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## ETHERIDGE FREED, IS READY TO TALK

### Bond of \$20,000 Posted After All-Day Effort.

## JUGGLERY TO BE REVEALED

### Immunity to Be Asked in Return for Confession.

## OVERTURE ALREADY MADE

### Ex-Head of Bond House Not Yet Ready to Give Interviews; Miss Morris' Holdings Sought.

## DAYS DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHERIDGE CASE.

Etheridge is released from county jail at 9 P. M. after District Judge Deich approves \$20,000 bail bond posted by C. M. Senosky and Arthur Moleworth.

Authentic report made that Etheridge will turn against Fred S. Morris and reveal tangled financial dealings with former sponsor in return for immunity. Etheridge will seek to throw all responsibility for failure of bond house on shoulders of Morris. This offer is now under consideration.

Federal Judge Wolverton signed order prohibiting Henrietta Morris from withdrawing personal securities and property of unknown value from safety deposit box at Morris Bros., Inc.

Receiver's attorneys preparing to train legal guns on Morris in effort to show he and his sister are personally responsible to firm's creditors.

Complete schedule of liabilities and creditors being listed for filing in federal court today.

John I. Etheridge, accused president of the wrecked bond house of Morris Brothers, Inc., was released yesterday at 5:45 P. M. from the Multnomah county jail upon the posting of \$20,000 bonds which were set by District Judge Deich. The release from jail followed all-day efforts of Mrs. Etheridge, wife of the accused bond house executive, and his friends toward posting the required amount.

Bond for Mr. Etheridge, originally placed at \$100,000 on the two counts preferred against him, was reduced to \$20,000 at request of District Attorney Evans. The first warrant charged larceny by bail of less than \$2000. The second alleged theft of \$75,000 in bonds as Mr. Etheridge left the city. This has been nullified by recovery of the bonds in question, when they were expressed here to Fred S. Morris. The original amounts of bail were \$10,000 on the first charge and \$100,000 on the second.

Etheridge Quits Jail.

The bondsmen for Mr. Etheridge were C. M. Senosky, publisher of the Sunday Welcome, and Arthur Moleworth, assistant claim agent for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. An affidavit by Mr. Senosky that he is worth above \$50,000, and an affidavit by Mr. Moleworth that he is worth above \$25,000 were approved by District Attorney Evans and then officially approved and filed by Judge Deich.

A few minutes later, or shortly before 6 o'clock, Etheridge left the county jail with his wife and a few personal friends who had been arranging for the bond throughout the day. Charles Hindman appeared as temporary attorney for Mr. Etheridge in this matter, but said he would be unable to serve permanently for the reason that his legislative duties starting next week will not permit him to give his full time to the accused man's defense.

Etheridge to Talk.

From an authoritative source it was learned that Mr. Etheridge is ready to talk. He is prepared to agree to prosecuting officials and to W. D. Whitcomb, receiver for the bond house, a complete and truthful story of the financial dealings between himself and Fred S. Morris.

In return for this detailed confession of his relations with Morris leading up to the fatal crash of the bond house December 27, he will ask for immunity. It is reported by the same informant.

It was said yesterday that the information which Etheridge is now willing to turn over to the receiver and District Attorney Evans is of a nature which he alleges will definitely fix the responsibility for the wreck of the firm on Fred S. Morris.

Offer to Evans Reported.

It was reported that Etheridge first made his offer to "talk" at his initial conference with District Attorney Evans. This offer, it is reported, was transmitted to Receiver Whitcomb and is now under consideration. It is said that whether or not any deal will be made with Etheridge will depend entirely upon the nature and importance of the information.

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## \$30,000 FIRE RAZES SILVER LAKE SCHOOL

### 100 PUPILS TO GET VACATION AS RESULT OF BLAZE.

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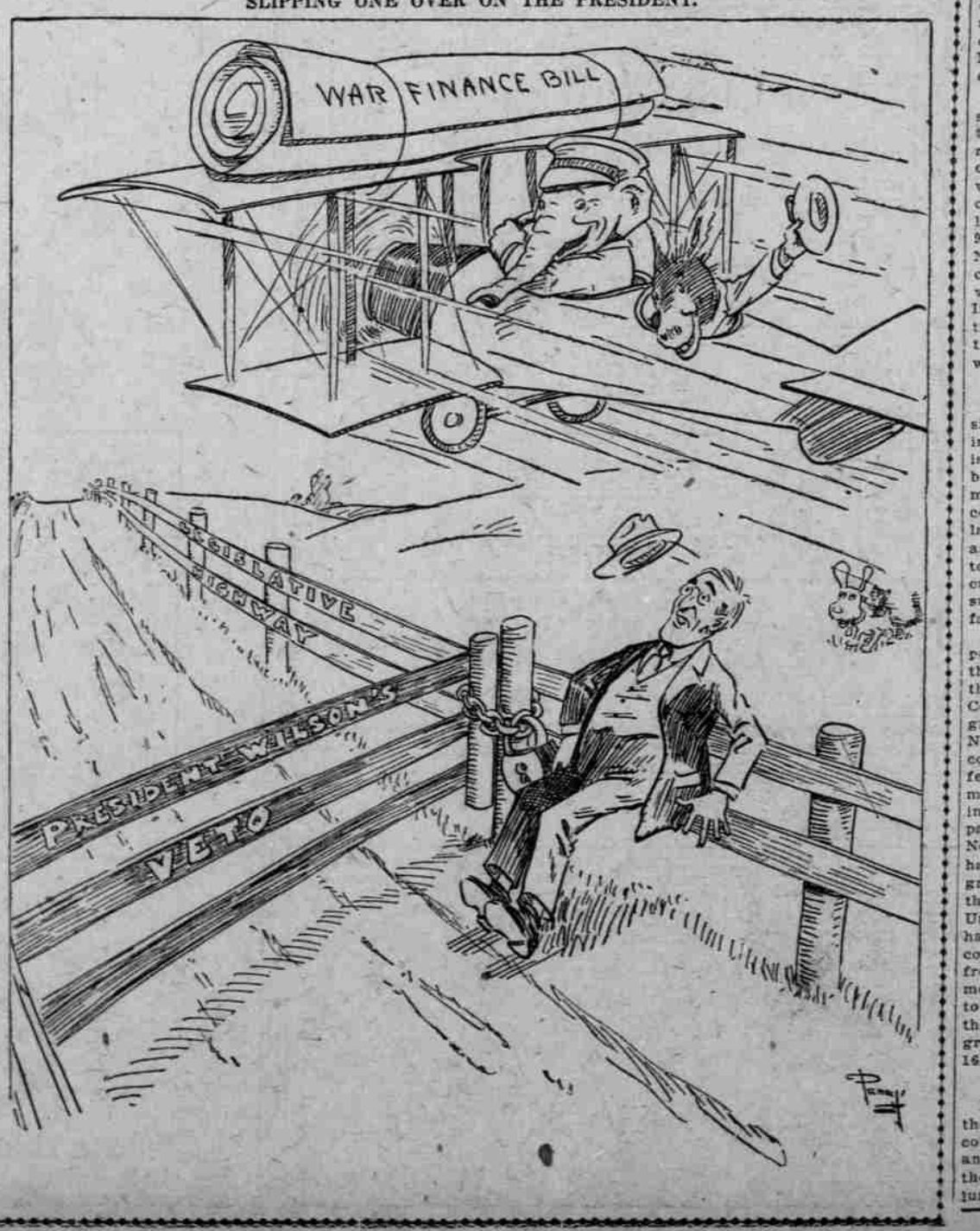
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## STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION DOINGS.

### Resolution adopted on the death of Commissioner Kiddle. Miles of work contracted, \$378.

### Contract awarded aggregate \$444,481.

### Only \$500,000 in road bonds out of \$1,500,000 offered because price dropped to 90.71.

### Advocates of inside loop advised to develop it as a market road.

### Ordered for advertising—Grading of old Oregon Trail from Umatilla county line to La Grande; culverts between Bend and Milligan; Clackamas river bridge.

### Agreed to advertise when engineers are ready—Nineteen miles of grading on Prineville-Mitchell road; Prineville-Redmond section; grading of four miles between McNamee and Tilley, Wheeler county.

### Survey ordered for 15 miles between Condon and Arlington, on John Day highway.

### Will advertise for grading of Albany-Tasque section when bondholders' meeting prevented trouble. General disorder also prevailed at Marysville.

### Prices at Lexington ranged from \$1 to \$30 a hundred pounds.

## HARDING SCANS RAILWAYS

### Problems of Lines and Labor Discussed With W. M. Doak.

### MARION, O., Jan. 4.—Railways and railway labor were discussed today by President-elect Harding with W. M. Doak, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

### Mr. Doak after the conference expressed the opinion that Mr. Harding's attitude toward labor was sympathetic and that labor questions would not be difficult under the next administration.

### Mr. Harding's campaign support of the Esch-Cummins railway measure, which many railroad employes opposed, made the conference significant, but Mr. Doak would not say whether the subject was covered today.

### Mr. Harding will motor to Columbia tomorrow to be raised to a 32d grade. Commercial and Marine, occupying his entire day.

### Various counties over the commission money, which the latter stands in need of, but counties with bond issues in many instances can sell their bonds only at par, and the par bond market doesn't exist just now. The commission intimates that the commission might come to the rescue by authorizing the highway commission to accept county road bonds as security for loans until the market is such that the counties can sell satisfactorily.

### If urgency and eloquence and a disposition to co-operate count for anything, long strides should be made this year on the old Oregon trail. Contracts were awarded yesterday for grading 19.5 miles of this road, from Nelson to Huntington, in Baker county. The Baker county court offered \$115,000 to apply the commission sees fit from Baker to Huntington, and then borrowed \$5000 to pay for contractors' estimates on the North Powder section. Malheur county had a delegation offering money for grading from Huntington to Ontario, at the end of the old Oregon trail. Union county, now that its bonds have been validated by the supreme court, asked for bids to be advertised for the Umatilla county line, at Klamath, to Hilgard, and from Hilgard to La Grande, all of which is also on the trail. Union county's request was granted. This will be a road with a 16-foot top, or 20-foot width of grade.

### Gilliam Asks for Survey.

### Definite progress is in sight for the John Day highway. Gilliam county asked for an immediate survey and location between Arlington, where the John Day connects with the Columbia highway, and Condon, 23 miles.

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## GAS RATE RISE APPROVED

### Vancouver City Council to Object to Public Service Verdict.

### VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The rise in gas rates for Vancouver has been approved by the Washington public service commission and will go into effect unless objection is made. The city council has taken up the matter and objection will be made. At the meeting of the new council tonight H. J. Flagg, engineer for the public service commission, spoke relative to the rise. He is the engineer detailed to make the investigation for the commission. Considerable objection has been made locally against the rise.

### 4 AMERICANS LEAVE URFA

### 3 Others Believed Awaiting Opportunity to Escape.

### NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Four of seven American relief workers stationed in the besieged city of Urfa, Cilicia, since August 19, have escaped and reached Aleppo, a dispatch to the Near East relief headquarters announced today.

### The three others, whose safety was reported December 28, are believed awaiting an opportunity to leave.

### CARDINAL QUIET, RESTFUL

### No Trace of Reaction From Trip Home Is Found.

### BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 4.—Cardinal Gibbons passed a quiet and restful day in his room, according to his physician. There was no trace of unfavorable reaction from his trip Monday from the Robert T. Shriver home at Union Mills, he said.

### Among those who called at the cardinal's residence was Governor Ritchie.

### "Pep" Is Declared Needed.

### Although Mayor Baker declared that crime conditions in Portland are not nearly so alarming as in other western cities, he was likewise of the opinion, and members of the council.

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### Mayor Baker will assume complete personal charge of the Portland police department beginning Monday morning. He will transfer his office from the city hall to the police station, there to remain until he has whipped the department into shape satisfactory to himself.

### With him will go his secretary, Hal M. White, and Stanley Meyers, assistant city attorney, as aides. During his absence from the city hall, which will probably be for a period extending from two weeks to a month, or possibly longer, the mayor will attempt to handle no municipal work of any kind, other than that concerning the police department. City Commissioner Bigelow, president of the council, will assume charge of the executive office and handle all work usually devolving upon the mayor, with the single exception of police matters, which will be referred to the mayor.

### Jenkins'