

PROPOSAL TO REMIT WAR DEBTS SCOUTED

Senator Knox Denies Move
in Behalf of Allies.

BRITISH REPORTS FICTION

Beyond Agreement to Give Longer
Time on Obligations if Needed,
All Obligations Stand.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—A letter from Secretary Houston of the treasury department saying he would not, during the remainder of his term in office, proceed with any further financial negotiations with foreign governments, was read in the senate today by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader.

The secretary said there "have not been any official proposals on the subject that would in any way bind this government or the foreign governments other than the agreement of the foreign governments contained in their demand obligations held by the United States to give long-time obligations, if requested, in exchange therefor."

Cancellation Never Proposed.
This was followed by insertion in the record of press accounts of remarks of J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the British exchequer, stating that formal proposal had been made for cancellation of allied indebtedness and rejected by the United States.

Senator Knox, republican, Pennsylvania, took occasion to deny that he ever offered a resolution proposing to remit allied debts, as had been printed. The statement was a "perfect absurdity," he declared.

Secretary Houston wrote that "liberal bond acts" contemplated "exchange of the foreign demand obligations for long-time promises to pay and that negotiations had proceeded as told in his last annual report."

In August, 1920, he said, an arrangement was used with the British "in respect of \$122,017,622 of its obligations held by the United States, under which \$17,632,000 of principal together with accrued interest has been paid."

"The accrued interest on the remainder becomes due during April and May, 1921," he added. "Thereafter interest is payable semi-annually and the principal becomes due in equal annual installments during April and May of the years 1921-22-23 and 24."

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FELONS FORFEIT PAROLE

Quartet That Stole Hospital Safe
Return to Penitentiary.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Max Wallace and George Barton, paroled convicts from the Oregon state prison, who were arrested in Portland recently in connection with theft of a safe and a safe from the state tuberculosis hospital, were returned here last night by Sheriff Bower. The officers said they found some of the articles stolen from the safe in Barton's possession.

Max Tyndall and Jess Jarvis, also arrested in connection with the theft, have been returned to the penitentiary to serve out their unexpired sentences. Tyndall and Jarvis were paroled from the prison only a few months ago and since have been in Portland.

The driver was employed at the hospital for several weeks and severed his connection with the institution only five days before the safe was stolen from the building.

BONUS TO BE HASTENED

Special Auto to Be Used to Carry
Papers to Olympia.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—An automobile carrying papers worth more than \$1,000,000 will leave from the county auditor's office tomorrow morning to speed up payment of the bonus to the first 5000 co-service men in Seattle who have filed applications.

The plan to send the first shipment of bonus applications direct by automobile was adopted by County Auditor Ferguson to save at least three days' time. This will hurry the bonus checks. Had the papers been expressed, it is probable that the compensation force in Olympia would not have been able to get around to the Seattle men until Thursday or Friday of next week. By the automobile delivery work upon the papers from here may be started the first thing Monday morning.

STUDENTS ARE GUESTS

Dinner for Classmen at College Is
Given by Faculty.

ALBANY COLLEGE, Albany, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—President Williams and the faculty gave a dinner Saturday night to the students of Albany college at the dining room of the First Presbyterian church.

Rev. William Westwood of Baker, Or., and Dr. C. W. Hays of Portland were guests of honor. Dr. Westwood is passing a week in the college under orders from the general board of education in New York. Dr. Westwood is a trustee of Albany college. Dr. R. G. Hays is assisting in the organization of the campaign to be launched April 1 in which the college seeks \$250,000 as the first unit of the \$500,000 expansion campaign authorized by the general board of education in New York and by the synod of Oregon.

WIFE CHARGES FRAUD

False Affidavit Declared to Have
Been Given by Boy's Mother.

Ester Spear, aged 13, married Clifford C. Spear, aged 19, in Vancouver on December 29, 1920, after a license had been obtained by means of a false affidavit signed by the mother of the boy, it is charged in a suit for annulment filed by the girl in the circuit court yesterday. She avers further that she was married under the name of Edith C. Walker, whereas her true maiden name was Ester Otzen. She has lived apart from her

youthful husband since marriage, it is maintained.
The second attempt of Mae Remington and Joseph Remington to live in double harness has come to grief, a divorce suit being filed by the wife in the circuit court charging physical and verbal abuse. The Remingtons were married first in 1910, divorced, and remarried at Vancouver in 1917. There are two children, Roy, 6, and Emeline, 3. Elsie Hoffman asserts in a divorce action that she was compelled to work during her married life and to board her son, Walter, with "another woman, where he was neglected and caught childish diseases he would not have had if he had been cared for properly." She says her husband

PERSIAN LECTURER TO SPEAK HERE ON BA- HA! MOVEMENT.



Dr. Jennie Fazel, Persian scholar and orator, will arrive in Portland tomorrow afternoon to start a series of lectures February 8-12, before local schools and civic organizations. Under the auspices of the Portland Bahai assembly, 17 lectures have been arranged for him during his stay here. Dr. Fazel, who formerly held the chair of philosophy and law in the University of Teheran, Persia, is making an extensive tour of Canada and the United States as an exponent of the teachings of Abdul Baha, founder of the Bahai movement. Dr. Fazel is accompanied by Mirza Ahmad Sohrabi, former secretary of the Persian legation at Washington, D. C.

Walter Hoffman, a dresser drawer in which she had saved money to pay installments on furniture and used the cash to buy himself a new suit and to squander on pool.

AUTO DIVES OFF BRIDGE

2 ALBANY GIRLS, 2 CORVALLIS
BOYS IN MACHINE.

Miss Viola Edwards, 18, Is Injured
Most Seriously, but Is Expected
to Recover; Escape Narrow.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Two Albany girls and two Corvallis boys narrowly escaped death at 11 o'clock last night when an automobile in which they were riding crashed through the railing of the Albany bridge near the end of the north approach and dropped 15 feet to the ground. Miss Viola Edwards, 18-year-old Albany high school girl, was the only one seriously hurt. It was believed at first that her injuries were dangerous, but she is expected to recover.

Miss Jane Christy escaped injury and David Foster, the driver, and Melville Foster, both of Corvallis, suffered bruises and cuts from broken glass. The car, belonging to Dr. W. A. Foster of Corvallis, father of the driver, was wrecked at the foot of the bridge.

The boys met the girls by appointment after a party last night and started for a ride.
When the car neared the north end of the bridge across the Willamette here, Foster lost control. He said he had started to apply the brakes to make a turn at the end of the bridge and the wreck occurred. The front of the car struck the ground and then the car turned completely over. Miss Edwards was pinned beneath but the other three extricated themselves.

CORVALLIS STUDENT WINS

W. P. Black Leads in Tryout for
Position of College Orator.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—W. P. Black of Corvallis won the first place in tryouts held this week for the position of college orator. He will represent the college for the third time at the state oratorical contest in Eugene this month. Black took second place in the state contest last year.

"A House Divided Against Itself" was the subject of Mr. Black's address. Linus C. Pauling of Portland and W. E. Belt of Corvallis tied for second place. "Children of the Dawn" was the subject of Mr. Pauling's address, while Mr. Belt spoke on "Closing Our National Door." W. W. Yates of Salem was third with an oration on "Science and the Farmer."

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MILLS NOW ARE IDLE

Convention of Western Association
at Spokane Develops Grave
Problems for Future.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Member mills of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association produced approximately 1,600,000,000 feet of lumber in 1920, according to a report made at the annual meeting of the association, held here this week, by A. W. Cooper of Portland, Or., secretary and manager of the association. The figures were based upon the actual cut of 33 mills, and an estimate of the production of the remainder.

A total of 52 mills in eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, western Montana and Idaho are members of the association. The cut consisted of Idaho white pine, western white pine, fir and larch, and small quantities of other species consisting of spruce, cedar, white fir and cottonwood. The cut was the largest in the association's history.

It was estimated that the cut of the association for 1921 will show a decrease of approximately 20 per cent from last year, or about 1,200,000,000 feet.

Only five sawmills, owned by members of the association in attendance at the meeting, were reported to be in operation. Plans for resuming operations in most pine-producing districts still were indefinite, depending largely on the condition of the market.

Because of the high railroad rates to eastern and middle western markets, the lumber market has been in a stagnant condition for several months. Measures for relief are being taken at Chicago, but the outcome was indefinite and could not be counted as an important factor in the immediate future.

Tax Levied for Promotion.

One of the most important steps taken by the association was to vote a tax of 2 cents the 1000 feet on the output of its member mills to support the fund of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association for a nationwide advertising campaign to cost \$200,000. The levy of the western manufacturers was estimated to produce approximately \$20,000, or one-tenth of the total required.

The advertising campaign will seek to show that the price of lumber has decreased greatly in excess of any other building materials, and will combat the charge that the price of lumber is so high that building operations should be restricted.

Lumbermen asserted that one of the causes of the national housing shortage is the belief among a large number of persons that lumber is the controlling factor in the cost of a home. They pointed out that the cost of lumber does not exceed 25 per cent of the total cost of the home.

Judge Harry Atwood of Chicago, author of "Back to the Republic," delivered an address, warning against "isms," government bureaus and commissions. He urged all to "return to the constitution." He cited the downfall of Russia to show that "the world has not really been made safe for democracy." Judge Atwood advocated government by selection.

Standard Box Pieces Adopted.

T. J. Starker, manager of the box bureau of the association, pointed out the need of proper nailing to insure efficient use of boxes. Standard sizes for various box pieces were adopted. R. H. Polleys of the Polleys Lumber company, Missoula, Mont., was elected president of the association; Ray Wilson of the Deer Park Lumber company, Deer Park, Wash., vice-president; Hamilton Taylor of Edward Rutledge Timber company, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (re-elected) treasurer.

T. A. McCann of the Shevlin-Hixon company, Bend, Or., retiring president, was chosen director for Oregon, and J. E. Watling of the Baird-Harner Lumber company, Warland, Mont., as director for the Montana district.

Man Wishes Tea, Gets Liqueur.

Chin Tsun last night disobeyed the teachings of his youth. He departed from the customs of his ancestors. They retaliated by delivering him into the hands of the "umchaw," who in turn placed him temporarily behind the bars—temporarily, because a friend quickly came forward with bail. Chin filled the white granite teapot from a bottle. A patron who resented the desecration of the teapot told the police that Chin was serving moonshine to his customers. In that roundabout manner was the wayward son reproved.

Rate Conference Called.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Members of the public service commissions of the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will hold a conference in Portland February 14 to consider interstate rates now in effect on the several railroads operating in the three states. The rates to be considered are general and not confined to any one classification of traffic.

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 - 14920 Come, Te Deseamosale.....Mabel Garrison 10 in.
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 - 14924 Love Nest.....Kreutzer 10 in.
 - 14923 'Tis an Irish Girl I Love and She's Just Like 10 in.
 - 14923 Twelfth Street Rag.....All Star Trio 10 in.
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FISHERMEN PLAN FIGHT

VOTE ON RYAN BILL SOUGHT
IF SENATE DEFEATS MEASURE.

Association at Oregon City Raises
\$3500 and Threatens to Raise
\$10,000 to Get Vote.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Thirty-five hundred dollars was raised here this afternoon by the Clackamas County Fishermen's association to put Senator Ryan's fish bill on the ballot at the next election should the senate defeat the measure Monday.

The defeat of the bill will be the signal for the launching of a campaign to increase the fund to \$10,000. At the hearing granted the Oregon City delegation Tuesday night at Salem, legislators indicated that action on the measure would be favorable, but it was reported this afternoon that several senators were warning and that the bill would be voted down.

The fishermen are demanding that

the season open a month earlier and that the Willamette be open to nets 600 feet above the bridge here.

Statue Reaches Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The suffrage memorial statue of Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, pioneers in the women's movement, reached the capital today for unveiling in the rotunda February 15.

CARDS OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends and relatives for their kindness during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Adv. MR. J. E. BEACH AND FAMILY.

To Columbia Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Portland Tent No. 1: The Maecenas, Midnight Adieu club and all friends we wish to extend our sincere thanks for the sympathies and beautiful floral offerings attending the death of our beloved mother.

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- No. 201. White color, regular \$10.00 Union Suits at \$5.00
- No. 261. Natural color, regular \$12.00 Union Suits at \$6.00
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