

WEST'S HOPE Bitterness Over Interior Secretaryship Feared.

HARDING QUANDRY SEEN Senators Declare Such Action Would Be Unfair to President-Elect—Gossips Busy.

SUMMARY OF WHAT CONGRESS DID AS DAY'S WORK.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Houston opposed revival of the war finance corporation, the emergency tariff bill, a bonus for soldiers and granting credits to Germany, before the finance committee.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Senators returning from conferences with President-elect Harding at Marion bring word that the appointment of a western man for secretary of the interior seems assured.

Some western senators, however, manifest apprehension over signs of a sharp contest already becoming visible among partisans of certain men mentioned for the place.

Senator McKellar insisted that at least one member of the United States by foreign governments on loans should be paid.

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POWERS DECARED RUSSIA'S SOLE HOPE Intervention Only Course, Says German General.

RED REFORM IMPOSSIBLE Powers Should Occupy Petrograd and Then Unseat Trotsky and Lenin, Declares Hoffman.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press).—General Wilhelm Hoffman, who played an important part in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, declared in an interview in the Berlin Russian Daily Rul that bolshevism is a world problem now which can be solved only by armed intervention by the great powers acting in concert.

Health of Mr. Wilson Prevents Any Elaborate Celebration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Preparations were made today at the White House for the celebration of the centenary of the birth of President Wilson.

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CHRISTMAS BONUS GIVEN NUMBER OF FIRMS REWARD THEIR EMPLOYEES.

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Members of the Harding and Coolidge club yesterday had charge of the final day of the drive of the Oregon State Anti-Tuberculosis association.

Elk Quintet Defeats Eagles.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special).—Continuing their victorious playing, the Hoquiam Elks basketball team last night decisively defeated the Montezuma Eagles team by a score of 26 to 8.

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TAX REVISION SOUGHT

Senator would force speculators to pay for their losses.

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MOTHER'S FRIEND

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