

TREASURY BURDEN LIMIT, SAYS CHIEF

Nation Now Faces Big Deficit, Declares Houston.

FURTHER LOANS FORECAST

Passage of Pending Bills Would Necessitate More Bonds, Says Department Executive.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Houston, declaring that the government faces a gross deficit of \$2,100,000,000 for the current fiscal year, today warned the senate finance committee that congress should avoid putting a heavy burden on the treasury department. The estimate came as a surprise to the committee, as it was nearly \$1,000,000,000 greater than the recent estimate of Senator McCumber, North Dakota, one of its members.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, the treasury head estimated the deficit would be approximately \$1,500,000,000 and he added that it could be seen that new sources of revenue must be sought to meet even current requirements.

Mr. Houston was called before the committee to discuss the soldiers' bonus, which according to estimates would require an outlay of \$1,500,000,000, and he indicated that his department would oppose any action by congress that would tend to open a new drain on the treasury.

Finance Bill Protested.
The secretary also reiterated his objections to the revival of the war finance corporation. It would mean, he said, that the secretary would be compelled to launch a new programme of borrowing.

The committee asked Mr. Houston to return for further testimony Monday.

Market prices of liberty bonds and other government securities were said in a statement issued today by Secretary Houston to be suffering as a result of the continued discussion of the soldiers' bonus and the various legislative measures for the relief of the farmers, such as the revival of the war finance corporation.

Bonds Would Mean Bonds.

Necessity of a bond issue to finance a soldiers' bonus, Mr. Houston said, is readily understood, but it would be equally necessary for the government to borrow in order to enable the war finance corporation to function. This corporation, he said, has about \$700,000,000 in book credits against the treasury, but to resume its activities it would have to obtain funds or call upon the treasury for its balance sheet which the treasury would be forced to issue certificates of indebtedness in order to raise the money.

The secretary also said he was opposed to the various proposals for extending credit to foreign nations on the basis of government funds, the administration having decided there should be an end to foreign loans.

Discussing a sales tax to provide government revenue, a subject now under consideration by the house ways and means committee, the secretary declared himself opposed to a general sales tax on the ground that it was contrary to the theory of progressive taxation. He added, however, that he favored a selected sales tax, applicable to certain classes of articles not necessities of life. While, he said, would keep the burden of the tax from those unable to pay.

SECRETARY HELD TOO EASY

Allies Should Be Told to Pay Up, Says McKellar.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The allied nations should be advised that the United States will not cancel the loans made during the war, Senator McKellar, democrat, of Tennessee, declared in an address today in the senate criticizing Secretary Houston of the treasury department for alleged failure to take steps for their payment.

Interest on the foreign loan, he added, should be paid when due and the allies' informal certificates of indebtedness converted into long term bonds. He charged that there was an "insidious propaganda" in favor of cancelling the foreign loans.

Secretary Houston's statement on the foreign loans in his annual report, Senator McKellar characterized as "vague and indefinite."

"The senate and the American people are entitled to know why these interest payments, amounting to \$500,000,000, have been allowed to lapse," he said.

POPE OPPOSES Y. M. C. A.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS WARNED AGAINST ORGANIZATION.

Papal Decree Says Association Is Corrupting Faith of Youths of Roman Church.

ROME, Dec. 23.—The holy office issued a decree today asking Catholic bishops to warn "an organization which, while professing absolute freedom of thought in religious matters, instills indifference and apostasy to the Catholic religion in the minds of its adherents."

The decree mentions the Young Men's Christian association by name, saying it is upheld by many Catholics who do not know its real nature. The decree says the organization corrupts the faith of youths.

Clauses of the canon law which forbid papers, periodicals and organizations favoring religious radicalism and indifference are recalled in the decree, which requests the bishops to communicate with the holy see within six months the decisions taken on the subject at regional congresses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Officials of the overseas department of the Young Men's Christian association expressed astonishment today when they learned that the holy office in Rome had issued a decree warning its bishops against the American organization as a "corrupter of the faith of youths."

"We are sorry, of course, that some people do not like us," declared C. V. Hibbard, associate general secretary, "but there doesn't seem to be anything to do about it."

Mr. Hibbard said it had been

"abundantly substantiated that the Young Men's Christian association is not a proselyting organization," and said he could think of no reason for its being the subject of a papal attack.

DECREE IS CALLED UNJUST

H. W. Stone Says Catholic Members Know Aims of Y. M. C. A.

H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A. and executive secretary and director of the organization's educational work throughout North America, last night issued the following statement relative to the declaration of the Pope:

"The Y. M. C. A. numbers in its loyal membership many Roman Catholics, and we are fully assured that their experience with the organization completely answers the unjust decree of the head of the Roman church."

"I suppose there is some ground, from the pope's viewpoint, for the belief that the Y. M. C. A. corrupts the faith of youths, because the Y. M. C. A. is an avowedly Protestant Christian organization, and stands for the open Bible, and the right of individual interpretation, and where such interpretation differs from the dogmatism of the Roman priesthood, the pope can only decree such faith as corrupt."

"One of the leading Methodist bishops recently said, that the Roman church is seeking to strike a blow at Protestantism by its attack on the Y. M. C. A."

"While the Y. M. C. A. is a Protestant organization, it has ever extended its privileges, on equal terms, to Jew, Catholic, Protestant, and members of no church, and was hoping that the bitter religious prejudices, marking the middle ages when the Roman church was largely dominant in the Christian world, were passing away, and that under the more liberal times of the 20th century there would be less religious prejudice and bitterness. We now see that the head of the Roman church is, as that church has always claimed, unchangeable in its position."

Sleuths, After Liquor, Find Only Cut Glass.

Christmas Gifts for Wife Cause Trouble When Police Get on Man's Trail.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—A. L. Mallory alighted from a Portland train here last night and handed his grip to a hotel porter, telling him to be very careful, that it contained "glassware."

Word reached Sheriff Warfield and the city police force, who proceeded to the hotel, two hours after midnight to catch the supposed liquor and its vendor before he would have an opportunity to supply any demands for the formerly well known ingredient of Christmas mince pies. They went to Mr. Mallory's room and knocked. He opened the door. They showed their badges and flashed and demanded that he bring forth his grip for inspection.

When they opened it they found a beautiful set of cut glass dishes that Mr. Mallory had bought for his wife as a Christmas present. The officers apologized to the host of their ability and left empty handed, but full of confusion.

Mr. Mallory lives near Monroe and has decided that hereafter he will do his trading at home.

PROPERTY OWNERS LIABLE

Lebanon Passes Ordinance Protecting Pedestrians From Injuries.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—At the recent session of the Lebanon city council an ordinance was unanimously passed by the council providing that when an owner or occupant of property abutting on a street where there is a sidewalk falls to repair or clean off snow or ice after being notified by the street superintendent such owner or occupant is liable to a fine and also shall be liable to any person who may be injured by reason of the dangerous condition of the walk.

The ordinance also provides that if the city is required to pay damages for such injury the city shall have a right of action against the owner or occupant for such sums as it has been compelled to pay. The city had two claims filed for damages this year.

Lost Purse Is Returned.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—While transferring from a Grays Harbor train to a Portland train in Centralia last night Miss Marie Smith, of Hoquiam, lost a purse containing a considerable sum of money. A brakeman later found the purse, which was recovered by Miss Smith in Portland this morning.

Centralia Schools Observe Holidays.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The Centralia schools closed this afternoon for the Christmas vacation, and will resume January 3. The majority of the teachers left this evening for their homes to spend the holidays.

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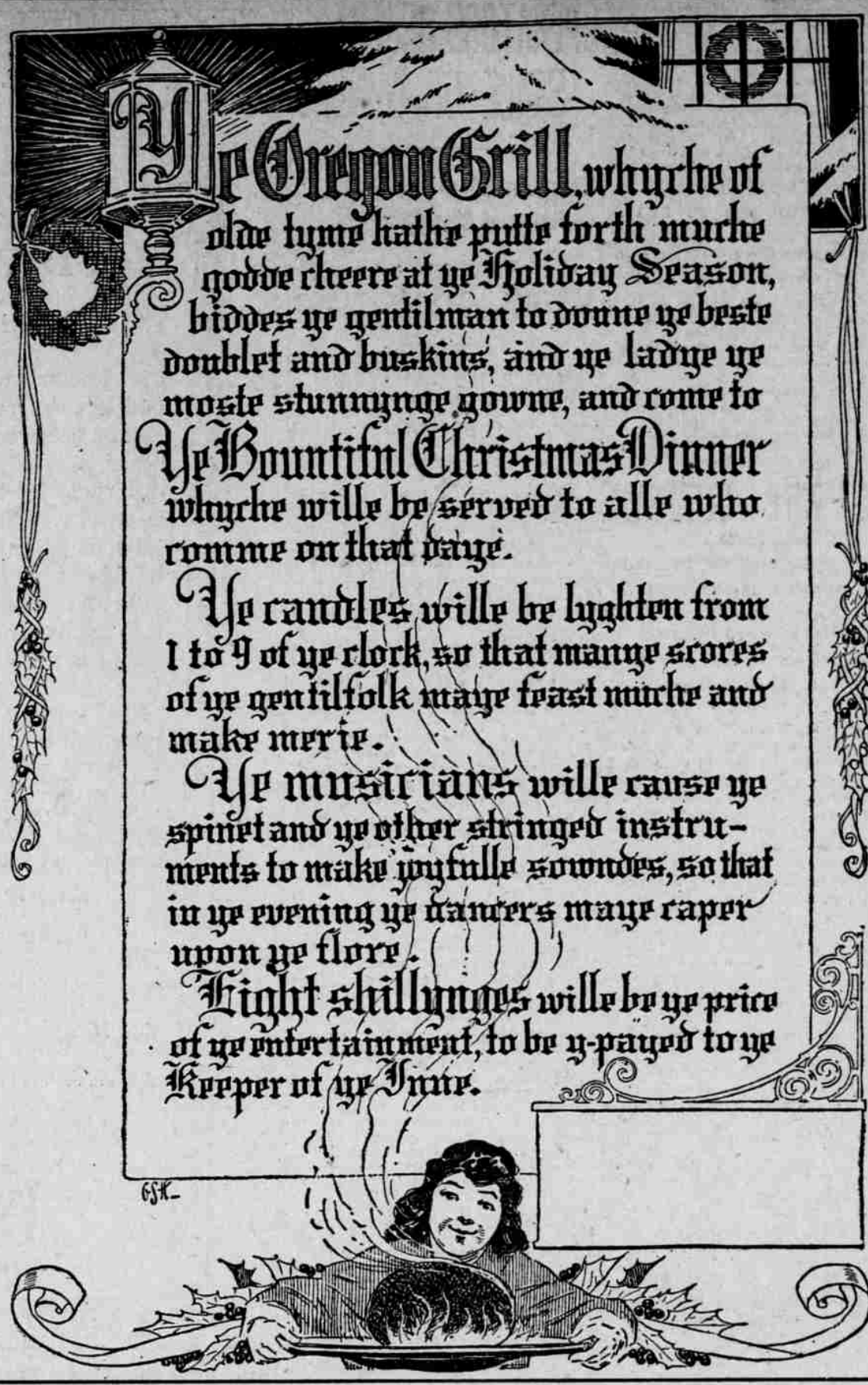
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3 MEN DEAD, 3 HURT

AUTOMOBILE STAGE DASHES FROM BRIDGE INTO RIVER.

Fatal Accident Occurs When Motor Car Skids, Carrying Victims Down 50 Feet to Death.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 23.—Three men are dead and three are in the hospital, following an accident in which an automobile stage went into the Humptulps river from a bridge 20 miles north of here today.

The dead: John Martin, 55, donkey engineer, Matt Kennedy, 35, logger. Unidentified man, about 27 years old.

The injured: John L. Cosgrove, owner and driver of the stage; both hands badly crushed, and other injuries as yet undetermined. John F. Donahue, leg broken. Walter Blue, arm broken.

At a sharp turn leading to the bridge the automobile skidded, went through the bridge railing and fell 50 feet into shallow water. The three dead men were killed instantly. The stage was bringing passengers from the Polson logging camps to spend the Christmas season here.

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here today and heard reports on the operations of the organization during the past 12 months. J. O. Holt of Eugene, manager of the packing department of the association, was the chief speaker at the conference. A dinner at the Marion hotel, the menu for which comprised Mistletoe products, featured the day's program.

Special mention was made by Mr. Holt of the use of prunella in the manufacture of mince meat. He said this mince meat was superior to the old-time product and had supplied an avenue through which quantities of prunes would be consumed annually.

Mortgage Foreclosure Sought.
ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—To foreclose a mortgage on the defendant's hotel site and building at Seaside, a suit has been filed in the circuit court by the Moore Hotel company against the Hotel Seaside.

complaint avers that on November 24, 1919, the defendant gave the plaintiff a note for \$25,000 secured by a mortgage on the hotel property and that neither the principal of this note nor the interest has been paid. The complaint asks for judgment in the sum of \$25,000, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent, as well as \$3500 attorney fees, and that the property be ordered sold.

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