Bitterness Over Interior Secretaryship Feared.

HARDING QUANDARY SEEN

Senators Declare Such Action Vould Be Unfair to President-Elect-Gossips Busy.

GRESS DID AS DAY'S WORK.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. -Secretary Houston opposed re-vival of the war finance cor-poration, the emergency tariff bill, a bonus for soldiers and granting credits to Germany, before the finance committee. Senator Frelinghuysen out-thed problems to confront lined problems to confront Harding after he assumes of-

was proposed by Senator Ashurst providing for the presidential term to begin in January and congress to assemble at the same time. Senator Calder discussed the housing and coal situation.

Democrats made it known they will oppose the emergency

A constitutional amendment

tariff measure.

Senator McKellar inslated that at least interest due United States by foreign governments on loans should be paid.

The house passed the general pension bill, appropriating \$265,500,000. Adjourned until Monday. December 27, for

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Dec. 22.—Senators re-turning from conferences with Presi-dent-elect Harding at Marion bring word that 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 vis-ible among partisans of cerain men mentioned for the place. The fear is that this competition will develop a bitterness that will make it diffi-cult to give the post to any western man. What has made these senators especially apprehensive is a rumored plan to have state legislatures go on record as indorsing this or that can-

One western senator said this afternoon that he was about ready to make public announcement of his opposition to any man for interior sec-retary who should come forward with

behind Thomas E. Campbell, governor of Arizona, who made a good impres-sion in his appearance before committees of the house and senate here a year ago, when he came to plead for larger reclamation appropria-

There has been a very active campaign in behalf of Governor Davis of Idaho, but just now the name of Governor-elect Dixon of Montana stands out in front because of his decided advantage in personal asquaint-ance among the men who will be in-fluential in helping to build up the

Westerners here are pleased at the assurance received in the last day or two that the secretary of the interior is to be picked from their section of the country. The reason is that they had heard recently that Mr. Harding felt that if he appointed Herbert Hoover secretary of com-merce that would be adequate recognation for the west, considering the fact that Henry Wallace of Des Moines, on the border of the west, is a two-to-one shot for secretary of explouiture.

agriculture.

The question of giving the interior secretaryship to a western man has been complicated all along, it is learned, by the desire of the presi-

One of the protests came in a telegram from the Oregon Dairymen's Co-operative league, with a membership of 2200. The amendment complained of, it is said, would make farmers' co-operative marketing associations subject to prosecution under the Sherman act, destroying any advantage gained under a provision of the Clayton act which the new legislation is intended to strengthen.

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The farmers' association says that ader this amendment they would be subject to prosecution under the mo-nopoly clause of the Sherman anti-trust law, while their associations operate as non-profit concerns, there being no stockholders and no stock

FINANCE BILL MAY FAIL

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S. & H. green stamps for cash.

fool the farmers. If the chairman of Holman Fuel Co. Main 353. 560-21.

Lie committee can point out that sec-

tion 2 would provide a single additional dollar for the accommodation of farmers seeking credit I will withdraw my objection. That cannot be done under the section. We know it is an impossibility."

DICCIA'C COLUMN

Smoot Equally Frank.

Senator Smoot was equally frank. He said:

"I don't want the farmers of the country to think for a moment that section 2 places one dollar more at their command than is at their command today. If a senator can show me what section 2 will do toward assisting the agricultural interests of the United States I will admit that I was wrong, but there is nothing to it, senators."

At another point Senator McLean emphasized the bad faith of section 2 by quoting humorously the remark made by a foreign ambassador upon taking his first drink of grapejulce. The ambassador said, "It looks good and it tastes good, but it doesn't accomplish anything."

Senator Glass of Virginia put the objection to section 2 into pungent slang when he said that it was wholly a case of the senate "passing the buck" to the federal reserve board. Senator Glass added: "We ought to expunge this section. It does no credit to the senate." Nevertheless, the senate passed the bill by a vote of 47 to 16. the senate passed the bill by a vote

Therespon in the house we had the rather unusual spectacle of that body taking the conservative side of an issue on which the segate had taken the marriy popular side. the merely popular side.

House Drops Section 2.

The house dropped the objectionable section 2 and passed section 1 alone later in conference. The senate agreed to the action of the house and as the bill now lies on President Wilson's desk it provides merely for the services of the war finance conformation. revival of the war finance corpora-tion. The practically overwhelming

tion. The practically overwhelming belief here is that President Wilson will veto the bill.

To do otherwise would be to override the action of his secretary of the treasury and disagree with the judgment of the head of the federal reserve board. These grounds alone might not be decisive, but there is the additional ground that this measure, whatever merit it may have as an emergency provision and however great the need of the farmers who are intended to be benefited, nevertheless is the opening step toward a course which will be a constant temptation for years to come. The temptation that plagued our history for 20 years following the civil war—the temptation to try to remedy hard con-

ing half a billion dollars in bonds to the public for the purpose of paying current accounts. No one could follow the testimony at the hearings, or the "debates in the senate, without being favorably impressed by the reasoning of Secretary Houston and Governor Harding, and less favorably impressed by the attitude of some of the advocates of the measure.

Harris Sounds Warning.

To example Senator Harris of the purpose of paying current revention by the great powers. As

measure, said:
"I will say that if the friends of
the farmers in this body will join
with me we will not allow to be contirmed any member of the federal
reserve board who has been against helping the farming interests of the country in times of such distress and we will not wait for their resigna-

whatever may happen to the momen-tary temper of congress. All this constitutes the sort of thing that is likely to influence President Wilson against the measure. If he should veto it the effort to override his veto would constitute one of the most

eresting episodes of the present ses-The vote on the original bill, both to indicate that there might be sufficient strength to override the presi-dent's veto. In the senate the vote passing the bill was 47 to 16 and in the house 212 to 61.

BUSINESS DEPRESSION, SAYS OREGON-WASHINGTON ROAD.

clines, Report; Expenses Being Curbed.

ose for which it was designed.
One of the protests came in a telpends upon the quantity of business

TAX REVISION SOUGHT Senator Would Force Speculators

to Pay for Their Losses.

Senators Johnson of California and McNary of Oregon conferred with Senator Nelson of Minnesota, who heads the senate conferees on the bill, and he promised to consider the guestion in conference.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A bill designed to repeal certain provisions of the income tax law was introduced to-day by Senator Fletcher, democrat, Florida, who said speculators in stocks, bonds and agricultural products on margins were now narrow to deduct the deduct of the conference.

This measure would forbid such de-

Intervention Only Course, Says German General.

RED REFORM IMPOSSIBLE

Powers Should Occupy Petrogram and Then Unseat Trotzky and Lenine, Declares Hoffman.

ated Press.)-General Wilhelm Hoffman, who played an important part in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, de clared in an interview in the Berlin Russian Daily Rul that bolshevism is a world problem now which can be soived only by armed intervention by the great powers acting in concert. An international army under the leadership of Pershing, Joffre or Foch should occur. leadership of Pershing, Joffre or Foch should occupy Petrograd, General Hoffman said, then march on Moscow, which, he asserted, is bound to fall before any well-equipped and properly officered force.

With the occupation of Moscow Trotzky and Lenine would be unhorsed, and the members of the whole regime, General Hoffman predicts, would ask "safe conduct to pass the

would ask "safe conduct to pass the shortest way to oblivion." He felt certain that the Russian workmen would be glad to desert their present leader at the first indication of their

verthrow. "Moscow must be spoken to in the language of Brest-Litovsk, not in the language of Lloyd George in London," the general said.

Bolahevisca Held Hopeless. The general continues:
"To remodel bolshevism is

tation that plagued our history for 20 years following the civil war—the temptation to try to remedy hard conditions with easy money.

Secretary Houston says the treasury is already under the necessity of selling half a billion dollars in bonds to "Trotsky has studied the history of

For example, Senator Harris of Georgia, in casting his vote for the measure, said:

tervention by the great powers. As chief of staff of the German east army during the war I directed the propa-

War Deal Is Recalled.

"The imperial regime dispatched Le-nine to Russia from the Swiss from

supreme command of the eastern army for the overthrow of bolshevism, but events developed so rapidly, following upon the assassination of Count von Mirbach, German minister to Russia in Moscow, and the situation on the west front had become so critical, that 't was impossible to force the

(Continued From First Page.) gon country, counting the ages that must elapse before its meadows should be broken and its forests felled, surely there was a thought of Christmas. For it was decreed that in this soil the holfy should claim the lustre of foliage and berry that Engand's greenery boasts.

Native Fir Enriches Christmas. It also was ordered that straight firs should wait the pleasure of the household, and that the gruff, moss-draped oaks should bear the mistletoe, beneath which-but that, too, is

been complicated all along, it is learned, by the desire of the president-elect to put Senator Fall of New Mexico in the cabinet. If he summonded the New Mexico senator to the presidential family circle it would not be for secretary of the Interior because Mr. Fall is understood to have no ambition for that job, and it mamed to any other place Mr. Harding would feel obliged to pass the plums around, by going farther east for an interior chief.

The news that the west is to be precidently of the interior is presumed to mean that Senator Fall is not any longer in line for a cabinet place.

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"Our expenses must be reduced," and its accompaniment is the tuneful language of the albina amendment inserted in the measure in the senate, which they contend would make the legislation defeat the purpose for which it was designed.

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Snow is Ardently Desired.

Will the weather m. i, bending over his weird array of intelligent instruments, please whisper to them the wish that snow shall fall tomorrow? It is one thing to be proud of December roses, but quite another to be bereft, on this day at least, of the ermine that transfigures a matter-offact world and makes the gift sled a vehicle of glee and ruddy cheeks.

Was it said that no single event should shine before others Christmas day? It is hereby retracted, for tomorrow morning, at 11 o'clock, fully 3500 Portland children will be the guests of the Elks, at the splendiferous tree to be given at the municipal auditorium. There will be gifts and sweets for all, and it is freely predicted that the municipal Christmas tree of 1920 will set a new zenith for the years and Yules to come. And it is quite true, upon the most reliable authority, that the jolly patron, Saint Snow Is Ardently Desired.

Nicholas, none other, will be there in rotund person.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock, from its hall at 243 Ash street, the Salvation Army will distribute 200 Christmas baskets. Special Christmas services will be held at the same hall tomorrow night. On Monday night, at 7:30 o'clock, the organization will give a Christmas tree at No. 4 hall, 125 Front street, when 300 children will be present.

Other Sensonal Benevolences. Portland Shriners aiso have plans for this Christmas, and will see to it that the day is significant to more than 300 children, with plentifully filled stockings and attendant toys

filled stockings and attendant toys and gifts.

Eric V. Hauser, host of the Multinomah hotel, will disperse the gloom of a lonely holiday for many a thespian, having given invitation to all the clan from every theater to be his guests tonight at a Christman eve banquet in the Multnomah. It is there also that "Bill" Ely, manager of the Hippodrome, will preside at a Christman party tonight for 50 troupers of the big circuit, later joining the merry contingent entertained by Mr. Hauser.

Tommy Swivel to Be Host And Tommy Swivel, who, with but the addition of grizzled whiskers and a red flannel suit, would pass for the old saint himself, will entertain—as always on Christmas day—some hundreds of his little friends with a big turkey dinner in the dining hall of the Chamber of Commerce. Tommy's Christmas dinners are famed for their tallity and means. joility and menus, and tomorrow's tables will be set in more profusion than ever at the hour of 2 o'clock.

Taking it by and large and count-ing any number of personal and civic blessings, this Christmas comes with radiant face and will depart with the radiant tace and will depart with the farewell that one gives to cherished friends. And it will, indeed, be all that this implies when the greeting passes current with the morning—"Merry Christmas!"

PRESIDENT PLANS QUIET YULE

Health of Mr. Wilson Prevents

dren, there will be no Christmas tree at the White House. The president and Mrs. Wilson are expected to follow their Christmas day custom, however, and distribute gifts personally to children along the road which the president followed when in good health on his visits to a golf club in Virginia.

Danger Seen Too Late.

General von Hoffmann said that the army command later realized the danger and a plan was laid before the supreme command of the eastern army candy, 1200 pounds of mixed nuts and supreme command of the eastern army eight barrels of popcorn.

In the afternoon there will be a special musical programme in the auditorium of the hospital, followed

by a social hour. During the morning thousands of gifts from various parts of the country will be distributed among the patients by the attendants and officials of the institution. In most instances these gifts have arrived here and were directed to the ALL PORTLAND JOYOUS patients by their relatives and friends.

Thief Strips Church Tree.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—Atlanta's meanest man broke into All-Saints Episcopal church 'ast night and denuded a big Christmas tree of all gifts, even carrying away ribbons and decorations.

Pope Plans Midnight Mass. ROME, Dec. 22.—Pope Benedict has decided to celebrate midnight mass on Christmas eve in the pontine chapel, thus resuming a custom abandoned while Leo. XIII was pontiff.

Senate and House Recess. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- The senate and house recessed today for over Christmas. Both are to meet again

Pagans Originators of 1920 Symbols of Christmas.

Tree, Candle and Mistletoe Relles

of Nature Worshipers

W ASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Symbols of American Christmas observance, the Christmas tree, candles and mistletoe, are relics of nature-wor- D'ANNUNZIO'S MEN TAKEN shiping days adapted to the uses of today by the National Geographic soclety. They have to do with the pagan theory of the rebirth of the sun, the bulletin says, the tree coming down from Aryan ancestors, the can dies from Teutonic sun worshipers and the mistletoe from the Druids.

The Christmas apirit of giving, exemplified by Santa Claus, goes back to Roman days, the bulletin continues, adding that mince pie, traditionally a necessity on every Christman discounter that the continues of the continues o

Meeting of Cabinet of "Rectors' Also Is Held-Decision Made for Firmness in Crisis.

TRIESTE. Dec. 22 .- (By the Assoclated Press.) - Strong cordons carbineers and Alpini, brigaded into probably a score of battalions, have been thrown about Fiume and have completely isolated that city by land. The Italian fleet, which has its headquarters at Pola, is scouring the Gulf of Quarnero day and night for D'An-nunzio raiders and searchlights play on the waters from twilight till Following the issuance of orders to

establish a close blockade, General Caviglia, Italian commander, directed that foreign citizens and civilians in Flume be given 48 hours to leave the city.

The poet called a meeting of his cabinet of "rectors" in a council of war yesterday and it was decided to remain firm and oppose Italy's enforcement of the Rapallo treaty at the expiration of the time set by General Cavinilla

eral Caviglia Blockade Made Effective.

Any Elaborate Celebration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Preparations were made today at the White House for another quiet Christmas celebration because of President Wilson's health.

Distribution of turkeys to all White House employes by the president, and proceedent first established by President Arthur, began today, nine barriels of turkeys having been received for the purpose. The usual decoration with holly and greens also was in progress.

Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president; Dr. Stockton Axson, brother of the president's first wife, and a few of Mrs. Wilson's immediate relatives will be at the White House during the Christmas season. The president's other daughters, Mrs. Frances Sayres and her three children and Mrs. W. G. McAdoo and her two children, there will be no Christmas tree at the White House. The president so first man Mrs. Wilson are expected to follow their Christmas day custom, however, and distribute gifts personally to children along the road which the president followed when in

is today Italian law. The military command which presides over you refuses defiantly to recognize and apply it and maintains an attitude hostile to Italy, characterized by acts of vio-

nunzio repeatedly had stated that fraternal blood should not be shed, his legionnalries were the first to fire on the Italian torpedoboat destroyer Zeaffiro and that they also threw a bomb against a patrol of Carabineers, killing one man and wounding two others. These episodes have embittered the situation, and demonstrate the possibility of even graver occurrences, the newspaper declares.

(A dispatch from Rome credited to the Stefani agency said Wednesday night that the destroyer Zeffinro had night that the destroyer Zeffinro had partment helled D'Annunzio's forces at Veglia.)

General Wrangel's troops in Dai-matia was causing no apprehension to the Italian government. There was no idea that they would take any military action, he added.

Premier Giolitti, speaking in the chamber concerning the situation in Fiume, begged the nationalist deputy Federsoni, who had interrogated the government, to consider the Fiume question from all points. The pre-mier said the work of the government

mier said the work of the government must always be inspired by a desire for internal peace. He added that the government would allow anyone to suggest to sol-diers and sallors that they desert; that it would not allow armed bands in the name of Fiume to occupy terin the name of Figme to occupy territories that were not Italian and that
it would not permit factions to disturb the internal life of the country.

The premier assured the chamber
that the government was doing all
that was possible to settle the question in the best manner and was hopeful of reaching a peaceful solu-tion, but that the government could not allow civil war to be unchained in the name of patriotism.

Christianity, says a bulletin issued Most of Legionnaires Landed a Castelvenier Captured. LONDON, Dec. 23.—The greater part of D'Annunzio's legionnaires who landed at Castelvenier have been

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captured by the Italian regulars, said a Triest dispatch to the London "D'Annunzio's forces consist of 5000

troops at Flume, 200 at San Marcos, 200 on the island of Arba and 600 on Veglia. The poet's fleet includes five iestroyers, two torpedo boats, eight ugs and five steamships.

City Completely Isolated by

Strong Cordons.

The population numbers 52,000 and the food supply will not last more than a fortnight. The situation in the islands of Arbe and Veglia was considered even worse.

A majority of the population of Fiume, said the correspondent, oppose any encounter involving bloodshed.

Even some members of the regency disagree with D'Annunzio. His finance minister, Professor Pantaleoni, has resigned and left Fiume. Fitteen men have deserted from his army.

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Doputies Suzi and Deambris have left Flume for Rome to submit a proposal that Italy recognize the regency with Barros, Arbe and Veglia, while the regency renounce the immediate annexation of Flume to Italy and further action ni Dalmatia.

CHRISTMAS BONUS GIVEN

NUMBER OF FIRMS REWARD THEIR EMPLOYES.

Others Are Expected to Follow Suit Throughout Coming Week. Tree Used by One.

A number of Portland's financial nstitutions have distributed bonuses for Christmas and others will do s within the forthcoming week. Yesterday the Hibernia bank an-

ounced that it had distributed checks

equivalent to one-half month's salary to each officer and employe. At a meeting of officers and en loyes around a big Christmas tres

position to any man for interior secretary who should come forward with such an indorsement because he retails of the such an indorsement by a state legislature, he said, would be to presume to commit the people of the entire state uncompromisingly for a particular candidate, perhaps for

First to Shed Blood.

ROME, Dec. 23.—The Tribuna said today that aithough Gabriele D'Annunzio repeatedly had stated that fraternal blood should not be shed his legionnairies were the first to fire on the Italian terpedoboat destroyer Zeaffiro and that they allowed the state banking board said togight that forgeries of the bank's paper would amount to \$15,000.

Officials in charge of the bank, ac Signor Bonoini, minister of war, explained before the foreign committee of the chamber of deputies today that the landing of some of the Russian General Wrangel's troops in Daiof about \$500,000. FESSENDEN, N. D., Dec. 23 .- T. L.

Beiseker of Fessenden, president of the Sheridan County State bank of Plentywood, Mont., today authorized the following statement:

"Arrangements are being made to protect the assets of the Sheridan County State bank and to protect the divoted to the drive the club women devoted to the drive the club women.

Soldlers to Enjoy Christmas. TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 23 .- (Special)—Preparations for Christmas are being made for the 6000 men now sta-tioned at Camp Lewis. A big dinner in each mess and entertainments in many different areas are scheduled for the day. Roast turkey and everything that goes to make a good dinterest of the Montesano Eagles team by a ner will be included in the menus. Score of 26 to 8. At the end of the Morale officers, chaplains and host-

and Christmas trees which are to be enjoyed by the different units sta-

Republicans Direct Scal Sales. Members of the Harding and Cool-idge club yesterday had charge of the final day of the drive of the Oregon

raised more money than any other organization save one. They will de-vote next week to raising funds for the starving children of Europe. Elk Quintet Defeats Eagles. HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 23.-(Spe-

playing, the Hoquiam Elks basketbal

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