

### FURTHER ADVANCES TO ALLIES TO BE LEFT WITH SENATE

Washington, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—No further advances will be made to the allies until the treasury department consults the senate judiciary committee, Secretary Houston promised the committee today.

"I cannot promise definitely now that I will make no further advances on commitments which already exist," Houston said, "because I do not know what the circumstances may be, but before I act in any case I will present all the facts to the committee."

Houston's promise was made after senators had pointed to the committee's resolution opposing further advances to the allied governments until the loan question had been decided by congress.

Houston declared he would act in "good faith" with the committee, but reiterated that if all the terms were satisfactory, he felt the United States was obligated to advance money on pledges already made.

"But the treasury is not anxious to advance money to anyone," Houston added.

Credits already extended to the allied governments by the treasury department were first approved by President Wilson, Houston said today.

Houston also admitted that the original purposes for some of the loans no longer existed.

### HARDING'S APRIL MESSAGE WILL TOUCH ON WAR DEBT

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St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 15.—The permanent policy of the incoming Republican administration with regard to the repayment to the United States of the allied debt more than \$10,000,000,000 will be set forth by President Harding in his address to congress early in April.

The president-elect stated today that he would make no mention of this momentous question in his inaugural address, which is to be confined strictly to domestic affairs.

The whole question of allied indebtedness was gone over by Mr. Harding today in a conference with Thomas W. Lamont, junior partner of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. Lamont is frequently described as the unofficial financial agent of the British government in this country and during the peace conference in Paris was financial representative with the American commission.

That President Wilson had made no agreement, secret or otherwise, with any of the allied governments providing for cancellation or partial cancellation of the indebtedness to the United States, was the substance of a statement issued by Lamont following his meeting with Senator Harding.

### WILSON DISCOURAGED HOPE OF CANCELLING WAR DEBTS

By David Lawrence  
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Washington, Feb. 15.—Defending President Wilson from attack for some of his attitudes at the peace conference may not be fashionable but in the interest of fair play those who know the facts concerning the alleged promise of Mr. Wilson to secure the cancellation of the allied war debt have no hesitancy in stating that he was actually discouraging suggestions made informally to him, he actually resented the idea.

One man who was with the president during the peace negotiations tells a story of a dramatic incident that occurred at a luncheon given to President Wilson by the members of the French chamber of deputies, which corresponds to the American house of representatives.

### NOT NO ENCOURAGEMENT

Mr. Wilson fully expected that the affair would be altogether social and was not prepared to talk shop. The president of the French chamber was seated next to Mr. Wilson and his attempts to get Mr. Wilson to commit himself in private conversation to some plan for the pooling of war debts was received with such a frown of disapproval and with such emphatic remarks that persons at the table related the incident later as an indication that so far as Mr. Wilson was concerned there was no hope of getting him to agree to any cancellation of war debts.

### HAD TO KEEP ALERT

Mr. Wilson grew so sensitive, indeed so suspicious, of these plans that the newspaper correspondents who were present at the plenary conference in February, 1919, will not forget what abruptness Mr. Wilson interrupted the proceedings to inquire what was the purpose of the special financial section which was to be a part of the organization of the League of Nations. The proposal was made as an amendment to

the general declaration of principles which had just been adopted pledging the countries in the League of Nations, and Premier Clemenceau read it so rapidly and in such a perfunctory fashion that the president showed signs of uneasiness and asked Mr. Clemenceau where the suggestion had originated and what its purpose was.

The French premier pointed out that the covers of the special committee would be only advisory and that it would not interfere with the freedom of action of individual nations.

Everybody was in Paris watching the American peace commission from day to day knew of the efforts of the European statesmen to interest the Americans in proposals that would lighten the financial burdens of Europe. Suggestions of the cancellation of the allied war debt became so numerous that America's peace commissioners found it necessary in their informal conversations with the Europeans to make clear two points:

First, that the United States was by no means responsible for any debts contracted or anything done in the war prior to April, 1917, and second, that America could not in justice to her own people, who had loaned the money through Liberty bonds, accept any suggestion which might be made affecting the original obligations.

### NO SHADOW OF DOUBT

The European governments, however, sharing to some extent the popular conceptions abroad of America's limitless wealth, insisted upon urging a cancellation or pooling of war debts. The proposals made public within the last fortnight are part of the same misunderstanding of America's position which has been so often encouraged by the press.

But the European governments knew that not only did President Wilson resist the suggestion at Paris but that Secretary McAdoo, Secretary Glass and Secretary Houston have each in their turn told European diplomats in unequalled terms that the American people expected their European debtors to make good their promises to pay.

### Resolution Asking Display of Flag on Mothers' Day Wins

State House, Salem, Feb. 16.—The house has unanimously voted the adoption of house joint resolution 15, by Representative J. D. Lee of Multnomah county, calling upon all citizens to display the flag on "Mothers' day," the second Sunday in May, and requesting the governor to issue an executive proclamation calling upon state officials to display the flag on all state and school buildings.

The senate joint resolution asking the federal government to give preference in appointments to the public health service to physicians and dentists who are veterans, also was adopted.

House joint resolution No. 2, by Representative Walter G. Lynn of Multnomah county proposing to submit to the people of Oregon an amendment increasing the pay of members of the legislature to \$5 a day but not to exceed in the aggregate \$300 for any one session, was laid on the table.

The house adopted a resolution by Representative Benjamin C. Sheldon of Clatsop county for the appointment of a committee of three from the house and two from the senate to study the general question of guaranteeing bank deposits, conferring with representatives of the bank association, and to make a report at the next legislative session. Indefinite postponement was the fate of house bill 37, by Representative Frank Davey of Marion county, making it unlawful to bait wild water fowl with wheat or other foods for the purpose of shooting them.

Unanimous approval was given to a senate memorial asking congress to extend the ocean coast limit for state supervision and jurisdiction to 21 miles, in order that fish may be properly protected.

### Stokes Resigns as Secretary at Yale

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—Rev. Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes has resigned as secretary of Yale, Arthur T. Hadley, president, announced today.

### "Dry" Leader Loses Election

Long Beach, Cal., Feb. 16.—Charles H. Randall, dry leader, was defeated in his race for reelection to congress, according to complete returns of yesterday's special congressional election in the Ninth California district. Major Walter F. Lineberger, Republican, led Randall by nearly 10,000.

### Soft Drink Proprietor Fined

Tony Vusich, proprietor of a soft drink place at 127 Russel street, was fined \$200 by Municipal Judge Rossman this morning on a charge of violating the prohibitory law. Bond for appeal was set at \$500. Vusich had two bottles of moonshine in his place, according to the testimony.

### COOPERATION KEY TO DEVELOPMENT, SAYS ENGINEER

Rapid industrial development of Oregon and the Northwest is dependent on the cooperation and efficiency of the financiers, manufacturers, merchants, miners, farmers and transportation heads of this section, according to Edward P. Carman, of Cleveland, president of the national association of mechanical engineers.

Carman arrived this morning from San Francisco on a tour of the West in the interest of the National Engineering Council, an amalgamation of various national associations of engineers, headed by Herbert Hoover and Charles F. Rand of New York. Closely associated with the national council is the Engineering Foundation, with headquarters at New York, which proposes to spend many millions of dollars in industrial research.

### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Member organizations in the council are: The American Institute of Architects, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, National Electric Light Association. About 200 groups will be present.

Carman will leave Thursday night for Seattle, where he will address meetings of engineers Friday. He is also scheduled to talk at Spokane and will spend several days at Butte, Mont. His Western trip included Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Carman will visit Corvallis and address the student body of the Oregon Agricultural college. At 8:30 p. m. Thursday he is scheduled to speak at a dinner given at the University club by the Oregon Technical council.

### Pedestrians Placed On Defense in Bill On Auto Accidents

State House, Salem, Feb. 16.—Pedestrians will have to keep on the left hand side of the road if they want to collect damages when they are run over by an automobile, according to an amendment to the highway code introduced by Representative J. D. Lee of Multnomah county. The bill provides that the driver of a motor vehicle shall be liable for damages caused by the vehicle when it is driven on the left hand side of the road.

The committee report once more revised the license schedule downward and provided in addition that pleasure cars, after four years of registration with the secretary of state shall be allowed a deduction of 25 per cent from the general license fee theretofore paid.

The new schedules reported by the committee follows:

- Weighting 1700 pounds or less, \$15.
- Weighting over 1700 pounds and not over 2100 pounds, \$18.
- Weighting over 2100 pounds and not over 2500 pounds, \$22.
- Weighting over 2500 pounds and not over 2900 pounds, \$27.
- Weighting over 2900 pounds and not over 3300 pounds, \$32.
- Weighting over 3300 pounds and not over 3700 pounds, \$40.
- Weighting over 3700 pounds and not over 4100 pounds, \$48.
- Weighting over 4100 pounds and not over 4500 pounds, \$57.
- Weighting over 4500 pounds and not over 4900 pounds, \$67.
- Weighting over 4900 pounds and not over 5300 pounds, \$78.
- Weighting over 5300 pounds, \$90.

### Heard About Taking Candy From a Baby? Has Nothing on This

Two affable strangers met the glib R. Jackson, 352 Harrison street, a waiter in a downtown hotel, Tuesday night and taking him immediately into their confidence, told of finding a purse containing \$1100, which they proposed to share with him. First it would be necessary for the three to pool their assets. Jackson told the police he could not see the wisdom of this move, but since the other two men had "found" the purse, he didn't exactly like to make the rules of the game. He surrendered his own "roll"—\$120 in hard-earned money. The police are helping him look for the generous strangers.

### No Passport Needed For Continuous Trip

Washington, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—President Wilson today issued an executive order relieving American citizens of obtaining passports for continuous round trip cruises from American ports, provided voyages are not broken by stop-offs.

### Wm. F. McCombs Is Reported No Better

New York, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—There has been no change in the condition of William F. McCombs, former chairman of the Democratic national committee, who is critically ill of heart disease. It was stated at his office today.

### Collectors Robbed; Thrown From Auto

Detroit, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—Four automobile bandits kidnaped two collectors for the C. F. Smith stores today, drove them a mile and a half and, after robbing the collectors of \$2500, threw them out of the cars and escaped.

### Spokane Sends Representative

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### ENGINEERS' HEAD IS PORTLAND VISITOR

Edward P. Carman



### Timber Act Held Class Legislation By Its Opponents

State House, Salem, Feb. 16.—Long controversy developed in the house of representatives Tuesday over house bill 285, by Representative Beals of Tillamook and Yamhill counties, which prohibits the removal of timber from lands within port districts until all liabilities resulting from bonded indebtedness in such districts are paid.

The bill finally was passed to third reading, a minority report that it do not pass being rejected.

Beals contended that timbermen with lands in port districts have taken the timber off their lands and then allowed taxes to accumulate unpaid so that other properties within such districts have to bear an unjust burden of taxation.

His bill was opposed by Representative Bennett of Coos county, who declared it would work against development of lumber interests and put a premium on inaction.

Representative Hindman of Multnomah county declared its purpose was to gouge a particular industry.

Speaker Bean believed it should apply to coal and oil lands as well as timber. It was adopted. He declared, however, that it was class legislation.

### Northern Idaho Asks Permission to Create New State

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—Northern Idaho Tuesday asked permission of the sixteenth Idaho legislature to secede. A resolution was introduced in the senate, of which Senators Christensen, Featherstone, Johnson, Reberg, Jones, Fisher, Kerrick, Haley, King and Porter are the joint authors, calling for the holding of a convention in the administration building at the University of Idaho, Moscow, June 20, 1921, of the delegates from the various counties included in the proposed new state, for the purpose of adopting a constitution to be submitted to the senate as a new state, for their adoption or rejection.

The boundary lines of the new state as outlined in the resolution includes the 18 northern counties. This territory claims a population of 150,000, an area of 35,000 square miles and property valuation of \$150,000,000.

### Multnomah Judges Needn't Look for Salary Increases

State House, Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—District Judges of Multnomah county will not get any increase of salary, nor will their courts receive any increase in jurisdiction at the hands of the present session of the legislature.

The Multnomah senate delegation voted at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon to recommend that the salary bill be indefinitely postponed, and it will undoubtedly go to the graveyard when the report comes to the senate.

The bill was favorably acted on by the delegation in the afternoon.

### Wind River Ranger Here

H. V. Brown, ranger stationed at the Wind River forest service experiment station, has arrived in Portland on a month's detail. The winter has been good for nursery stock, says Brown, a light snow preventing any of the trees from freezing.

### STATE CONTRACTED FOR OR PAVED 419 MILES IN 2 YEARS

Four hundred and nineteen miles of paving were laid or contracted for in Oregon during the last two years, according to the fourth biennial report of the state highway commission, which has just appeared in book form. This is divided into 88.5 miles of concrete, 24.1 miles of non-paved bituminous pavement, and 336.75 miles of bitulithic. The bitulithic patents expired last May and up to that date during the biennium 1,221,702.7 square yards had been laid, or 38.85 per cent of the total of this kind of pavement under contract.

The latest report, which is of more permanent binding than the earlier cloth-bound volume, is the official issue of the commission. The introduction is devoted to a resume of the work during the last two years, with allusions to the circumstances under which the highway program has been pushed. The personnel of the commission has been changed, R. A. Booth alone remaining from the original commission, of which S. Benson was chairman, and W. L. Thompson the third member. Thompson resigned in 1919, and was succeeded by J. N. Burgess, at whose death Ed E. Kiddle became a member. Benson continued for a time on the commission after the expiration of his three-year term, later resigning. J. B. Yeon was appointed as his successor. W. B. Barratt of Heppner succeeded Kiddle at the latter's death. Herbert Nunn has served as state highway engineer during the biennium, and Roy A. Klein as secretary and assistant engineer.

"The year 1920," says the report, "is the first year in which the market road appropriation has been available; nothing from the state appropriation of \$990,435.46 was matched by the counties, which accepted the provisions of the act without exception. The report goes into the subject of federal appropriations in general way in the introduction and more thoroughly in the body of the report. From this source, \$50,000,000 became available for 1919, \$75,000,000 for 1920, and another \$75,000,000 for 1921. Appropriations for forest roads greatly swelled the total.

Information has been received in Portland that the circuit court of appeal at San Francisco Monday handed down a decision against Hy J. Eilers, president of the Oregon Eilers Music House, damages when "The Eilers" of Oregon Eilers Music House should be included with those of Eilers Music House for the benefit of creditors. The appellate court thus upheld the decision of Federal Judge I. S. Bean and of Referee A. M. Cannon.

### Hy Eilers Loses by Decision Made by San Francisco Court

Counsel for the creditors contends that the federal government from citizens of Oregon is the subject of federal appropriation in general way in the introduction and more thoroughly in the body of the report. From this source, \$50,000,000 became available for 1919, \$75,000,000 for 1920, and another \$75,000,000 for 1921. Appropriations for forest roads greatly swelled the total.

### \$235,000 in Claims Is Sought by State

State House, Salem, Feb. 16.—Recovery of taxes aggregating \$235,000, alleged to have been illegally collected by the federal government from citizens of Oregon as a war tax immediately following the close of the Civil war, is contemplated in a bill introduced into the senate on Tuesday by Senator Moore. The bill authorizes the state board of control to engage a firm of New York attorneys to prosecute these claims, which are said to have been uncovered by the New York firm, together with similar claims from practically every state in the Union. Should the claims be recovered the fact would be properly advertised and such sums as were not claimed and properly proven by those paying the tax on the heirs would revert to the general fund of the state.

### George Thomas Dies

White Salmon, Wash., Feb. 16.—George Thomas, 87 years old, died at his home here Saturday. For a number of years he was engaged in the general merchandising business in this city. He is survived by his wife and 11 children.

### Frost Nips Peach Blossoms

A peach tree at Nineteenth and Marshall streets, encouraged by the balmy spring weather of last week, burst forth into full blossom only to be severely frosted this morning. Passing motorists have been attracted by the mass of pink blossoms in the midst of the snow flurries of the last few days.

### Council Votes Down Printing Press Plan

Controversy over the purchase of a \$1100 printing press, for the use of Commissioner Pier in the city's purchasing bureau, ended before the city council Tuesday afternoon. Chairman Stoasmeister reports a total of \$7826.33 in subscriptions has been received in this county. The quota was \$6000.

### Clatsop Well Over Relief Fund Quota

Astoria, Feb. 16.—It was announced Tuesday that Clatsop county will exceed her quota in raising funds for the European relief by 25 per cent. The drive closed Tuesday afternoon. Chairman Stoasmeister reports a total of \$7826.33 in subscriptions has been received in this county. The quota was \$6000.

### Miss Munson Being Sought

A telegram was received by the chief of police this morning asking aid in a search for a Miss Munson, whose brother, Charles, was killed in Vancouver, B. C., February 14. The police have been unable to find Miss Munson.

### Violated Dry Law

A \$10 fine was levied on Ed J. Dusterhoff of the famous "Dusterhoff Twins" by Municipal Judge Rossman this morning on a charge of violating the prohibition law. Dusterhoff is said to have been out in a party when he was arrested with a bottle of whiskey in his possession.

### Decision on Appeal For New Trial for Gangster Goes Over

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—The bitter and dramatic fight waged by William F. Herron in behalf of his client, Thomas Brady, to get a new trial, following Brady's conviction as a member of the Howard street vice gang, failed to reach a conclusion today when Judge Ward this afternoon put off until tomorrow argument of points of law involved.

Today's hearing of Herron's motion for a new trial was marked by the appearance on the stand of Jessie Montgomery and Jean Stanley, prosecuting witnesses in the vice cases, whose testimony Herron had attacked in affidavits as perjured.

The Montgomery girl took the stand first and denied to the charges raised by Herron. She unqualifiedly stood by her testimony on the witness stand in various gangster cases.

Following her on the stand, Jean Stanley repudiated all of the alleged statements attributed to her by Fellowswoman Katherine O'Connor, former Assistant District Attorney Heidelberg, Deputy Sheriff John J. O'Connor and Mrs. Anita Larrier.

### Boy Walking With Teacher Is Injured When Hit by Auto

Roseburg, Or., Feb. 16.—Clarence Pease, son of D. A. Pease of Rice Hill, was struck by an automobile driven by Leonard Ewing and dragged for 60 feet. The lad was walking in the road, accompanied by several other children and their school teacher, when the car rounded a curve. Ewing was forced to drive into a ditch to stop the automobile and free the boy. Internal injuries are feared.

Umpqua post, American Legion, has lined up with the Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland posts in the fight against Japanese invasion of Oregon, passing resolutions to this effect. Efforts are being made to discourage settlement in this vicinity by the Japanese.

### Sounder Business Principles Urged

Cooperation of the Portland Ad club with the school of commerce of the University of Oregon in bringing forward sounder business principles was asked by B. C. Robbins, dean of the school of commerce at Eugene, in his talk at the luncheon today at the Benson hotel. George Rebec, head of the Portland center of the university extension courses, told of the advantages offered by the courses in new methods in business.

### Urges Democracy in Industry

New York, Feb. 16.—(U. P.)—"Democracy in industry" was proposed today by Judge R. C. Roper, Bryan Democrat from Nebraska, as the next campaign issue.

### February Furniture Sale

This is not a half-hearted sale, but a big, powerful, conscientious campaign to bring furniture prices down where they should be. It embraces everything in our large stock of medium and high-grade furniture, rugs, stoves, etc., excepting contract goods.

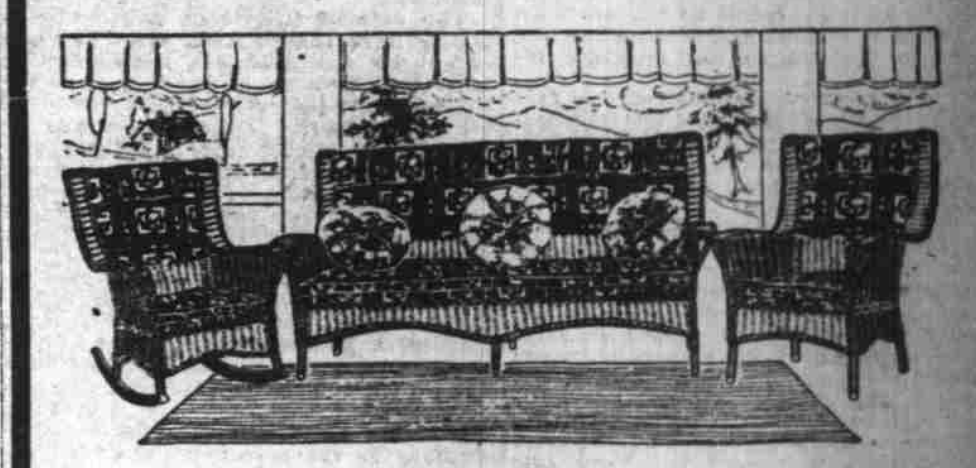
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