

BILLIONS IN DEBTS MAY BE REFUNDED

Senate Passes Measure for
Settlement With Allies.

VOTE LARGELY PARTISAN

Borah, LaFollette and Morris Join
Solid Democratic Minority
in Opposing Measure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.—The bill authorizing the refunding of the \$11,000,000,000 of foreign debt into securities maturing in not more than 25 years was passed tonight by the senate.

The vote was 59 to 25. Final enactment of the measure must await adjustment of differences between the house and senate which is expected within a week or ten days.

Three republicans, Borah, LaFollette and Norris, joined with the solid democratic minority in opposing the bill.

Under the bill a commission of five, headed by the secretary of the treasury, would have authority, subject to the approval of the president, to refund or convert and to extend time of the payment of the principal or the interest, or both, of the foreign debt.

Interest Minimum Fixed.
The date of the maturity of the obligations accepted by the commission could not extend beyond June 1, 1947, and the interest rate could not be less than 4 1/2 per cent. Bonds of one foreign government could not be accepted for those of another, nor could any part of the foreign indebtedness be canceled.

The life of the commission would be three years from the date of approval of the act, and the members other than the secretary of the treasury would be appointed by the president subject to confirmation by the senate. During its life the commission would be required to make annual reports to congress at the beginning of each regular session in December.

Only members of the cabinet and of congress will be appointed on the debt commission, according to Senator Watson, republican, Indiana, who told the senate that although he was not authorized by the president to make such an announcement, he nevertheless knew this was the president's intention.

Bonus Provision Fails.
Aside from the section proposing that interest on the refunded debt be not less than 4 1/2 per cent, which was added as an amendment from the finance committee, the only important change made in the bill by the senate was the elimination of a provision which would have given the commission authority to settle and refund any foreign government's debt.

Efforts to add a soldiers' bonus provision to the measure, to limit authority of the commission in deferring interest payments and to require congressional approval of bond conversion agreements failed. The senate did adopt, however, an amendment requiring the commission after the conclusion of each refunding negotiation to report the results to the senate.

During the more than a week of debate it was charged from both sides of the chamber that it was the purpose to defer interest payments for a number of years in the interest of private holders in this country of \$1,000,000 of bonds of some of the debtor nations. It also was charged that if the interest payments were deferred for a number of years the way might be cleared for the canceling of the whole debt.

Latitude Held Necessary.
These contentions were denied by those in charge of the measure, who stated that it was necessary to give the commission latitude in the matter of the time of interest payments, because all of the debtor nations could not begin payments at the same time. The senate was told that the treasury department expected Great Britain to begin its interest payments in a short time, but that in the case of some of the newly created nations interest payments might have to be deferred for as long as ten years.

Reiterating his charge that the "underlying proposition of the whole scheme is ultimate cancellation of the entire foreign debt," Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, called attention to the gathering of international bankers at Paris last summer, at which, he said, it was agreed that the "economic madness" for Europe to pay her debt to this country, or for the United States to attempt to collect that debt.

"Does the senator believe the president or any members of his cabinet, or of the senate finance committee, are conspiring to bring about a cancellation of the foreign debt?" inquired Senator Watson, republican, Indiana.

"I do not know whether the president or his cabinet contemplate cancellation," replied Senator Borah, "but I know that members of the senate, men of unquestioned integrity and sincerity, favor such cancellation. I know there is a general feeling being encouraged outside this chamber in favor of the debt being canceled. It has been suggested in certain quarters that in time American public opinion can be so educated as to permit cancellation."

Lawyer in Vocal Marathon Stilled by Liqueur Voice.

One-Time Prosperous Portland Business Man, Drunken to the Gutter by Alcoholic Craving, Interrupts Court.

"SAY, for the love of Mike, you've talked long enough; cut it short, 'cause I want to talk to the judge." A thunderous alcoholic-laden voice boomed out in the courtroom at police headquarters yesterday and brought momentary consternation to Judge Roseman and court attaches during the progress of a long-winded legal argument between attorneys in a bootlegging case.

Judge Roseman quickly registered complete astonishment. The attorney who was stating a voice, a voice that was a moment and then became absolutely still. The courtroom began to snicker.

Down on the front bench a gray-haired individual, who probably acquired taste for blackballs when Volstead was still in knee pants, rose unsteadily to his feet.

"Shay, we've heard enough for one day," he mumbled as he staggered toward Judge Roseman's bench. In an instant the court was in an uproar.

"Radiff, arrest that man and throw

him in jail for drunkenness," ordered Judge Roseman, and the inebriated one was led protestingly up to a cell above.

He gave the name of George Smith, but Judge Roseman and regular court attaches knew far different. He is a one-time prosperous and influential Portland business man, whose craving for liquor has dragged him down to the very gutter.

Of recent weeks he has kept out of jail and apparently had wandered into the courtroom yesterday to report his satisfactory progress to Judge Roseman, when his frayed nerves broke under the strain of the extended oratorical efforts through which he had been sitting.

"He can talk to the judge tomorrow, but from the prisoner's box," Judge Roseman vouchsafed.

HENRY HALL WILL RETURN

POPULAR ACTOR TO RELIEVE
BAKER LEADING MAN.

Illness Compels Selmar Jackson to
Take Rest and Temporary Successor Is Announced.

Henry Hall, one of the most popular dramatic actors on the Pacific coast, will return to Portland and



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to the Baker Stock company, with which he was leading man five years ago, for a special, limited engagement. This is the first time since the Baker theater management accompanied the advice that Selmar Jackson, who has endeared himself to thousands of Baker patrons as leading man, is about to indulge in a much-needed two weeks' vacation.

Mr. Jackson's health has been delicate for several weeks and when his doctors ordered him to discontinue smoking, his favorite pastime, and put him on a diet, the trouble seemed to be corrected. But a fortnight's rest later was deemed necessary and for that length of time the actor will be absent from the company.

In the meantime Mr. Hall will arrive from California, where he has just completed a successful season, and will appear with Miss Powers and the Baker cast in "Peaceful Valley" and "Von Yonson." These roles are especially suited to Mr. Hall, who did some of the best work of his Portland career in the same parts.

It was a stroke of good fortune for the Baker that the interim between Mr. Hall's engagements and Mr. Jackson's return came at this particular time, it is said.

Mr. Hall will play opposite Miss Leona Powers, who has just returned to the Baker company, and the supporting cast will include the Baker favorites without any change. Mr. Jackson will resume his role as leading man as soon as his two weeks' rest period is over. In the meantime he will enjoy absolute rest, without a care to interrupt the quest of health in which he will indulge.

REPUTED HOLDUP CAUGHT

Frank Martin, Held in Portland, Wanted in Grays Harbor.

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Portland police have arrested Frank Martin on information supplied by Grays Harbor county, and he will be held in custody until he can be charged with complicity in the recent McCleary holdup. Sheriff Gibson left for Portland to get Martin, who has a criminal record in Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, is said to have been in McCleary for several days previous to the robbery. During the holdup he was recognized as one of the six men who backed the patrons of a poolhall against the wall, robbed the crowd of \$600, and then made his getaway with his companions, using some of the victims as a shield against the gunfire of a citizens' posse. McCleary citizens have seen his photograph and are sure the man now in custody is one of the men who participated in the robbery.

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Further Modification of Charge for
Service May Be Made by Public
Service Commission.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Effective Monday, single cash fares on traction lines of the Pacific Power & Light company in Astoria, will be increased from 5 to 7 cents, following action of the Oregon public service commission today in withdrawing its order of suspension issued at the time the tariff originally was filed by the corporation.

Under the new tariff tickets in books of 50 may be purchased at the rate of 6 cents each, while so-called school ticket books, good for 40 rides, may be purchased for \$1.75.

The new tariff was filed about seven months ago, but was suspended by the public service commission pending an investigation. The commission still retains jurisdiction in the case, and may order modifications of the tariff if found advisable.

Present Fare Inadequate.
"It is evident from the income statement that continuation of a 5-cent fare would fall far short of meeting actual operating expenses and would inevitably result in discontinuance of street-car service," the commission said, in withdrawing its order of suspension.

"It also is apparent that any increased fare which might be charged, due to the relatively short average haul of this street railway, would not pay a fair return on the value of this utility assumed herein. The question therefore remains as to a proper fare to be charged which will give a composite of the most service to the community and a relatively commensurate revenue to its servant, the utility."

The commission is not thoroughly satisfied that the tariff filed by the company is the best ultimate solution of the Astoria adequacy of the 5-cent fare now charged. We find no justifiable alternative to withdrawal of our order of suspension.

Jurisdiction Is Retained.
"The effect of the actual application of the company's tariff or such further modifications thereof, if found advisable, may thus be fully known to the commission before the final determination. Consequently, jurisdiction will be retained in this case."

"To this end the utility shall file for each month of the current year, including January, statements of the number of each kind of fares collected, together with the operating revenue and expenses and the resulting operating income. Such statements shall be set up in accordance with the commission's classification of accounts and shall be continued until further notice."

Applications for increases of fares on the Eugene and Salem street-car lines of the Southern Pacific company recently were denied by the commission.

GOVERNOR SMALL LOSES SEPARATE TRIAL IS GRANTED TO ACCUSED FINANCIER.

Illinois State Executive Pleads Not
Guilty and Trial Will Be
First on Calendar.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—Trial of Governor Small and Vernon Curtis, Grant Park banker, charged with Lieutenant-Governor Sterling with conspiracy to embezzle state funds, was separated today when Judge Edwards granted Mr. Curtis' motion for a severance and overruled a similar motion filed in behalf of the governor. By the decision the governor's case goes to trial first.

The court immediately arraigned the governor and C. C. Leforge, chief defense counsel, pleaded "not guilty" for him, while a similar plea was entered in behalf of Mr. Curtis, who is confined to his home by quarantine.

At the request of C. Fred Mortimer, state's attorney of Sangamon county, the court fixed next Saturday for setting the trial date.

HARDWARE DEALERS MEET

State Convention of Idaho Opens
for Three Days' Session.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Reception and registration of mem-

bers and visitors occupied most of today at the opening of the Idaho Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association being held for three days.

The convention opened formally this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, with an address of welcome by E. B. Sherman, mayor of Boise. Following his address was the response by Homer Bradley, Dean Roberts of the St. Michael's cathedral, gave the invocation. H. C. Baldridge, Parma, president of the association, delivered the annual address. Committees were appointed.

Man Suffocated in Car.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 31.—William Muller, aged about 24, was suffocated by the charcoal heater on a refrigerator car, his body being found after the car reached Spokane today from the south. Receipts found in his pockets indicated that his home is in Spirit Lake, Idaho. He had apparently climbed in the car to come to Spokane, entering through a hatch in the top, which he closed after him. The zinc-lined compartment was empty except for the heater and the body.

Women Refuse Jury Duty.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—There will be no women on juries during the February term of circuit court in Union county. The panel, as recently drawn, consisted of 17 men and three women. The women all took advantage of their prerogative and refused to serve. They are Mrs. Agnes Padlock of Union, Mrs. Della Mahaffey of this city and Mrs. Ethel Parsons of this city.



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Granny, You're My Mammy's Mammy—Fox Trot.....	Club Royal Orch.	18843	10	.75
All That I Need Is You—Fox Trot.....	Club Royal Orch.	18843	10	.75
I Want My Manny-Mandy 'N' Me—Fox Trot.....	Jos. C. Smith and Orch.	18845	10	.75
Stealing—Fox Trot.....	Joseph C. Smith and His Orch.	18845	10	.75
Popular Songs of Yesterday, Medley Waltz No. 1.....	Hackel-Berge Orch.	35713	12	1.25
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For Ever and For Ever.....	Emilio de Gogorza	66019	10	1.25
Alice, Where Art Thou?.....	Mischka Elman	74724	12	1.75
Quartet in D Major—Allegro moderato.....	Flonzaley Quartet	74726	12	1.75
Ol' Car'ina.....	Amelita Galli-Curci	66014	10	1.25
Les Saltimbanques—C'est l'amour.....	Orville Harrold	66017	10	1.25
Canzonetta.....	Hulda Lashanska	66021	10	1.25
Sweet and Low.....	Hulda Lashanska	66020	10	1.25
Querida.....	Titta Ruffo	87331	10	1.25
Taming of the Shrew—Part 1.....	E. H. Sothern—Julia Marlowe	74704	12	1.75
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Fete Boheme.....	Toscanini and La Scala Orchestra	74725	12	1.75
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