SALES TAX URGED TO RELIEVE PUBLIC

Whole Levy Declared Put on Consumers Now.

EXCESS PROFIT BASIS HIT

Kahn, Banker, Advises Cut on Income Surtaxes.

Upward Revision of Tariff and Assessment on Net Profits of Corporation Suggested.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-Establishment of a sales tax, repeal of the tax on excess profits, reduction of the higher rates on income surtaxes, upward revision of the tariff and the levying of a flat tax on net profits of corporations, were advocated before the house ways and means committee today by Otto H. Kahn, New York banker, in a comprehensive discussion of tax revision legislation.

Mr. Kahn, one of the few witnesses invited by the committee to appear before it, dwelt at length on the question of a sales tax, partly in response to indications in the committee that

that sort of tax is gaining in favor. Chairman Fordney, before Mr. Kahn was called, said he and several other members believed some sort of sales tax would eventuate but were seeking methods by which the tax would not be multiplied and the consumer unjustly taxed in the final purchase.

Profiteering Is Cited. As a result of the chairman's statement, Mr. Kahn discussed that phase of the problem, advocating legislative provisions which would require the tax to be made known in each sale and added to the selling price as a separate itom. Such an arrangement, he said, in his opinion -would check "the profiteering which has resulted

from the excess profits tax, In his discussion of the need for revised taxation programme, Mr Kahn declared that American bustness could not experience a healthy growth if the government continued business through the concentration of had actually stopped commercial de-

Results Held Disastrous.

"What has happened in the past," he continued, "can reasonably be expected to happen again in the future We have seen the end of this tax MAN, 69, BEGS FOR CELL pian and have seen its disastrous results. It has forced every business house to run to banks for credit to conduct business, but finally the hanks ran out and the federal reserve board had to call a halt.

"After this came the collapse in markets. It hit the farmers first, but quarters last night and begged patrolnone has been spared and all business has felt the effects. The retail er has not been struck to the extent that I fear he will. He can see from the only way he could help him would that what will happen unless the principle is changed."

Sales Tax Is Discussed.

One of the means suggested by Mr Kahn for lifting the present tax burden was the funding of the vic tory notes and war savings secur- placed against him. ities. He urged payment out of taxes of the treasury certificates of in- to send him to the poor farm. debtedness, however, saying it appeared this could be done without inconvenience before they fall due. Discussing the sales tax, Mr. Kahn

Oregon Senator Is at Emergency said he had "wavered and wobbled" on the proposition for some months not feeling sure that he had right to suggest its "se. Washington, Dec. 21. - George E "I think a nun ought to lean back Chamberlain, senator, of Oregon, is

wards," the witness continued, "when very ill at the emergency hospital he proposes an arrangement by which he will benefit, as I will benefit by the sales tax. Nevertheless, I believe ular physician this afternoon. It sincerely that the consumers in the was said that the senator's condition final analysis will not suffer the was distressing, though not alarming. burden under a sales tax that they now suffer under the excess profits fering for several days from a severe cold, which developed complica-

Tax Passed On to Consumer. "Every manufacturer and every the hospital. It is not expected that

business man has added more to the he will be able to return to his duties prices of his commodities in antici- for several days at least. pation of the profits tax that he has had a right to add. It has started at the very beginning of the life of REPUBLICAN IS LEADING a manufactured article and continued on through to the retailer. The con- Ex-Senator Palmer Seems Assured sumer paid it all. I submit the sales tax would be a lighter burden, at plete returns from the special elec-

The witness said he was not prepared to say a sales tax would be a tion held in the 37th, Capitol Hill success. He said, however, that he district, for the selection of a state believed it would work successfully senator to succeed George B. Lampbut because it was in the nature of ing, recently elected port commisan experiment he would propose a sioner of Seattle, indicated the eleclow tax rate for the initial test. He tion of ex-State Senator Palmer, resuggested a rate of 1-3 of 1 per cent. publican, by a large lead over his estimating that such a levy would farmer-labor party opponent, Joe produce approximately \$650,000,000 a Smith. year. This yield, Mr. Khan said, was based on the assumption that condi- the 37th senatorial district give Mr. tions would be normal when the tax Palmer 1691 votes to 505 for Mr. would become effective.

Net Profits Tax Urged.

Kahn also proposed a tax of 15 per cent on net profits of corpora. BOSTON, Dec. 21.-A constitutional tions, a tax which he said he was con-fident would produce at least \$1,000.— to hold public office was adopted at 000,000. The tariff revision which he (Consided on Page 4, Column 4) are today.

\$5,000,000 BLAZE AT

Whole City Threatened for Tin as Flames Destroy Amuscment Pier at Resort.

VENICE, Cal., Dec. 21.-Damage esimated at \$5,000,000, the death of one volunteer fire-fighter and the serious njury of three others, one of whom may die, were caused by flames which raged for two hours on the amusement pier here tonight before they were brought under control by the combined efforts of the Venice fire Prophecy in 1820 of Voices department and two companies from Los Angeles, just as they were threat-

ening to destroy the city. The estimate of the damage was made by C. C. Meyer, a director of the Venice chamber of commerce.

The fire broke out in a dancehall DEALERS HELD DODGING at 9:50 o'clock, destroyed a number of concessions on the pier and worked ts way to the land and

on the beach for the safety of sea bathers during the day, one of the first to volunteer to fight the flames, was on the roof when it caved in He was hurled into the flames. Other braved the fire to res ue him. He was rushed to a hospital, where he

died, just before midnight The person probably fatally in jured was Jones Cully, an employe of the dance hall. When the fire broke out, apparently from an overheated gas stove, and the dancers in a panic, stampeded toward the exits. Cully was in the rear of the building. He climbed to the top of the building from a rear window and then lost his hold and fell

The flames spread quickly to the timbers of the large wooden struc-

The orchestra continued to play alming many of the dancers, while thers stampeded for the exits

Ten minutes later the roof of the pavilion caved in, throwing masses of burning timbers to the floor. The fire was brought under contro

at 11:50 o'clock The pier burned to the water's edge than a score of concerns were destroyed.

TRAIN HITS AUTOMOBILE Driver Hurled Through Windshield When Crash Comes.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 21 .- (Special.)-Fred Stark, aged 63, suffered lacerations of the face and arms, a crushed leg and other injuries when an automobile in which he was riding was run down' by a Southern Pacific pas senger train here today. Mr. Stark was taken to a local hospital where ceiver was lifted. Across the con- est elements of the entire market, rating with the United States and "on a road of excessive taxation and he received medical treatment. The

business through the concentration of taxes on incomes and capital." He that Mr. Stark attempted to turn in the event that satisfactory intitate no new construction new construction were in the expeditionary forces were in that Mr. Stark attempted to turn in the event that satisfactory intitate no new construction new construction were the shall absolutely reserved to make a new low record. added that the "tax burden" already the path of the approaching train a greeting to Governor Stephens and to make a new low record, The locomotive crashed into the rear the Golden Gate from the governor of the car with the result that Mr. Stark was thrown through the windshield to the pavement. His injuries are not considered serious.

Hungry, Wet Wanderer Jailed as

Vagrant at Own Request.

his clothes thoroughly wet, Joe Gor-

man, aged 69, came to police head-

men at the information desk to send

him to jail. Patrolman William

Drapeau told the aged visitor that

be to book him on a vagrancy charge

for the night and let him ask Munic-

ipal Judge Rossman for relief this

morning. At this suggestion Gorman

He pleaded to have the charge

This morning he will ask the Judge

CHAMBERLAIN VERY ILL

Hospital in Washington.

here. A specialist was called into

consultation with the senator's reg-

Senator Chamberlain had been suf-

tions that necessitated his going to

of Seattle Port Job.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.-Incom.

Thirty-six precincts out of 62 in

Full Rights Given Women.

Smith.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU,

visibly brightened.

Hungry, without lodging and with

VENICE, CAL., IS FATAL POSTERITY HONORS TRADERS SCRAMBLE

Lodge Is Orator at Plymouth Tercentenary.

Charles Kirby, a life guard employed Gathering of About 900 Hears Forefathers' Ideals Applied to Problems of Present Day.

> PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 21 .- A message from the lives of the Pilgrim Fathers and fulfillment of a prophecy made here by Daniel Webster 100 years ago marked the formal exercises here today before a diminsons in observance of the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pli-Henry Cabot Lodge, United States senator. The prophecy was fulfilled by Governor Calvin Coolidge, vice

> Senator Lodge said the message of the Pilgrims was to be found in their lives, which showed a strong and active sense of public duty, obedience ual above economic values.

"While the great republic is true In the midst of his address, just

after he had spoken of the significance of Webster's speech, a telephone bell rang. The senator went to recite Webster's prophecy that on to recite Websters proposely that hundred years hence the voice of ac clamation and gratitude commencing on the rock of Plymouth shall be transmitted through millions of sons of the Pilgrims till it loses itself in rmuys of the Pacific seas,"

Voices Cross Continent. The bell rang again and the renent later Governor Coolidge Eyewitnesses to the accident said speaking from the chair of a gov-

EXPERIENCED IN YEARS.

List-War Millionaires Near

ne to four years.

The collapse, which exceeded in

Waiving admitted adverse condiions in trade and industry, not only in this country but throughout the world, traders declared there were no specific developments to explain the viction that many war millionaires, in he end of their financial tether.

the credit situation has closed the money market to the country's specoperators, although local banking institutions aver that no Mrs. Harding motored to Westerville, more than the usual calling of loans | O., 60 miles away, to take dinner with customary at this time of the year Mrs. Mary E. Lee, an old friend. has been engaged in.

It is accepted as a fact, however, that banks have been strengthening ROAD FUND MAY BE CUT their resources to meet requirements

News of the day which bore upon he action of the stock market was provided by the shutting down of many mills and factories, especially in New England, for "inventory" purare likely to reopen after the holl-

Much of today's unscitlement was points, rallying just a point.

ran from 3 to 6 points, the market for those issues being negligible. Oils, recently in a class by them selves, in that they frequently ignored the downward trend elsewhere, suf-

Shippings, recently among the weaktinent came a voice from California. were heavy at all times, particularly Great Britain looking to vard recog-Atlantic Gulf and West Indies, and American International corporation, ment in the event that satisfactory Dividend paying rails held their ago.

of Massachusetts and Plymouth rock.
A stirring poem was read by Dean
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General description of the liquidation before the concluded on Page 2, Column 4.)

Concluded on Page 2, Column 4.)

WALL STREET CRASH WORST POINDEXTER AND MORROW CONFER WITH CHIEF.

> Washington Senator Urges Selec tion of Western Man for Sec-

> > MARION, O., Dec. 21 .- The world elect Harding today with Miles Poindexter, senator of Washington, a re fight, and with Governor Edwin P.

> > here at Mr. Harding's invitation, would discuss the details of their conferences, but both said they believed Mr. Harding was working along hope ful lines in his efforts to formulate an association of nations.

casion to urge the selection of a western man as secretary of the interior suggesting that the appointment might well be given to Governorelect Joseph M. Dixon of Montana

Another caller was William Butterworth of Moline, Ill., vice-presdent slump, other than the growing con- of the chamber of commerce of the and out of Wall street, have reached ness conditions. He asked especially United States, who talked about busi that the department of commerce b placed under the supervision of a secretary willing to co-operate with the nation's business interests. Late in the afternoon, Senator and

Republican House Leaders Would Appropriate \$100,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. - Repub lican leaders of the house have agreed upon an appropriation of \$100,000,000 poses. In a majority of cases these for state road aid, it became known today after an executive session of

A bill introduced by Representative produced by an abrupt decline of McArthur, republican of Oregon, now about 22 points in Replogle steel, before the roads committee, would which is controlled by some of the make \$400,000,000 of federal funds largest factors in the steel industry, available during the next four years Replogle recovered only three points but it developed that the republican of its loss at 50, and Vanadium steel, steering committee has decided that which has close relations with Ra in the interest of economy the ap plogle, dropped more than seven propriation should be limited to \$100 .-000,000 and should not cover

MEXICO'S HOPE DEFERRED

Wait While for Recognition.

nition of the new Mexican gover

OF IRRECONCILABLE PHONE RATE LIFT

Logic of Company's Application Protested.

GENERAL DECLINES NOTED

Neither of the callers who came Present Held No Time for Advancing Charges.

Senator Poindexter also took oc- COMPANY SUBMITS NEEDS

Increase of 30 Per Cent Declared Imperative if Adequate Service Is to Be Maintained.

Decided differences of opinion as to the proper time to tamper with existing telephone rates, in view of the general downward trend of proyesterday at the hearing held before the Oregon public service commission for consideration of an application by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for a general inrease of 30 per cent over its present rates throughout this state.

While officials of the company, a outlined in the opening statement of James T. Shaw, general counsel, testl fied that the plant is inadequate to cope with the business now offered it, and that further extensions and improvements are essential to the welfare of the enterprise and the progress of Oregon, the city of Portland, as represented by W. P. LaRoche, city attorney, and the representatives of various other communities, emphatically protested the logic of the application.

Millions Declared Needed.

is declared by the company that the cost of necessary extensions and Improvements approximates \$5,000,000, Ex-Publisher and Others Released west quite as well as the east and is and that rates must be advanced to a point where returns on the investment will render the securities of the company attractive to purchasers. In alst every instance, it was declared. and attested by exhibits, the operations of the telephone system in Oregon communities are being conducted at a loss, with a deficit of Evening Mail during part of the war, he turned almost entirely from busi-\$691,000 for the present year, and an

estimated deficit of \$823,000 for 1921. "We have issued instructions," asserted Mr. Shaw, "to slow up all construction work and progress January shall abcolutely refuse to invest the money involved in these estimates in the state of Oregon until we settle this question as to whether or not interest and dividends are to be contributed to the support of this plant."

Time and again, as company witnesses were under interrogation, City Portland Heights and Council Crest, Attorney La Roche sought to pin but was melted by the rain that Meredith. Up to this date little has them down to an admission that followed. prices of material and costs of labor are declining, and that the present is not a propitious time for the planning of extensions entailing huge investment and necessitating largely increased rates. The company was reminded that it was granted a recent appeared with the rain that followed. rate increase. In reply witnesses said that the wage scale in their industry has increased more than 100 per cent. and that there is no possibility of re-

3048 Orders Unfilled. C. E. Hickman, commercial superintendent of the company, testifled the point of saturation, and that lack ! of funds prohibits the extension so urgently needed. He cited a table showing that on December 1 the comand had declined 877 requests for in- Vote on Fordney emergency tariff bill ex-stallments, making a total service; pected in house today. Page 2. loss of 4560 telephone orders for the

"Assuming that wages and price of materials are going down, to what extend must they drop to maintain rates as they now are?" asked W. H. Strayer of Baker. "That's a question I don't think

anyone could answer," replied the witness. "Could you venture an approxima-"I do not think anyone could an-

swer that offhand." wer that offhand."

"Yet this present estimate is based prices cut one-third at Seattle in the cost of wages and materials.

"Year. Page 4. on the cost of wages and materials. You were able to estimate that. Why not the reverse?" Mr. Shaw replied for the witness,

saying that the application is based

which were inadequate even before the price scale moved upward. Lift Held Imperative. "Do I understand, then," pursued Mr. Strayer, "that if wages and prices were to go back to 1914 you would

still ask for an increase in rates?" "We would." "To what extent?" C W. Burkett, chief engineer, identified the \$5,000,000 construction pro-

gramme, testified that the projected

work is sorely needed and that under present returns the company is un-"Your idea is that the cost of getting the money is a proper expense."

CHRISTMAS TURKEY MAY BE 65 CENTS

PROPOSAL FOUGHT PORTLAND MARKET IS SHORT BUT BIRDS ARE GOOD.

> ront Street Wholesalers Fail Get Expected Big Supplies. Price Jumps to 54 Cents.

The Christmas turkey this year will ost 65 cents a pound, according to present indications. The supply is smaller than it was at Thanksgiving PLEDGE HELD ALREADY GIVEN ind the growers are asking more. Wholesalers on Front street ex

pected large receipts yesterday, but few of them received half enough to fill their standing orders. A liberal supply is looked for today, but dealers xpect the demand to take care of all that come in. The wholesale price advanced in the afternoon to 54 cents Several good-sized lots of birds were bought in the southern Oregon dis- CABINET DOPE CHANGING tricts by San Francisco and Scattle dealers and the Portland trade had to ontent itself with the small edd lots that were left. A number of fairly arge shipments have come in from Idaho, but in that state, as in Oregon,

the farmers asked high prices Although the Christmas turkey will cost more, Portland buyers will find to their satisfaction that the quality is much better than the average of the Thanksgiving turkeys.

TWO WILL SPLIT \$15,000 Oregon City Men Get Reward for

Arrest of John Doughty TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 21 .- "Three stable Edward Fortune of Oregon City, will be the recipients of the \$15,000 offered by the estate of Ambrose J. Small for the

arrest of John Doughty, Small's for-

December 2, 1919, and shortly afterward Doughty left Toronto, Believing that Doughty could clear ip the fate of Small, a reward was to Canada after his arrest on a charge

STAY IS GRANTED RUMELY

on Bail Pending Appeal.

Judge Grubb today granted a stay of some years ago in the business execution in the cases of Dr. Edward money making, devoting all of his A. Rumely, S. W. Kaufman and N. R. time and talents since to patriotic Lindhelm, convicted of concealing work and public philanthropy. Upon German ownership of the New York the death of his son a few years ag

each pending appeal to the higher America entered the war he was comcourts from their sentences to the missioner a major. As chairman of Atlanta penitentiary for a year and the general purchasing board, he was day.

Council Crest Residents See Big

Flakes, Followed by Rain. Snow which started at 6:30 o'clock last night fell for half an hour on

Residents of the heights district declared that the flakes were unusually rior, the cabinet place in which the large and that they fell steadily. The streets practically were covered for a short time, but the snew dis-

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S Maximum temperature, 46 degrees; minimum, 38 degrees,

TODAY'S-Rain; easterly winds. that present facilities have reached Reprisal war rages all day in Ireland.

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Tillman, Walter

that \$5,000,000 is a just charge against the people of Oregon? Until this money is actually spent it ought not to be treated as an element of rate-making."

The witness, with Mr. Shaw inter
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CHAMBERLAIN NOT TO NOSE OUT TEAL

Shipping Board Post Is Refused by Senator.

Feeler in Case Confirmation Fails Brings Quick Reply.

John W. Weeks Is Sidetracked in Favor of Charles Dawes for Secretary of Treasury.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 21.-Gossip which has built one cabinet after another for the administration is being reined to meet new developments as the news filters in from Marion, O John W. Weeks, ex-senator of Massa chusetts, who appeared a week ago to have been settled on for secretary of the freasury, today was said to have been sidetracked with his own coontroller of the currency.

This was understood to t Mr. Weeks is to be secretary of the mer secretary. Small disappeared navy. There has been a strong movethe appointment of Mr. Dawes to the treasury post. The appointment, it offered for his capture. He was elect Harding many times, would be located at Oregon City and returned a popular one, because Mr. Dawes stands high in the financial world, though retired for some years from active business.

has been argued that he knows the qualified to serve all of the country. He is an extraordinary type of man, NEW YORK, Dec. 21. - Federal who, though wealthy, lost interest They were released in \$101,000 ball ness cares to public service, and when said to have been the man closest to General Pershing throughout the time

> a coloneley. Henry C. Wallace Mentioned.

There was noted a readiness to take it for granted that Henry C. Wallace, farm journal publisher of Des Moines, will be secretary of agriculture, succeeding his rival publisher, E. been said of the possibilities being considered for secretary of the intewest is most interested. Rumors have been that ex-Senator George Sutherland of Utah, who seems to have been crowded out of the attorney-generalship by Harry M. Daugherty, would be named for head of the interior

It has been expected, however, that the west would be heard from before Mr. Harding had time to make up his mind as to this particular place in his official family. The expected has happened, for within the last two days the president-elect has been told that he can please the west mightily by naming as his secretary of the interior Joseph M. Dixon of

Dixon Has Good Start. As a candidate "Joe" Dixon, as he is known here and elsewhere, has a good running start. He is as well known in Washington as he is in Montana. He served four terms in the house and years in the senate (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

OREGON'S HIGHWAYS ARE ENGINEERING MAS-TERPIECE.

Among the foremost assets of the state of Oregon are its matchless highways which skirt precipices at the edge of the mighty Columbia gorge. plunge into cathedral forest aisles of fir and pine, and wind through pleasant, fertile valleys. Many more miles of these roads are hard-surfaced than the average Oregonian

realizes. Not only is the famous Columbia river highway paved from Astoria to Hood River but it is graded and partially dressed as far east as Pendleton. A pictorial map, showing with utmost fidelity to detail the course of this engineering masterpiece from Pendleton to the sea, is but one of scores of unusual features to be found in the New Year Oregonian, in which many pages are devoted to illustrations and articles concerning Oregon's

BBY HAPPENS IN THE CIBAR STORE BOX OF CHRISTMAS CIGARS MUVER DO YOU FINK THERE'S ROUN FOR SANTY TO COME DOWN THAT LITTLE HOLE? TILE BOBBY WOULDN'T TAKE DAD'S WORD FOR IT NOW HERE IS A NICE LITTLE DIAMOND BROOCH FOR ONLY 95 50 AROLD IS FIGURING A YUE OT WOH HO SUITABLE GIFT FOR THE ONLY GIRL ON AN #1800 A WEEK SALARY

FIREFIGHTER IS KILLED, PILGRIMS' DEEDS

WEBSTER'S DREAM FULFILLED

Crossing Nation Realized.

LITTLE BAND ATTENDS

guished audience of about 900 pergrims. The message was delivered by

to the law and the placing of spirit-

at the land end and for more than 300 the Pilgrims of Plymouth, it will feet or one-third of its length. More take no detriment even from the hand of time," was his peroration.

TO GET FROM UNDER

Collapse Affects Every Feature of End of Their Tether.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 .- On transacions approximating 1,700,000 shares, the largest turnover of the year, the stock market today experienced another drastic readjustment of quoted values, which forced many issues down from 2 to 22 points and estab- Morrow of Kentucky. ished numerous low records in from

violence any movement of the prolonged reaction, encompassed every branch of the list but was most extensive in the group of so-called independent steels, coppers, motors and elated shares.

In substance, traders asserted that

Among coppers and kindred special- than a two-year period. ties the reaction, due in part to the disorganized state of those industries,

fered declines of 2 to 4 points with

New Government Will Have to

PARIS, Dec. 21 .- The foreign office announced today that the negotiations in which France has been collabonow than they were several weeks

ONLY THREE DAYS AWAY. MAICE HER THICE