Sack Is in Sight.

by Commission.

Secondary Roads to Get At-

tention in 1922.

DOINGS OF HIGHWAY COM-

MISSION.

programme will exhaust all

available funds and no more

will be on hand to match fur-

Plans on obtaining large mile

age on secondary roads in 1922.

make Corvallis-Albany road a

Defers action on proposal to

Offers \$100,000 to Linn county

for co-operation wherever

Takes under consideration de-

ciding route between The Dalles

and Dufur on The Dalles-Cali-

Sells \$569,000 bonds, bearing

514 per cent interest, at a

prem'um of \$55,496. Best bid

Awards IN-mile road contract

to Union county court for \$87,-

609, holding up awards of three

ther funds, the state highway com-

ther federal aid.

state highway.

ounty desires.

fornia highway.

since August, 1919,

other contracts.

Announces that next year's

# PLAN IS ADOPTED

5-5-3 Basis Agreed on By Three Powers.

## 68 SHIPS TO BE SCRAPPED

British Will Be Allowed to Build Two More.

#### FORTS TO BE RESTRICTED

Slightly Larger Tonnage for Capital Ships Than Was Planned Is Granted.

the Associated Press/)-The first great stride toward a five- Imposing Peak Looms Majestically power treaty limiting armaments was States, Great Britain and Japan nounced a final agreement on the American 5-5-3 ratio

15. Agreement of the three major naval powers was reached on the basis of a "status quo" understanding as to fortification of the Pacific islands.

The United States and Great Britain conceded to Japan's desire to retain her newest battleship, the clearly as today. in the American and British fleets. While principles of the original

proposal were not impaired by the triangular agreemen the settlement contemplates the VETERANS TO GET FRUIT following changes in fleets to be instead of 22, with an aggregate of 582,050 tons instead of 694,450 tons.

#### American Tonnage Greater.

Japan, 10 ships as originally pro-300 tons instead of 299,700 tons.

nder the revised detailed plan as follows: Great Britain 525,000 tons, United States 525,000 tons and Japan 315 .-

000 tons. In announcing the three-power agreement to the committee of 15

"This arrangement between th United States, Great Britain and Jupan is, so far as the number of ships to be retained and scrapped is

to their capital ships." In consolidating the "status quo" agreement as to fortifications into the projected naval limitations

sultant saving of time. The revised three-power naval agreement, in addition to overcoming the most difficult stumbling-block before the conference—the relative strength of the American and Japascrap heap. They are the Japanese tral zone." Mutsu and the American Colorado and Washington, ships of the same "post-Jutland" design.

#### British to Build Two.

Provision also is made for two new British "post-Jutland" ships to be laid at once and does not other whee modify the ten-year holiday. after for ten years. In place of the Colorado and Washington, the United States will scrap the North Dakota and the Delaware when the two new ships are finished. When Great played a part in the war. They are the King George V, the Ajax and years. the Centurian, all of the same type. and the wartime-completed Erin, a JOHN A. ELSTON SUICIDE sister ship of the Queen Elizabeth.

One other change in the original California Representative's Body American proposal is made. The maximum tonnage displacement of future capital ships is fixed at 37,000 tons, instead of 35,000. It is under- tive in congress from California, was stood this change was made to meet found floating in the Potomac river the British practice of equipping late today. capital ships with anti-submarine A note found in the representative's coat "bilsters." These outside air cont said he was caught in "a chain

### STATE HIGHWAY FUND RELEASE IS SOUGHT

ROOSEVELT ROAD ASSOCIA-TION WANTS TO GET MONEY.

Plan Is to Use Oregon's \$2,500,000 Without Waiting for Congress to Match Appropriation.

Although the \$2,500,000 authorized by the people for the Roosevelt highway is tied up until February, 1923, to give the government time to match it, a plan is now proposed to modify the provisions of the law so that federal aid money can be matched instead f awaiting a dollar-for-dollar appro riation by congress for this specific road. Steps to this end were taken yesterday by the Roosevelt Memorial coast Highway association and offi-Japan Will Retain Mutsu and cers of the association will meet with the state highway commission this afternoon to discuss the proposition There is a prospect of the Roosevelt highway being injected in the special session of the legislature next week Those attending the meeting in Portland yesterday were B. F. Jones. lewport, president; Fred C. Baker illamook, secretary; J. C. Kendall, oos Bay, treasurer; Charles Hall, Parker, John Gillings, Coos Bay; N. H. Larsen, Port Orford; J. W. Bergman, Florence; A. W. Norblad, Astoria; B. K. Lawton, Gold Beach; leerge H. Dickinson, Newport. The association received word that seven northern countles in Callfornia are willing to assist in hav-

# WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.- MOUNT RAINIER IN VIEW

ing the highway built.

Through Clear Atmosphere. usually clear today and a rare view of Mount Rainler was gained by resiagreement to include France and ing from Portland by way of Kenton. Ifaly - was initiated immediately From the top of the hill one could shining on it more clearly than on

> parent height of about one-third the seldom that Mount Rainler is seen so

slight turning of the head.

# Great Britain, 20 ships Women of Hood River Collect Dain-

ties for Disabled Soldlers. HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 15 .- (Spenally proposed, but with an aggregate of the Hood River post of the Ameriof 525,000 tons instead of 500,650 can Legion will assemble dainties and Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and order to put all clerks and employes

"We especially wish to supply each run along indefinitely in the very ward to any employe who will give posed, but with an aggregate of 313,- sick veteran with as many Hood unsatisfactory shape of merely over-River apples as he can eat," says Mrs. due notes. Any business man with At the end of the ten-year build- Harold Hershner of the local auxii- the faintest experience will realize ing holiday the fleets will stand lary, who is promoting the campaign this point. It is the desire of the adfor assembling articles here. also want, however, to collect dainty which means to get the debtors to number of shoplifters. foods and books, magazines, cigars sign new notes payable at future and cigarettes and phonograph resords. We have met with a hearty response already from many orchard-

# the following official explanation TREATY HELD VIOLATED

Troops in Neutral Zone Declared Organized by Japanese.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15,concerned, dependent on a suitable Troops of Generals Semenov and Kapagreement with France and Italy as pel, "organized and equipped by the Japanese," have crossed the neutral zone in the Maritime province in the district of Iman and attacked "the peaceful population and the troops of the far eastern republic," the special treaty, separate consideration of that trade delegation of that republic now matter has been avoided with a re- here was informed today in a cable from Chita.

"This attack," the delegation said, "is an absolute violation of the treaty oncluded on April 29, 1920, between the maritime Zemstvo government and the Japanese command. According to this treaty no armed forces, nese fleets-has saved three huge either Russian or Japanese, were to new superdreadnoughts from the be permitted to pass through the neu-

#### SUICIDE OREGONIAN IS Railroad Worker Kills Self in Sight

of Neighbor. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 15 .-(Special.) - Presumably despondent In place of the Mutsu Japan will his own life shortly after noon Thursscrap the old dreadnought Setsu and day. Evidently the deed had been will do no capital shipbuilding there- premeditated. His son Anchor had gone downtown for a few minutes. Mr. Alsted took a gun, walked out onto the porch, sat down on a couch. placed the muzzle inside his mouth and fired. Death was instantaneous. A neighbor probably was the only Britain completes her two new witness of the tragedy and it was 37,000-tonners, about three years enacted so quickly she had no opporhence, she will send to the scrap tunity to summon ald to prevent it. heap four old dreadnoughts that Mr. Alsted was in the employ of the Southern Pacific railway for some 40

Found in Potomac. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15 .- The

(Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.) of circumstances which spelled ruln."

# WORLD INCUBUS

Billions Due Uncle Sam, but Nothing Coming.

#### OFFICIALS MUCH CONCERNED

Status of Debts Tends to Demoralize Trade.

#### REFUNDING NOW DESIRED

Congress, Long Ago Asked to Grant Authority for Needed Adjustment, Appears Reluctant.

BY MARK SULLIVAN. right, 1921, by the New York Eve WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15 .-(Special.)-It is not so much the half of accrued interest which several European governments owe to the ing the last two weeks. government

business conditions. The present status of the state of those pitiful instances which is that of overdue notes. So long wake, One of those pitiful instances which one of those pitiful instances which ways prevent those nations from baland from becoming buyers and con- hiding them beneath her cloak, sumers of our goods.

Some time ago one of the most solirely open to the government of the along with her mother. debt overdue to our government.

Adjustment Now Necessary. cial.)-In conjunction with the Port- not be likely to do anything so unfruit for distribution to disabled ex-service men in Portland hospitals.

"We especially wish to supply each of the Freezery Melion and order to put an electric put an employes on their guard against this class of thieves, the store has a standing re-"We ministration to refund these debts. (Concluded on Page 15, Column L)

#### SHOPLIFTERS SWARM STORES OF PORTLAND

EPIDEMIC OF THIEVERY.

With Situation and Sleuths of City Police Assist.

An epidemic of shoplifting, unparal. on with the result that the entire police detective bureau is assisting wave of petty but pernicious crime. an average of ten arrests daily are national guard. being made of shoplifters, amateur detectives a merry chase from morn-

ing to night. In order to cope with this class of thieves, the Meier & Frank store has armory gymnasium, which will b an extra force of six private detectives guarding the store throughout the day, and this force is augmented by police detectives, who give a part of their time each day in watching the holiday shoppers for shoplifters and pickpockets,

Police Captain Harms recently issued an order to his detectives to make the rounds of all department amount as the present unsatisfactory day, when not assigned to some spestatus of the ten billion dollars of cial detail, and to assist the store details. principal and additional billion and a detectives as much as possible. Through the aid of the police many shoplifters have been discovered dur-

For the most part, shoplifters oper. to business men, to economists, and ating in department stores this season to those officials of the American are rank amateurs and are easily whose duties require apprehended, say the police, although them to give thought to the country's in a few isolated instances professionals have left a trail of missing The present status of these debts articles and astonished clerks in their

interfere with the ability of debtor are invariably brought to light dur- organization. within the new naval committee of see the majestic mountain, the sun nations to borrow money and in other ing the holiday season was disclosed Mount St. Helens. The two peaks ancing their budgets, from putting was detected in the act of stealing a were as visible as Mount Hood on a their affairs into businesslike shape, few articles of feminine apparel and little girl about 12 years old walked height of Mount St. Helens. It is vent and dependable of these gov- the woman and her actions through by her side. The detective watched ernments asked some American bank- several departments of the store. His ers for a loan of \$10,000,000 with vigil was rewarded by discovering the Mount Adams, Mount St. Helens, which to buy American goods. The little girl also learning her first les-Mount Rainier and Mount Hood were bankers reply was that if they should son in shoplifting. The tot had stolen all visible from one point with a put \$16,000,000 to the credit of this a few articles of minor value, but dear European government it would be en- to a youngster's heart, as she trailed

who investigated were positive that the mother countenanced the child's Of course our government would thievery if not actually directed it. At one store an average of six shop information leading to the detection of any shoplifter in the establishment. According to the police, all department stores have increased their forces of house detectives in order to

Chief Jenkins yesterday issued a The rate

IT'S TIME TO BE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

TYE INVESTED

\$53,000,000 IN

HIGHWAYS IN THE LAST

FOUR YEARS AND BY

THUNDER IM GOING ,

TO SEE THAT THEY RE

NOT DESTROYED!

### JOBLESS VETERANS TO SLEEP IN ARMORY

CHRISTMAS SEASON DEVELOPS ADJUTANT - GENERAL OFFERS BEDS TO EX-SOLDIERS.

House Detectives Unable to Cope Honorable Discharge. Entitles Man Bottom of Road Funds to Sleep One Night in Cot at Tenth and Couch Streets.

Taps will sound at midnight and eled in the history of Portland has reveille at 7:30 A. M. for unemployed ade its appearance in downtown ex-service men who take advantage stores during the present holiday sea- of the order of Adjutant-General George A. White, by whose order fre the store detectives in curbing this sleeping quarters for world war vet erans will be thrown open in Reports from department stores, Armory, Tenth and Couch streets, besupled with records at police detec- ginning tonight. This was the an nouncement yesterday of Captain lifting never was so prevalent in Lawrence A. Milner, regimental ad-Portland as at the present time, and jutant of the 162d infantry, Oregon

A cot and three blankets will be and professional, who are running the provided every honorably discharged DELEGATES ARE ex-service man who is out of wor

and desires a place to sleep The sleeping quarters will be in the opened at 11 o'clock every night Prior to that time the showers wil be open for those desiring baths. B tween 11 and 12 o'clock at night the men will be admitted. No noise will be permissible after midnight. Reveille will sound at 7:30 and by folded and the quarters evacuated. Sergeants Arthur McKenna and stores as often as possible during the John Pickard of the 162d infantry have been assigned to look after the

Ex-service men out of work may eceive lodging at the armory for one night merely by obtaining cards from either the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars or Disabled American Veterans of the World War and presenting them at the armory. For further lodging, however, it will be necessary for them to register with he American Legion unemployment pureau, 174 Fourth street, and receive egistration certificates. eran need not belong to any soldier

#### WOMAN GIRL IS MURDER SUSPECT

A Informer Says She Saw Man Thrown From Bridge in Fight.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 15 .- Acby a former friend of slaying Jack Meyers, whose body was recovered from the Mississippi river on Oc tober 4, by hurling him from the ernment bridge during a fight, Grace Morris was brought back to Davenport this morning from Peru, the bank the next day and attach the entire amount on account of the cause of her tender are the part was made by Bertha Liennon, the tall the part are the part of the cause of her tender are the part was made by Bertha Liennon, who have the part of the cause of her tender are the part of the the fight on the bridge

The general supposition had been that Meyers committed suicide

#### ffters are being arrested daily, and \$1.62 FLOUR DUTY ASKED

fined chiefly to maintenance. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15 .- A duty of \$1.62 a barrel on flour, which he and others agreed would amount to an embargo, was asked of the senpresent astounding Husband of Chicago, representing the The rate proposed in the Fordney

## Millers' National federation

gave the county delegations, some- corporation. thing to think about, especially when mitting itself to divers and sundry Oregon, \$360.000. requests for more road work.

Booth Makes Statement.

out the schedule which it has agreed INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS might be necessary. on for the coming year, all funds at its disposal will be consumed. This includes about \$1,500,000 of county YESTERDAY'S-Maximum temperature, 43 money, about \$2,000,600 of federal money and all the state money that is still available out of authorized bond issues.

gon will not have funds to match federal ald appropriations. The coming year will mark the close of extensive construction as the situation now tands and the only method possibl for continuance of the road work will be for the people once more to increase the limitation of indebtedness General overturn in Ireland long feared by constitutional amendment. matter would have to be laid before War debts due America now den the people either by initiative petition or by a resolution of the legislature

Pacific Highway Nearly Done. Chairman Booth explained that the Japan's activities in Siberia scored. Pacific highway will be completed next year, unless something unforeseen occurs, and that on the second ary roads the point has been attained where much mileage is possible at a nominal expenditure. The heavy costs necessary on the Columbia river Irrigation congress opens at Pendlefon.

Page 4. highway and the Pacific highway will not be required on the secondary roads, many of which are in coun try where construction is of light character and relatively inexpensive Just a few million dollars more, added the chairman, will enable the commission to bring to completion all of the state roads on which the commission is now working.

all of today's time. The commission disposed, to advantage, of the last Shipping board carrier coming | load cargo for orient Page 22. block of the original road bond issue, the \$6,000,000 issue of 1917. The block, consisting of \$560,000, commanded a premium of \$55,496, the the bonds bear 5% per cent interest, the premium paid makes the rate to the state 4.58 per cent. It was August, 1919, that the commission last received such a flattering bid for its price per \$100 being \$109.91. While securities. The bonds were awarded to the First and Old Detroit National Northwest buttermakers may form organ-lization. Page 17. Bank syndicate. Prior to the opening of the bids.

bond dealers urged the commission to ask for bids on a lower interest rate bond so that such a high premium would not have to be paid. The com-(Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

## CHURCHES PREPARE PEACE PROGRAMME

IN NEED OF CASH PLANS TO BE SUBMITTED TO

> Outlawing of Submarines, Bombing Planes and Chemical Warfare to Be Up for Vote.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 .- Formulation of world-peace programme for American Protestant churches was an NEXT YEAR TO EXHAUST GASH nounced today at the executive committee meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, by Dr. S. L. Gulick, secretary of the council's commission or Main Arteries Almost Finished international justice and good will, The proposals will be presented at

omorrow's meeting. The committee's report presents number of suggestions and recom mendations including: Outlawing of aubmarine, bombin

HEARD plane and chemical warfare. No quibbling about the Panama anal toll treaty.

Repeal of anti-Chinese legislation Big Premium Received for Bonds. ot dealing with immigration but Sir James Craig on Way to London with our violated pledge to give Chinese in the United States fair and qual treatment.

Withdrawal from Hawali of large naval forces and a halt in building of great naval bases in the Pacific. Release of France from payment of lebts to United States incurred after

America's entrance into the war The commission asked if the time ias not yet come "for the churches of America to extend to the Christians of Germany the hand of Christian leader in the house of com fellowship," and it recommended a ur desire for renewed friendship and o-operation in our common task."

At its business session today the dined to create a commission on public morals to give special attention to Sabbath observance, de- ly relied upon by the "die hards" to ozalizing amusements, marriage and tivorce, and asked its commission on social service to look into these matleading reason for this action. -Full co-operation with plans for an international conference of Prot-

estant churches in 1924 was voted. RECOGNITION IS ASKED

Senator's Bill Would Make Open Russ Relations WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15 .- A esolution described by its author as

the United States of the de facto gov-

few million dollars more are required France, republican, Maryland. to finish all the roads the commission Commissions to exchange visits be is now working on. The only way tween the two countries for restorathat additional funds can be obtained, tion of friendly relations, were prohowever, is for the constitutional lim- posed. itation to be tilted 1 per cent by the

#### Without such revision of the limita- MORE FARM LOANS MADE tion the road programme will have to mark time and attention be con- Advances Aggregating Nearly \$7,- admitted it was undesirable that par-000,000 Are Approved.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15 .- Ap-Such was the statement reiterated proval of 182 advances for agriculto various county courts at the hear- tural and livestock purposes aggreing of the highway commission yes- gating nearly \$7,000,000 was anterday by R. A. Booth, chairman. It nounced today by the war finance for the Duhlin decision before voting

TODAY'S-Fair; northerly winds. Disarmament Conference.

Japan agrees to seil Shantung raliroad to China. Page 2. Senators predict treaty will be ratified. Page 2

Germany is unable to pay obligations Page 3. Andrew Honer Law joins Irlsh peace pact party. Page 1. National.

Senate orders investigation of reputed western railroad freight rate combine.

Domestic. Churches prepare peace programme. Page 1. Pacific Northwest.

Three highway bills to be submitted to legislature. Page 6.

Hope expressed that legislature will end special session next Friday. Page 5. our northwestern states represented trade conference in Tacoma. Page 4 Sports.

Parks, one of two pitchers, promised Beavers, Page 14. World series reduced from nine to sever games. Page 14. Babe Herman battles with Danny Ed-wards tonight. Page 15. Hubbard named stocksor to Richardson at O. A. C. Page 14.

Commercial and Martne Delegates Are Heard.

Listening to delegations consumed most of yesterday's session of the commission and will probably take up all of today's time. The commission higher. Page 23.

Early cleanup of prune crop on coast seems assured. Page 23.

Wheat higher at Chicago with prospect of relief for Russia. Page 22.

Stock trade broad and prices generally higher. Page 23.

> Portland and Vicinity. State's star witness accused of murder.

veterans to sleep in armery Page L Next year to exhaust highway funds of Oregon. Page 1. Claus ohats of Christmas here

# BONAR LAW JOINS IRISH PACT PART

Defection of Unionist Is Blow to Ulsterites.

#### VOTE TODAY IS EXPECTED

Passage of Treaty by Parliament Is Predicted.

PROGRESS SLOW

and Probably Will Consult With Lloyd George.

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- (By the Ass. clated Press.) - The event of the day was the decision of Andrew Bonar Law, unlouist, formerly government one of the strong men on the Ulster ommunication to the churches and side, to accept the treaty and, if not Christians of Germany "expressing to invite Ulster to come into the settlement, at all events to counsel acceptance of the boundary commission, which the marquis of London executive committee de- derry, in the house of lords, hinted Ulster might reject.

Mr. Bonar Law had been confidentsupport Lord Carson in opposing the treaty, or at the worst, to remain neutral. His speech had taken much ters. Lack of funds was cited as a of the force out of the Carsonite attack and is considered to have insured ratification of the treaty

The vote is expected to be taken n both houses of parliament tomorow afternoon and the most impor kely to be Lord Birkenhead's reply o Lord Carson.

#### Trenty Is Defended.

Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for the colonies, and Herbert H. noking to the formal recognition by warmly defended the treaty, the expremier, however, uttering a warning mission will reach the bottom of the ernment of Russia," was introduced to beware of "the malignant greater in the ensuing year. Only a in the senate today by Senator hovering over all Irish affairs."

Viscount Bryce, in the house of ords, admitted that the treaty was magricet in form but contended England was great enough to try the experiment of throwing the responsibility of its own administration on ernment leader, in reply to questions, liament should be prorogued before was known; therefore, it might be necessary that the session be carried into the next week. But he declined on the question of ratification. Or The loans include the following: the contrary, he thought the house the commission had to decline com- Idaho, \$75,000; Montana, \$416,000, and ought to express its view without waiting for the Dail; therefore, the house would sit tomorrow as long as

#### Dall Progress Slow.

The Dail is making little progress at Dublin. Sir James Craig's official rejection

of the treaty has now been published, In his letter the Ulster premier declared that all the government's When these moneys are gone. Ore- American ratio plan is adopted by three pledges to Ulster have been violated, powers. Page 1. and that it seems that Illster will and that it seems that Ulster will not be able ever to enter the Irish free state. He is coming to London probably to consult the prime min-

#### THE GIRLS WHO ARE SEEN NO MORE.

There comes a day when the doors of home witness their last departure, and thereafter the folks wait drearily for the girls who are seen no more. Why do the runaways choose the strange path of disappearance? Where do they go? And what becomes of them?

In the Sunday Oregonian, beginning with the next issue, will appear a graphic, startling serial of fact, "Mystery of Our Missing Girls," written by Mrs. Grace Humiston, New York lawyer, who is nationally recognized as the friend and counsellor of homeless girls and as the foremost authority on the causes that set them wandering.

Narrow-minded parents, it is said, are gravely at fault for many of these disappearances, which total 100,000 annually. Parental error is a cause that relegates white slavery to a minor role. Why do girls leave home? Mrs. Humiston answers with a convincing array of facts and personal experience in many cases, constituting a human document that is one's duty to read.

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