

NATIONAL DEFICIT ESTIMATE IS OUT

Simmons Says Country Will Not Run More Than 26 Millions Behind in Fiscal Year.

INCOME TAX RELIED ON

Conditions Both in Europe and in Mexico Held to Blame for Falling Off in Revenue—Country Is Growing, Too.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Chairman Simmons, of the Senate finance committee, took issue today with prophets of a large Treasury deficit, in a statement, saying his investigations at the Treasury have convinced him that the deficit will not exceed \$26,000,000.

"During the past week," he said, "I have been investigating this matter closely in conference with officials of the Treasury Department, and as a result of the investigations and conferences, I feel safe in saying that the probable deficit will not, if any, much exceed \$26,000,000."

Canal Cost Not Included. "Of course this does not include the expenditures on account of the Panama Canal. These expenses are otherwise provided for by law and are not required to be paid out of the current funds of the Government.

"The receipts from practically every source," he added, "have fallen below the estimate, due to depressed business conditions on account of the war in Europe. Although the revenues derived from internal revenue tax probably will be increased by the emergency revenue act over the estimates by about \$20,000,000, there was on March 15, 1915, an excess of ordinary expenditures over receipts of approximately \$38,000,000, against a deficit of \$24,000,000 on the same date last year.

"The estimated receipts for the remainder of the fiscal year totals \$366,000,000, which, when the estimated payments amount to \$297,000,000, an excess of receipts over expenditures for the remainder of the year of \$69,000,000, showing a net deficit of \$24,000,000 at the end of the fiscal year.

Europe and Mexico Blamed. "The increases are due in part to the normal growth of the Government and part are due to conditions arising out of the European war and the abnormal conditions in Mexico.

"When the fact is considered that the income tax is not required by law to be paid until about the end of the fiscal year, June 30, and that the bulk of this tax is not in fact paid until about the end of the fiscal year, the circumstance of an excess of disbursements over receipts for the first half of the year and an excess of receipts over disbursements during the last half of the year will be readily understood. "It also will be apparent that any estimate based upon the assumption that the proportion of ordinary receipts and disbursements will be the same during the second half of the year as during the first half is both misleading and erroneous."

CHEHALIS FARM TALK GIVEN

O-W-R. & N. Agriculturist Wins Support for Corn Campaign.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 20.—(Special)—C. L. Smith, the agriculturist of the O-W-R. & N. Company, spoke to a large audience last night at the Citizens Club rooms. He spoke today at the State Training School and at 1:30 he addressed farmers at the same place. Diversified farming was the general talk given by Mr. Smith.

MOVING DONE BY MAIL

Presbyterian Minister Beats Freight Rates From Klamath to Coast.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Mar. 20.—(Special)—Moving by mail is the unique feat of Rev. J. S. Stubblefield, Presbyterian minister of this city, who has accepted a call to Marshfield. On Books, dishes, cooking utensils and other small articles were packed into parcels weighing not to exceed 50 pounds each and have been started for their destination by parcel post. Marshfield is in the second zone and the 1600-pound shipment cost \$17.50. To reach Marshfield they will travel via Weed, Cal., to Roseburg by rail, thence by stage over the mountains, about 75 miles. The stage trip at this season frequently requires 48 hours. The freight rate from Klamath Falls to Portland is \$1.75 a hundredweight and shippers now must arrange for conveyance by boat from there to Marshfield.

VANCOUVER IS USING DRAG

Streets Being Evened and Cleaned by New Method.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 20.—(Special)—The City of Vancouver has bought a drag for use on Vancouver streets. The drag now is being used in smoothing the streets in the city which are not paved.

Vancouver Brewmaster Stricken

Vancouver, Wash., March 20.—(Special)—Paul Schulz, president of the German-Austrian Aid Society of this city and for many years brewmaster of the Vancouver Brewery, has suffered a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Schulz is unconscious most of the time and is unable to move. However, doctors hold out hope for his ultimate recovery.

Tax Payments Come Fast

KELSO, Wash., March 20.—(Special).—Tax money in the sum of \$390,000 had been received by County Treasurer George W. Phillips of Cowlitz County, up to March 15. This represents about 75 per cent of the total tax payments for the year.

KARL H. VON WIEGAND, WORLD-FAMOUS CORRESPONDENT, TO WRITE OF WAR FOR THE OREGONIAN.



Karl H. von Wiegand.

Karl H. von Wiegand, one of the most famous and successful war correspondents in the world, has been employed by a syndicate of newspapers, whose sole representative in Portland will be The Oregonian, to cover outstanding news features of the present old-world war. His field will be Germany in general and Berlin in particular.

Until recently, Mr. von Wiegand has been acting as war correspondent for the United Press, being in charge of the Berlin bureau of that organization. His work was of such high value as to attract general attention and admiration. As a result he received a flattering offer to enter a larger field and one where his work would be more widely read. The New York World made the offer and secured Mr. von Wiegand's services, and the World in turn has syndicated his forthcoming articles among some of the most prominent newspapers of the country, including The Oregonian. Karl H. von Wiegand is not a native of Germany, as one might conclude from his name, but an American, having been born in Phoenix, Ariz. He began his newspaper career as a correspondent of various New York, Kansas City and San Francisco papers. For a time he was on the local staff of the Examiner of the latter city. When the Los Angeles Examiner was started he was a member of the local staff. During the Japanese-Russian War Von Wiegand was cable editor of the Associated Press in San Francisco. He scored a beat on the Berkeley airship disaster, the first to occur in this country. He was standing by the side of Francis J. Heney, of San Francisco, when Heney was shot by a thug in a courtroom during the trials following the great municipal upheaval in that city.

Von Wiegand was with the Associated Press three years and was then placed in charge of the San Francisco Bureau of the United Press. He went to Berlin as manager of the United Press Bureau there in 1911. He is about 38 years old.

MILLION PIGS BILLETED

FOODER SHORTAGE CAUSES GERMAN EXPORTS TO BELGIUM.

Rich and Poor Alike Must Care for Stock and Occupants of Flats Off Are in Quandary.

BRUSSELS, via London, March 20.—One million German pigs have been billeted on the civilian population of Belgium.

The pigs must be fed and cared for by the Belgians, who, without distinction as to class, must perform this service. One of the wealthiest inhabitants of Brussels has been compelled to take 13 hogs on what he styles "reduced rates by the weak." His poorest neighbors have at least one pig to a family. For some time there have been reports of a shortage of fodder in Germany, whereas the amount in Belgium

is nearly normal, hence the importation of the swine. Belgians are concerned lest the presence of the pigs result in a further depletion of the already scanty supply of food necessary for the people. With their customary thoroughness, the German authorities have devised an elaborate system of billeting the pigs and obtaining reports as to their condition. The distribution system has broken down occasionally, however, with the result that occupants of apartments and flats have found themselves saddled with the care of animals.

Whitman College President Better

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., March 20.—(Special)—After an absence of more than a month because of temporary blindness in his left eye, President Penrose returned to Walla Walla from Spokane Thursday, where he has been under the care of an eye specialist. Although still undergoing treatment, President Penrose's condition is much improved and it is thought that he will completely recover his sight within a short time.

BIRD LAW IS UPSET

Federal Jurisdiction Over Migrations Is Denied.

STATE RIGHTS INVOLVED

United States District Judge in Kansas Says Act of Congress Is Based on Entirely Novel Theory of Government.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 20.—The migratory bird law was declared unconstitutional by Judge John C. Pollock in the United States District Court today. Judge Pollock held Congress had no jurisdiction over game in any of the states and that separate states only have the right to enact laws for regulation or protection of game.

Fred Robertson, United States District Attorney, announced the case would be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

In his decision, Judge Pollock said in part: "The act challenged is believed to be the single instance in the entire legislative or judicial history of the Nation or the composing states, in which a contrary view has been expressed. Unless a departure, as radical in theory as it is important in its effects, is to be made from fundamental principles long established by our laws, the act in question must be held incapable of support by any provision of the organic law of the country."

"If the act in question shall, on any ground or for any reason, be upheld, it must surely follow that many laws of the separate states of this Union must hereafter be held to be inoperative, for there can be no divided authority or judicial history on the matter in issue, with either safety to the Nation or security to the citizen."

WOMEN DEMAND PEACE

LEGALIZED SLAUGHTER DECLARED "SUM OF ALL VILLANY."

"Mother Half of Humanity" Asserts Right to Be Heard on Questions Involving National Life.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Formal call for the Women's International Peace Conference at The Hague was issued at the National headquarters here today.

"As women equally with men pacifists, we understand that planned for, legalized, wholesale human slaughter is today the sum of all villainy," reads the call.

"As women we are especially the custodians of the life of all ages," the call continues. "We will no longer consent to this reckless destruction. "As women, we are particularly charged with the future of childhood. We will no longer endure without a protest that must be heard and heeded by men, that horrid evil that in an hour destroys the social structure that centuries of toil have reared. "Therefore, as human beings and the mother half of humanity, we demand that our right to be consulted in

VICTIM IDENTIFIES GUNMEN

Two Bound Over at La Grande on Testimony of Chinaman.

LA GRANDE, Or., March 20.—(Special)—"That China boy shoot me, and that China boy shoot me," exclaimed Wong Wen Duck, victim of the gang war in La Grande, who was brought from the hospital into Judge Williams' court today. As the old Chinese gave forth this exclamation he pointed his cane straight toward William Eng and Charlie Fong. The excitement was too great for the injured man and he became hysterical, muttering in Chinese dialect.

Court adjourned for a time but later took up the case and Eng and Fong were bound over to the grand jury and placed in \$1500 bonds each. Wong was not put under oath. On motion of the Prosecuting Attorney, Fong Gan Yu, Toy Young, Toy Sun, Sun Yuen and Jim Livermore were discharged, but William Eng and Charlie Fong were held on the charge of assault with intent to kill. The released Chinese were arrested the day after the long war broke out.

MILK FROM MAD COW USED

Baker Family Loses Animal From Rabies but Feels No Ill Effects.

BAKER, Or., March 20.—(Special)—The baby of William Nelson, of Prairie City, is still cooing and happy, apparently unmindful that it lived for several days on the milk of a cow that had rabies. The baby was fed on the milk until the animal was taken suddenly ill and died. Then it was discovered that the cow had a severe case of rabies. Now the family fears that other cows may have the disease and the entire herd is being watched carefully.

Other members of the Nelson family drank the milk just before it died and have not felt any ill effects.

ALL DOGS TO BE TAGGED

Unlicensed Animals to Be Snared in Vancouver After April 1.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 20.—(Special)—Elmer Barbeau, Chief of Police, and his assistants, will in the next few days hold their annual sale of tags to be placed on pet dogs in the city. The dog population of Vancouver has been known to be as high as 500, and a strenuous effort will be made this year to increase the number of tags sold.

Dogs will not be allowed to run loose after April 1, under penalty of being impounded at the foot of Park street, and later sent to dog heaven, if it is not forthcoming.

Two men will go forth with snarers after April 1, and catch all dogs not protected by a license tag.

CITIZENS DONATE LABOR

Washougal Park Beautified by Men and Schoolboys.

WASHOUGAL, Wash., March 20.—(Special)—Yesterday was general clean-up day at the Hathaway Park. About 70 men and school boys gathered early in the morning and worked on the school grounds and the park which joins the grounds. There are 10 acres in the whole place, bordering on the Washougal River.

The high school boys worked all morning and the girls furnished a toothsome lunch. Citizens worked all

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WHITMAN HOLIDAY ASKED

Participation of College in Cello Canal Fete Is Sought.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., March 20.—(Special)—To allow students to participate in the celebration of the opening of the Cello canal at Wallulu May 4, the Whitman College faculty and the Walla Walla Commercial Club are endeavoring to secure a holiday for Whitman on that date.

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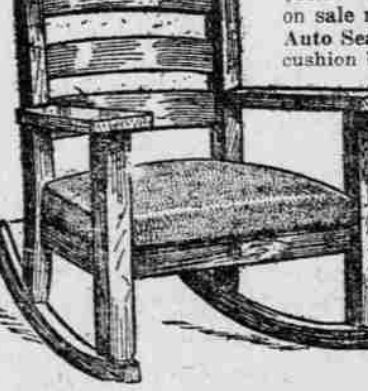
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Window Shades 25c

Here's a bargain that is interesting to Spring housecleaners.

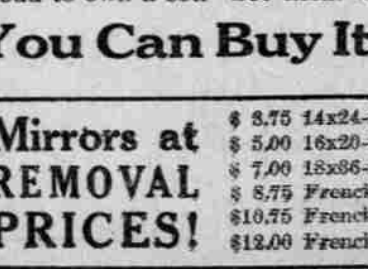
The Big Sale Will Soon Be Over. This is furniture buying time! Don't wait till we've moved! We must lighten the load of moving as much as possible. We'd soon or sell furniture at cost than move it. The problem of moving so many tons of thousands of dollars in goods is not a small one, especially when one considers we must keep our old store open one day and be moved the next. You see the idea, don't you?

One-Half Price on These Big Comfortable Rockers



\$15.50 Auto Seat Golden Oak Leather Rocker on sale now at \$7.75. Auto Seat Leather Rocker in fumed oak. Loose cushion back. Regularly \$19.50, now \$9.75. Waxed Golden Oak Rocker, with leather seat. An \$18.00 regular seller, now at \$9.00. Fumed Oak leather seat and back Rocker. A \$32.50 seller, now on sale at only \$16.25. \$27.50 Fumed Oak Rocker, with leather automobile seat. Handsome and comfortable. \$13.75. Fumed Oak Leather Seat Rocker that regularly sells at \$12.50, now on sale at \$6.25. \$10.50 Golden Oak Morris Chair, pretty stuffed cushions. \$5.25

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