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BONUS ISSUE NOW BIGGEST PROBLEM

Leaders in Congress Admittedly Worried.

PEOPLE'S MANDATE IS CLEAR

Difficulties, However, Seem Almost Formidable.

INTEREST WEIGHTY ITEM

Proposal to Make Payments to Soldiers Out of Allied Debts Declared Sheer Nonsense.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—(Special)—It isn't merely the bulk of the soldiers who are demanding a bonus; what weighs more with congress is the fact that the bulk of the people generally seem to be demanding it.

It readily was apparent that the one episode that had merit to do with causing Harding and the republican leaders to change front was an election held in Ohio last fall. That election was on the specific issue of a bonus to be paid by the state locally to its own soldiers. The project carried by a vote of something like 900,000 to 300,000, and the state was directed by the clear mandate of the people to make an initial appropriation of some \$25,000,000. That was interpreted as an unmistakable indication of public feeling such as no party in power could ignore.

It might be said that if the thing is not right the party ought to be willing to resist and go out of power. But that is the sort of counsel of perfection which no party lives up to. Moreover, the republicans are more or less in the right when they say they are for the bonus not because they fear re-election but because it is the duty of those who are managing the country to obey an unmistakable mandate of public opinion.

Leaders Much Concerned. The subject is admittedly difficult, and it is causing the leaders more worry than any other thing in the present political situation. They understand Secretary Mellon's opposition, and admit it is sound. Incidentally Mr. Mellon in his letter did not make clear the largest single financial objection to passing the bonus bill at this time. The objection rests on interest rates.

The interest rate on money for both public and private borrowers has been going down steadily. The chief reason is that the government, by a gradual process, has been spending less and less money for more than two years past. It was on September 1, 1919, that the peak of government expenditures was passed. This gradual reduction of government expenditures and of interest rates might be expected to continue to go on, but if the government must borrow something like a billion more during the next year, the peak of government expenditures will be reversed.

From Mr. Mellon's point of view, the heart of the situation lies in the fact that the government already has among its debts \$5,500,000,000 of short-term notes which will come due and must be paid within the next 16 months. In the normal course Mr. Mellon would pay off these notes by borrowing an equivalent sum from the public on refunding bonds, which would run for many years.

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JAZZ BARRED IN SCHOOL

Chicago Board Also Prohibits Other Modern Joys.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Chicago's board of education placed its official taboo on the shimmy dance, jazz music, short skirts, low necked dresses, jostling and cigarettes today.

CHIEF REMEMBERS IBERIA

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NINE WOMEN DECLINE TO SERVE ON JURY

MEN WILL TRY CHINESE ON TONG MURDER CHARGE.

Eight of Fair Sex Send Word That They Would Not Sit and One Refuses in Person.

Though the law is operative and an opportunity was given the women of Portland yesterday to serve on a circuit court jury, the local courts have yet to see a woman on the jury panel.

Unanimously, all the women whose names were drawn in the special venire held in the Tong murder case asked to be excused. Under the law, service on a jury is optional with a woman.

Of nine women served with subpoenas, eight sent in word that they did not care to serve and only one answered in person. She was told by Lou Harlow, deputy county clerk, that all she had to do to escape jury duty was to sign "No" on a prepared blank and with a sigh of relief she did so.

Of 14 men drawn on the special venire, all but nine could not serve and those nine were quickly eliminated by attorneys. A jury was not obtained until nearly 4 o'clock, when jurors released from the Thomas Askay damage suit in Judge Morrow's court were available. Opening statements were made just before 5 o'clock. Toy Chong is accused of killing Wong Gee at Fourth and Davis streets in the recent tong war.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special)—Mrs. F. A. Rankin, wife of a local dealer in musical goods and mother of Colonel Creed C. Hammond of Egan, has the distinction of being the first woman juror to be called on a case in Lane county. Mrs. Rankin's name was the first drawn in a civil case in the Eugene justice court this afternoon and she was accepted for duty.

Mrs. George N. McLean, wife of a Eugene insurance agent, was another member of the jury and the four others were men. The case involved the sum of \$57 alleged due as rental on the house. The jury found for the defendant.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special)—Mrs. Cora M. Kay, wife of T. B. Kay, member of the lower house of the legislature, has the distinction of being the first woman in Marion county drawn for jury service. Mrs. Kay was included in the panel drawn for jury service during the March term of the circuit court, but it became necessary to draw upon this panel yesterday when the list of so-called old jurors was exhausted.

Because the county has not yet had time to arrange accommodations for women jurors, Judge Kelly ordered that Mrs. Kay should be required to serve during the present term of court. A man was selected in her place.

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SHANTUNG ACCORD GOAL OF HARDING

Chinese Requested to Accept Compromise.

DECISION IS UP TO PEKIN

Japanese Willing to Make Principal Concessions.

LOAN PLAN ABANDONED

President Takes Hand in Negotiations to Remove Barrier From Arms Conference.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The aid of President Harding has been enlisted by the arms delegates to bring Japan and China into agreement on Shantung.

Taking a direct hand in the Washington negotiations for the first time, the president today urged the Chinese to accept the latest compromise offer and thus remove from the field of controversy a subject which has become a barrier to the progress of the conference. Whether the move is to succeed appears to rest largely with Pekin. The Japanese already have indicated informally their willingness to make the principal concessions proposed and the president approached the Chinese only after the Japanese ambassador had informed the state department that his government was ready to accept a tender of good offices.

Japan Abandons Loan Plan. The settlement plan sponsored by President Harding deals only with the return of the Tsingtao-Tsinaifu railroad, substantially all other questions having been agreed upon in the exchange between the Japanese and Chinese. Under the proposal Japan would abandon her proposition for a loan to China and the latter would purchase the road with treasury notes payable at option 5 to 15 years hence. China would receive possession within five years, but would withdraw opposition to retention of a Japanese traffic officer and accountant during the period of payment.

Although several days may be required to reach a final decision, one immediate effect of the day's developments was to bring into relief the importance of Shantung in the general scheme of conference accomplishments.

It is an open secret that until Shantung is settled most of the commitments partially entered into here must remain indefinite.

The naval treaty, complete except for the fortifications article, was given another examination today by the committee of 15, but no changes were made.

Today's meeting of the far eastern (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

PUPILS FINISHING HIGH SCHOOLS 29 PER CENT

SMALL RATIO FOR PORTLAND EXCEEDS OTHER CITIES.

Graduates of Girls' Polytechnic to Appear in Simple Frocks of Their Own Making.

Of a typical annual enrollment of Portland school children, from statistics compiled in connection with the graduation classes of this year, only 29 per cent complete high school. Small as this percentage seems to be, it is nearly twice as large as the general average for American public schools.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Rice, contrasting the number of graduates with the number of pupils who entered originally, has made public the following figures: Twelve years ago, when the class entered the primary rooms, it numbered 4020 children. Of these 3905 were graduated from the eighth grade, but only 2700 entered high school. Graduates at the June commencement exercises numbered 709, and graduates of the present class number 450, or a total of 1159 for the end of the 12-year course. The figures show that from the lower grades upward of 3000 children have left school, for various reasons, and this without an estimate of the additions of new scholars from other places.

The first commencement exercises of the closing terms were held last night at Lincoln high school auditorium, when the High School of Commerce graduated a class of 30. At the commencement exercises of the Girls' Polytechnic school, to be held in Lincoln high auditorium tonight, the girl graduates will wear colored organdie dresses made by themselves and costing from \$5 to \$7 each.

The remaining high schools will hold their commencement exercises tomorrow night, in their own school buildings, as follows: James John, 18, Washington, 22; Jefferson, 112, Franklin, 42; Benson Polytechnic, 44; Lincoln, 65.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special)—The weather bureau today ordered warnings posted at all stations between Cape Mendocino and Cape Flattery, stating that a storm of considerable energy is approaching the North Pacific coast and will cause a fresh to strong northwest gale tonight. In spite of these warnings, the barometer, which had been falling nearly all night, started up at 4 o'clock this morning and this afternoon registered 30 degrees.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Southwest gales, lashing the coast from Cape Mendocino northward, accompanied by rain or unsettled or threatening weather, will break the cold snap's grip on the Pacific seaboard during the next 24 hours, except in southern California, according to the forecast of the United States weather bureau here today. A strong blow, reaching gale force on the Washington and Oregon shoreline, is on the programme for tonight and tomorrow.

MILK DROP PREDICTED

Dairy Official Says Surplus Will Cause Slump in Price.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Lower prices for milk, due to a great surplus, was forecasted by W. T. Schilling of Northfield, Minn., president of the Twin Cities Milk Producers' association, at a meeting of milk producers here last night.

"There is going to be enough milk in the next two months to drown one of you," Mr. Schilling said. This condition is nationwide, Mr. Schilling said, basing his statement on observations during two months' travel in the United States and Canada.

FALLEN RULERS DITCHED

Portugal Declines to Support Emperor Charles and Zita.

LISBON, Jan. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Portuguese government, it was announced today, has informed the allied council of ambassadors that Portugal will be unable to stand the expense of supporting Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary and his wife Zita on the island of Madeira.

FORD SIGNS CONTRACT

Lease and Purchase of Muscle Shoals Project Involved.

DETROIT, Jan. 25.—The contract covering the proposed lease and purchase of the government's nitrate and water power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was signed by Henry Ford and returned to the war department tonight, a few hours after it had been received, it was announced.

CONVICTS ATTACK SHIP

Crew of Steamer Sonoma Quells Raid, Fearing Robbery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—An attack by naval convicts on members of the crew of the steamship Sonoma at Pago Pago, Samoa, was stopped by the use of revolvers when officers of the ship feared that an attempt might be made to break into the specie tanks, containing \$2,000,000, according to the stories told by officers on arrival of the Sonoma here today.

On the last trip here from Australia \$128,000 in sovereigns was stolen from the specie tanks but later recovered.

SPRINGLIKE WEATHER HITS PORTLAND AREA

MERCURY RISES WITH BOUND FROM 41 TO 52 DEGREES.

Storm Warnings Posted for Gale Along Pacific Northwest Coast. Rain Is Predicted.

Weather of springlike variety was experienced in Portland and vicinity yesterday, after weeks of sub-normal temperature conditions. In the afternoon, under the benign influence of sun and a warm wind from the west, the thermometer rose to 52 degrees, while the lowest recorded in the 24 hours ending at 5 o'clock last night was 41 degrees above zero. This, contrasted with the low temperature of 15 degrees above zero, registered officially a week ago, caused Portland residents to flock out of doors.

The day was marked by typical vagaries of spring's advent. Early in the day hail fell in some parts of the city, to be followed later by rain and intermittent sunshine.

For today rain is forecast for Portland and vicinity. Along the coast storm warnings were posted.

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COMMUNITY CHEST MEETINGS TODAY

Noon, Multnomah hotel—Generals and colonels of all divisions meet in Arcadian garden. General instructions will be given.

Noon, Multnomah hotel—Flying squadrons meet in ballroom on mezzanine floor to report subscriptions.

4 P. M., Peninsula National bank, St. Johns—Colonel John Edlefsen's captains meet for training.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

There's the chest, empty and gaping, waiting for the public outpouring of treasure that will finance it for another year in the service of charity and public beneficence.

Waiting to be precise, for \$798,777, the sum which will insure that happiness and help shall visit thousands in the twelvemonth to come.

Waiting for next Monday, when the highly organized and intensely trained community chest organization is to take the field for the cause.

Chest Officials Sanguine.

Are there omens of success? Well, as to that, the chest officials are not in the least cheery, and hold with due caution that everyone must step to the front and enlist if the campaign is to be a success.

They are, however, full of confidence to certain very comforting indications. For the flying squadrons were impatient to charge, and their first reports are certainly not discouraging.

Through business and residential divisions they have galloped their ways toward a broader and more understanding public sympathy than ever before. Robert E. Smith, general extraordinary, the unperturbed veteran of a score of giant drives, believes these early investments in public life are most significant. In common with others of the field organization he is convinced that Portland has watched the operation of the community chest with approval.

Just One Fly In Butter.

"There is," he said yesterday, permitting himself a sigh, "but one fly in the butter. Why will people—some people—circulate unfounded stories that are detrimental to the cause? Take these luncheons of ours. I understand that it is gossiped that they are paid for from the chest funds. Not so at all, and far from such. The officers who meet and eat and lay plans over their coffee, pay out of their own pockets. And so with everything else."

This organization of ours is determined to see that every dollar given to the chest goes to the chest, and thence to those who should benefit by it. None of us is lurching at the expense of the baby's home, for example, and we really are much concerned that so foolish and the useless a what-you-may-call-it should have gone flapping around."

Downtown Forces Jubilant.

Though actual figures have not been released by the flying squadrons, and are to be withheld until the central army marches on Monday, it is commonly known that the troops of the downtown division are jubilant. At their luncheon yesterday noon they reported total subscriptions three times as large as those of Tuesday, and emphasized the fact that the big subscribers are willing and ready and all for the chest.

Temporarily cited for distinguished service, though setting new records in successful solicitation of large (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

MANAGING COMMITTEE OF EXPOSITION NAMED

BOARD WILL ACT IN ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN MEIER.

Two Members of Body Represent State at Large and Others Are Portland Men.

Julius L. Meier, chairman of the state-wide 1925 exposition board of directors, last night announced the members of the managing committee, authorized at a meeting of the board here last Tuesday afternoon. They are Emory Olinstead, Franklin T. Griffith, W. W. Harrah, Nathan Strauss, John P. Daly, Guy W. Talbot, Ira F. Powers, C. C. Colt and Frank G. Deckebach. All but Messrs. Harrah and Deckebach are residents of Portland and those who will particularly represent the state at large, Mr. Harrah lives at Pendleton and Mr. Deckebach at Salem.

This committee will have charge of all phases of the exposition affairs during the absence of Mr. Meier, who will leave February 21 from San Francisco on an extended journey around the world in the interests of the project, as announced by him at the state-wide session Wednesday. In a few days, Mr. Meier said, he will call a meeting of the members of the managing committee, at which various phases of the exposition project will be discussed.

As previously published, there will be no definite financial plan for the exposition until after the primaries next May, for the reason that the members of the state-wide board feel it would involve this non-political subject in a political issue and therefore would be a great detriment to it. It was unanimously voted by the Tuesday meeting of the board to leave all phases of the exposition project in the hands of the managing committee until Mr. Meier returns from his world trip, which probably will be some time in June. He anticipates being gone about four months, and will touch upon many of the important foreign capitals and other cities where it is his purpose to lay before officials and groups of influential citizens the various features of Oregon's exposition. He was authorized on behalf of the state-wide committee to invite the people and nations of the world to participate in the show.

In due time, after the settlement of all parts of Oregon is fully sounded as to ways and means in financing the exposition, and following the primaries, a definite financial program will be outlined and the project will be pushed to completion. Any plan that will be adopted will be such as is approved by the various sections of the state as nearly as the wishes of each may be ascertained and incorporated into it.

MEAT DECLARED LOWER

Pre-War Dollar Said to Be Worth 72 Cents in Markets Now.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—The pre-war dollar now is worth 72 cents when spent for meat and 68 cents when spent for other foodstuffs, according to a statement made public today by J. T. Russell, president of the National Live Stock and Meat Council.

Eighteen months ago, Mr. Russell said, the pre-war dollar was worth 52 cents in the retail meat market and a year ago 62 cents.

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MILLIONS LOST IN ASSESSMENTS

Lack of System Costs State \$17,257,339.

CLASSES VARIOUSLY PRICED

Dogs Rated Higher in Some Places Than Livestock.

CENTRAL POWER WANTED

Land in One County Valued at \$23 and in Another at \$122, While Animals Cover Wider Range.

WHAT TAX INVESTIGATORS LEARNED.

Dogs are assessed higher in some counties than livestock. Difference between census valuation and assessment roll valuation on Oregon livestock is \$55,724,211.

No attempt made to have equal assessments by the various county assessors on similar classes of property.

From 90 to 95 per cent of Oregon apple orchards are mortgaged and of these 50 per cent have a second mortgage.</