, fired. He was middle aged. Two children survive. Dr. J. T. Coleman, coroner, is investigating.

### 2 Local Students Cited At College

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oct. 6.—(Special).—Charles F. Beattie, of Oregon City, has been named as second lieutenant in the reserve officers training corps here.

REED COLLEGE, Portland, Oct. 6.—(Special).—William Miller, senior, of Oregon City has been appointed a special assistant in the physical education department here.

### Reports From Smyrna Will Be Investigated; Status Of Consulate to be Discussed.

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### Previous Records Of Production Of Gasoline Broken

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 7.—All previous records for monthly production of gasoline in the United States were broken in July, when 569,711,415 gallons were produced, according to figures compiled by the United States Bureau of Mines. The July output of gasoline represents an increase of 44,000,000 gallons over the June production and 56,000,000 gallons above the figures for May. The increase over July of last year is 150,000,000 gallons.

Domestic consumption of gasoline for July was also the largest ever recorded in a single month, amounting to 566,000,000 gallons as compared with 507,000,000 gallons for June and 457,000,000 gallons for July of last year. The fact that consumption figures showed a larger increase than the production figures accounts for a reduction of stocks of gasoline for the month, amounting to 52,000,000 gallons. The stocks on hand August 1 were 772,908,949 gallons, of 6.31 per cent less than the figures for July 1, which aggregated 824,966,456 gallons.

A daily average of 1,593,000 barrels of oil was run through the stills of 305 refineries reported to the Bureau of Mines as operating during July. This shows an increase of 46,000 barrels or 2.96 per cent in the amount of oil run and a decrease of 5 in the number of operating refineries as compared with June. Plants operating in July ran an average of 89.55 per cent of their daily indicated capacity.

Imports of gasoline for July amounted to 4,840,088 gallons, exports were 58,630,402 gallons, and shipments to insular possessions were 1,866,789 gallons.

Kerosene production in July amounted to 192,924,420 gallons. Stocks of kerosene on hand August 1 were 324,586,128 gallons, and increase of 7,000,000 gallons during the month. Exports of kerosene for July were 50,398,000 gallons and shipments to insular possessions amounted to 419,000 gallons, showing a jointly a decrease of 1,000,000 gallons from the June figures.

The production of gas and fuel oils in July amounted to 959,025,518 gallons, an increase of 56,000,000 gallons over the June output. Stocks of these oils August 1 were 1,358,870,284 gallons, an increase of 32,000,000 gallons during the month.

### Slight Increase Is Granted Rail Men Over July 1 Wage

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—Railway maintenance of way men, whose strike order has been held up pending the rehearing of their case by the United States railway labor board, have been granted an increase of two cents an hour over the wage scale which went into effect on July 1.

Notification of this increase was given to President E. F. Grabie today by Chairman Ben W. Hooper of the labor board. Grabie was in Detroit when the vote was taken and was notified by telephone.

Railroad shopmen today went over to Attorney General Daugherty's head and asked the federal court here to issue an order urging circuit judges to review the Daugherty injunction immediately.

Donald R. Richberg, attorney for the shopmen read the appeal to the court. The attorney declared that under the law of 1903 the attorney general could inform the circuit judges that the matter was of "general public interest" and thereby obtain an immediate hearing.

### Boy Breaks Arm At Home In West Linn

Clifford Morarity, 14, fell and broke his arm near the Morarity home at West Linn on Monday.

### Borrowed Comment.

What Editors of State and National Papers Have to Say.

PREHISTORIC KICK  
A fossilized tooth found near Bend indicates that the horses that once roamed the Central Oregon plains were four times the size of present ones. If the mules of the day were equally large, prehistoric Oregonians were never at a loss for something with a "kick" to it.—Eugene Register.

IN THE BREED  
Ford's statement that "on several occasions men have gone crazy in the Ford plant from bootleg or home-made drinks" is probably the explanation of the flivver's disposition to try to butt a train off the tracks every little while.—Corvallis Gazette Times.

NO GAS!  
Even the I. W. W. have lost their wonted pep in this age of world deterioration. On the Portland waterfront last week members of the organization voted down a proposition to strike.—Eugene Guard.

CAMPAIGN PRAYERS  
Mrs. Carrie Olsen, democratic candidate for senator in Minnesota, has started her campaign on "\$30 and a prayer". Senator Kellogg seems to have much more substantial backing.—Eugene Guard.

CORNERED  
Henry Ford and John D. Rockefeller are the richest men in the world, in the order named. One makes the flivvers and the other supplies the gasoline for them.—Eugene Guard.

FARM OR POLITICS?  
Someone at the Oregon Agricultural College has invented a stout control machine. Let us hope it will be put to work during the remainder of the fall campaign.—Eugene Guard.

KEEP TO THE RIGHT  
With 53 killed and 478 injured in auto accidents last week, one can not but feel that maybe the football record will be surpassed this year.—Corvallis Gazette Times.

REASON WHY  
A Portland headline says "Father and son met in jail." If both of them had met oftener elsewhere perhaps they would not have met in jail.—Corvallis Gazette Times.

YES?  
The new tariff bill is a law. It went into effect at midnight this morning. Now watch the general industrial and business expansion in this country.—Oregon Statesman.

THAT'S THE RUB  
The sultan of Turkey is said to be tired of his job and ready to quit. The rest of the world is tired of Turkey, but can't quit.—Morning Register.

OR BETTER THUS?  
K. K. Kubli is said to be the Ku Klux Klan candidate for speaker of the house. His initials must have caught them.—Eugene Guard.

EASY!  
Perhaps the reason why some folks practice cheek to cheek dancing is that their weak heads need propping up.—Scio Tribune.

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN  
An Albany man weds at 76 the sweetheart of his youth. He's one man who took a long look before he leaped.—Eugene Register.

DIFFERENT  
Everybody should have a living wage, but a lot of folks are not satisfied unless they have a flivvering wage.—Scio Tribune.

JAR IT OUT  
It's a good thing that "Tin Lizzie" can keep a secret better than most women.—Vernonia Eagle.

TOO SLIPPERY  
However, the job of king of Greece hasn't been listed yet by the employment agencies.—Oregonian.

AIN'T WE GOT FUN?  
Gresham wants a mayor, war horse preferred. Why not try a woman?—Oregonian.

TOO NEAR  
The near east should be put in an isolation ward.—East Oregonian.

The saying "not worth a rush" dates back to the days before carpets were invented, and the floors were strewn with rushes. When an honored guest was expected fresh green ones were cut and spread—but people of little consequence had to be contented with rushes that had been used, while still humbler folk got none at all.

### AMERICA SHOULD AID IN EUROPE STATE BANKERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—An overwhelming sentiment favoring America's abandonment of her policy of isolation from European affairs and the substitution of a policy which might even involve partial cancellation of the allied war debt, yesterday swept through the convention of the American Bankers' association.

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### PREJUDICE CHARGED BY OUSTED BONUS OFFICIAL

BEND, Oct. 5.—governor Olcott has treated him as a political outcast ever since the passage of the 1921 special session of his bill proving for the return of funds to the irrigation districts of the state, was declared Wednesday by H. J. Overturf, state representative, who is a candidate for re-election, in explaining the charges of padding appraisals which caused his removal as bonus appraiser for Deschutes county Monday.

As the charges of padding appraisals on lands in which he was personally interested, Overturf brands them as deliberate and slanderous falsehoods. He has asked the circuit judge of the district to call the grand jury as early as possible, to hear any evidence of alleged irregularities which the bonus commission may produce.

Should either party request it, the grand jury will be called November 1. Judge T. E. J. Duffy stated.

Frank R. Prince, former service man resigned Wednesday as a Republican precinct committeeman. Prince states that he resigned in order to be in a position to express his opinion on the matter of Overturf's removal, but not directly as a protest against that action.

### Film Exchange In San Francisco Is Hit By Explosion

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—Film exchange row on Golden Gate avenue was rocked by explosions early tonight which injured many persons, destroying one building, in which were several film firms and other business establishments. The damage is estimated at more than \$100,000.

Ten persons were hurt by falling debris or from the shock of the explosions, which followed in rapid succession.

The fire started in the American Photo-Play exchange. The explosion is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

The shock blew out the front of the building, scattering blaze debris all over the streets.

Many thousands feet of film were destroyed in the fire.

The flames spread to the Boyd hotel on the opposite corner of Jones street.

The Pacific Rattan company's stock was destroyed in the hotel building.

Other concerns gutted by the flames were the Albee studio, D. A. Metcalf, photo-distributor, Western Poster Company, Sherman Clay & company's music printing establishment and a barber shop.

### Ralph E. Williams Is Not In Line For Federal Position

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Reports that Ralph E. Williams, Republican national committeeman from Oregon, is being seriously considered for an appointment to be assistant secretary of the treasury to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Elmer Dover are much like the story told of Mark Twain, whose premature death report annoyed him and which he dissipated with the remark that "it was greatly exaggerated."

Neither Senator McNary nor Senator Stanfield have, either formally or informally, been consulted on the appointment to the place.

Chairman Adams of the Republican national committee is out of town, but his office denies any knowledge of the alleged idea of appointing Williams to this post. At the treasury department it was said that the matter of filling the vacancy has been referred to Secretary Mellon personally, but no decision has been reached and that the prospects were that the place would ultimately go to an experienced internal revenue man or expert banker. No one was authorized to speak for Mr. Mellon, it was said, but it was intimated that the place will remain unfilled until after election.