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# OVER PARLEY

Conference Decisions Resented: Tokio Calls Mass Meeting to Protest; Move Is Merely for Political Effect, Say Leaders.

> By Clarence Dubose United Press Staff Correspondent

Tokio, Dec. 17 .- (Delayed.)-A wave of agitation against the decisions of the Washington conference on limitation of armaments, which government leaders interpret as part of a domestic political battle with little possible effect on international affairs, is sweeping Japan. A mass meeting has been called in Tokio to protest against conference decisions. Some extremists are advocata demonstration on the return of Japanese delegation from Washing-PRESS DISSATISFIED

The press seemed more dissatisfied than ever, now that its demands for saving the dreadnought Mutsu have been granted, despite the first favorable re-

Yellow cries that Japan is being humiliated by dictation from the United States and England.

Conservatives declare that the saving of the Mutsu was an empty victory because these sources claim it has violated the principle of a naval holiday, fostered distrust and yet left Japan's naval ratio actually lower than it was under the original Hughes proposals.

The powerful newspapers Nichi Nichi and Hechi of Tokio, criticised the Japanese delegation at Washington for having "blundered." MILITARISM CHARGED

Yukio Ozaki, former minister of justice and a disarmament leader, charged that Japan has exhibited at Washington her latent militarism. The Japan Advertiser declared that only one out of each 10,000 people in

Japan ever heard of the Mutsu, and by saving the Mutsu Japan has endangered selessly the results of the conference. Government spokesmen interpreted the wave of criticism of the conference decisions and the work of the Japanese delegation as the beginning of a politi-cal campaign to overthrow the ministry of Premier Takahashi and the Selyu-

High authorities insisted that the pro-

# RESERVE BANK IS SCORED BY JUDGE

Extraordinarily extravagant and unbusinesslike methods were charged against the federal reserve bank of San Francisco by Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton, in rendering an opinion today restraining the bank from further harrassing the Brookings State bank of A preliminary injunction was issued

by the court restraining the federal reserve bank from sending "notices of disonor" to its clients advising them that of certain checks. The Brookings bank charges one-tenth the snow on an adjoining roof.

of one per cent exchange rate for cashcash checks. The evidence showed that game at Seattle and failed. the government expended in salaries, etc., \$1915.32 during one year in making collections of \$102,850.33 on the Brookings bank through its Brookings agent. The agent was withdrawn October 1, after the present suit began. Since that time the federal reserve bank has been sending checks to Brookings by mali. The bank refused to cash them a par, so they were returned. The federal bank returned them to the drawee with a note of dishonor. This procedure has worked a hardship upon the small bank, "It can hardly be disputed that the

Brookings State bank has the right, if it so desires, to charge a reasonable rate of exchange for its remittances," said the judge. "The acts of the Brookings bank were not acts of dishonor. The defendant was not authorized to advise its clients to look to the plaintiff bank for pro-

"The method employed, considering the occasion of it, or rather the lack of reasenable necessity, was, to say the least, extraordinarily extravagant and unbusi-

RESERVE BOARD WASTEFUL SAYS SENATOR OVERMAN Washington, Dec. 19,-(I. N. S.)-The federal reserve board was accused in the senate today of an "amazing wild waste f money" by Senator Overman (D., No.

Overman charged that the report recently submitted to the senate by Hard-ing of the board, with respect to charges made of "grossly extravagant expenditures" by Federal Reserve banks, showed that \$1,000,000 had been expended on one Federal Reserve building in New York

# Slayer of Aberdeen Stevedore Is Sought

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 19.—The police forces of this city and Hoquiam are sented the side of the men and charged working hard to obtain cities to the "a nationwide conspiracy" on the part early Sunday morning. Maki, a steve-dore, carried, it is said, a large sum of money, which is supposed to be the mo-tive for the murder. Little is known of the man, who came here from Scattle. Walsh charged the railroads with try-ing to dodge the authority of the rail-road labor board.

To Be Movie Head MILL H. HAYS, postmaster general in the Harding cabinet, who, it is believed, is soon to resign to take a \$100,000 job with



# despite the first favorable re-newspapers increased their Japan is being humiliated by

Washington, Dec. 19 .- (U. P.)-Postmaster General Will H. Hays has decided to accept the offer to become virtual head of the motion picture industry world if they reject the treaty. prominent Republican politician here to-

He stated that Hays had agreed accept the leadership of the reorganized Association of the Motion Picture Industry at \$100,000 a year for two and a half

Statements that Hays had accepted were partly confirmed in motion picture circles here, but Hays' office maintained a strict silence regarding them. Hays is now said to be "resting up" at some health resort.

### Holdup Suspect in Jail; His Career of Alleged Crime Fails

Fully equipped to lead a life of crime, Alfred Ahlden came from Seattle a few days ago to try his luck in this city, but his first attempt was so poorly planned that Ahlden is in jail. At 4 a. m. today Charles Anderson police headquarters from the Globe hotel, Front and Couch streets, to say he had been robbed. Detectives Parmelly and Drennen and Patrolman Talbot found that the holdup man had entered by a fire escape, the ladder reaching to the window of Ahlden's room on the floor above.

During the robbery Anderson started a little "rough house," and the police found a blood stained pillow containing \$3, which amount was taken from Anderson. They also found Ahlden's arm was freshly cut. In addition, the police found an L. W. W. dues book, lottery tickets, paraphernalia for rubber stampthey must look to the Brookings State ing lottery tickets to beat the game, bank for protection to cover the payment pass keys and a gun hidden in the stove. Anderson's watch was found in

The police also found in Ahlden's posing checks. The federal reserve bank session a clipping from a Seattle paper is not allowed to pay the exchange rate, which told how bad a man Ahlden was so an agent was placed in Brookings to and how he had tried to beat the lottery

# Thawing Pipes With Torches Is Illegal,

open flame. .This is the warning issued this morn ing by Fire Marshal Edward Grenfell, who went on to say that any person causing a fire in such a manner not only stood to lose property, but was also liable to the city for the cost of the service of the fire department in answering any call to such a fire. "An ordinance was passed two years ago providing that the cost of using the a statement later today. ire apparatus occasioned by thawing pipes with an open flame was to be stood by the person causing the fire," he said. "Each run of a piece of apparatus costs \$50, and to this is to b added the time of the men. Two years ago there were 101 fires in December caused by use of blow torches and burning paper being used to thaw pipes." Use of hot water or electrical apparatus for thawing pipes is advocated

### of clearing the pipes, but preventing fires as well. Railroads Accused Of Scheme to Dodge Transportation Act

by the marshal as not only the best way

Chicago, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)—The United States railroad labor board heard today the protest of a million railroad shop employes who charge that railroads are leasing their shops to individuals, to Washington Friday evade the transportation act.
Frank P. Walsh, labor attorney, pre-

Sinn Fein President Takes Formal Step in ail Eireann Against Ratification of Peace Treaty; Stirs His Opponents.

Dublin Dec. 19 .- (I. N. S.)-Formal notion for the rejection of the Irish peace treaty was made in the public ession of Dail Eireann today by Eamonn De Valera. It was seconded by Austen Stack, a member of the Sinn Fein cabinet. Renewed warfare on England

threatened during debate. "I hope to continue to fight, even if this rotten document is accepted," cried

"Rather than ask the people to acto continue in slavery" said De Valera. "It is the principle that is objection-

treate Stack said: "I attack this action because the treaty makes the Irish British subjects. It was not for this that our patriots much improved in health. He is in bet-Arthur Griffith, founder of Sinn Fein,

made a fighting speech in favor of the pact. He read a letter from Premier Lloyd George promising equality with Canada and Australia and also a place in the League of Nations for Ireland.

in the United States, according to a No sooner had the open session been called to order than De Valera announced that he wanted his counter-proposals to the Irish peace treaty kept secret.

Michael Collins, commander-in-chief of the Irish Republican army, jumped up and declared that it was his intention to make De Valera's proposals public to the whole Irish nation. The treaty was denounced as a politicians' peace by De Valera and his supporters.
After a bitter session, at which ther was denunciation by both sides, the Dail recessed at 1 o'clock until 3:30 o'clock,

URGES RATIFICATION Arthur Griffith; who signed the peace pact, moved its ratification. "I move ratification of this new treaty," he said.
"We have made the brought the result back to the people of Ireland, our masters, not our servants. "We are not dictators. If we do not

when the debate will be resumed.

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London, Dec. 19 .- (U. P.)-France has accepted the naval ratio proposed by Sec-retary Hughes, Premier Briand told Ambassador George Harvey, it was officially nnounced today.

Paris, Dec. 19.-(U. P.)-France is eady to accept the American suggestions for limitation of capital ship tonnage, but reserves full right to consider later what her percentage of submarines shall be, it was learned authoritatively here

By Carl D. Great Washington, Dec. 19.—(U. P.)— France's answer to the demand of the Inited States, Great Britain, Japan and taly that she abandon her claim to a navy of 10 new superdreadnoughts totaling 350,000 tons, and agree to a sea force of half that amount, was being received n sections by the French delegation here

From a reliable sourse, it was learned that the answer indicates France will Says Fire Marshal back down-at least, to some extent. Because the French answer has not yet, a measure to finance the exposition or been completely received and decoded, the Don't thaw frozen water pipes with an meeting of the naval sub-committee scheduled for today was postponed until

The cable is from Premier Briand. It a long message and will require several hours to decode. There were indications that France is preparing to yield. Shortly after the French cable arrived, Secretary Hughes called on President Harding and shortly after the conference said he would make

CONFERENCE HOPES ARE DEALT SEVERE SETBACE By Gorge R. Holmes Washington, Dec. 19.—(I. N. S.)—The armament conference went into its sixth week today on the horns of several diemmas which bid fair to wreck the hopes of the leaders to accomplish the principal aims of the meeting and be out of Washington by New Year's. The French demand for naval building program of 350,000 tons of post-Jutland

battleships by 1941 is by far the most serious bar to an early termination of the conference. The warning conveyed to France's delegates here that persistence in the demand can only wreck what already has been accomplished and result in the failure of the parley, has been set with the statement that the French program has the united support of the (Cencluded on Page Two, Column Four)

W. D. B. Dodson, general manager of the Chamber of Commerce, will return to Portland Friday morning after spending six weeks at the national capital working for the allocation of combination passenger-cargo steamers. A message was received by the chamber today

# Wilson Has Sympathy For Harding

By Frank A. Stetson

ernational News Service Staff Corresponden

Copyright, 1921, International News Service) Washington, Dec. 19 .- Woodrow Wilson has a feeling of the "deepest sympathy" for President Harding in the present international situation, it was stated to the International News Service today by a close personal friend of the former president, who just had a long conference with him regarding existing

"Mr. Wilson feels," said his visitor, that President Harding is getting into much the same situation that he himself was following his return from Paristhat he has labored long and faithfully toward the ideal of world peace and now finds the fruits of his labors endangered by the hostile attacks of a small and disgruntled minority." The former president ardently desired

the fullest success for the Washington conference, according to his visitor, Mr. Wilson expressed the wholehearted approbation of the naval agreement entered into by the United States, Great Britain and Japan, but regretted that the Hughes program had not gone through as originally proposed.

Mr. Wilson thought the naval pro gram was a "magnificent achievement," cept such a document I would ask them it was stated, "but he considered the concession made to Japan in the Mutsu and to Great Britain in the building of two new dreadnoughts, a regrettable deviation from the spirit of the undertaking." The visitor at the S street home said

he was surprised to find Mr. Wilson so ter health than at any time since his breakdown, more than two years ago, and during the conversation he got up several times and walked about the room, his visitor said, with little apparent effort.

# GRIFFITH WARNS DAIL Griffith warned the Sinn Feiners that they would lose the sympathy of the

By Ralph Watson. Dec. 19.-Between 24 and 30 embers of the lower house of the Oregon legislature last night signed an agreement to limit consideration of measures at the extra session to the exposition tax measure and automobile regula-tion on state highways. The agreement provides that only such other measures as may be approved by the ways and means committee shall be considered.

It developed last night that members of the legislature from outside Multinomah county will present an almost united front against the submission to the state of a property tax measure to support the exposition. Talk was heard of a compromise on some other form of taxation, but Multnomah county members admitted they faced an almost impossible task in lining up the other members for the proposed property tax. IN UNOFFICIAL SESSION

The legislature convened in unofficial session at the Hotel Marion last night, The president of the senate was there, the speaker of the house, the membersor most of them, the third house-or nost of it-and Joe Singer, the universal, omnipresent and ubiquitous sergeant-atarms of the house for many years past. And, as the members gather and begin to tell what they think of the big things that have brought them together for this time, it begins to appear that many people will think the session a success if it does one thing, and many will contend that it has been a failure, while if t does the other thir; there will still be those to contend it has wrought wisel", as well as those who will argue

MANY OPPOSE TAX Many of the Eastern Oregon members have come in from the distant counties, and they are not bashful in expressing their general opposition to the proposal to levy a property tax upon the state with which to finance the fair. It is easy to see that the Eastern, Central and Southern Oregon members will have to be shown before they will swing into line behind the fair program, and it is very plain that it will require sane legislation and careful pres- and especially the economic position of entation to win them over. They say Central Europe. Ratheneau probably that their people have told them what will be called into the meeting tomor that they will have to be row afternoon. furnished a dependable alib! by the fair proponents before they will vote for street at 10:30 o'clock, said: for the resolution to submit it to the people for ratification or rejection The road regulation legislation, the fair financing bill and probably one or that the confeence would two other measures are most in the

hold as close to the governor's official Germany." program as possible, and thus cut the session down to the fewest days in which adequate consideration can be Neglect of Vets Is

# Spain Launches Its Biggest Attack of Moroccan Campaign

Madrid, Dec. 19 .- (I. N. S.)-The biggest offensive yet undertaken by the Spanish against the rebellious tribes in Morocco is under way today, said advices from Melilla to the war office. Three columns of 10,000 men each are idvancing from Tetuan, Ceuta and arash against the Beniaros, the most fanatical of the warring natives. Practically all the members of the ladsetut tribe have surrendered have been disarmed, Keddan tribesmen have delivered me than 1000 rifles to the Spaniards. Spanish aviators heavily bombed district about Taxarut to prepare

## way for the advance. Washington Friday Shops Will Close; Will Lay Off 1200

Minneapolis, Dec. 18,-(I. N. S.)-The Chicago, St. Paul & Minneapolis railroad shops here will close for an indefinite period tomorrow, officials of that

# STREETS ICY

ing Blasts Make City Folk Shiver in First Real Touch of Winter; Skies Snow Laden.

While congealing blasts of east wind swept away Portland' breath and set its ears tingling, the city was trying to keep its feet today on ice coated streets. Today this district is experiencing the coldest weather in two years. At 8 o'clock this morning the official weather bureau thermometer registered 22 degrees and E. L. Wells, district weather forecaster, said it might go a little lower during the morning.

The mercury started shrinking Sunday afternoon from a cold east wind and crawled lower and lower during the night. At times the wind assumed the proportions of a gale and the velocity was registered at 28 miles on top of the custom house. WIND HITS EAST SIDE

But the custom house roof was protected to a large extent. The east side of the city bore the brunt of the wind Houses shook, tree branches broke off and a few wires fell during the night the full force of the wind where exerted. From the cold weather little damage

was reported early in the morning. Only

al report was made of automobile radiathat there was not a break in the cold area on the weather map and that ture. the cold would clutch Portland even more tightly tonight and Tuesday. Although there is no break in the cold wave in sight, the weather bureau does not believe that the cold temperatures will continue until Christmas,

The last time colder weather than that recorded this morning was experienced by Portland was during the memorable storm of December, 1919, when the thermometer dropped to 3 degrees. The coldest temperature last winter was 27 degrees on January 11. Automobiles were having a great

amount of trouble in climbing streets in nome sections of the city where only a glare of ice greeted them. Pedestrians (Concluded on Page Four, Column One)

By Earle C. Reeves London, Dec. 19.—(I. N. S.)—The European financial question was taken up first when the conference between Pre mier Lloyd George and Premier Briand began at 10 Downing street today. Others present were Sir Robert Horne, Britchancellor of the exchequer; Louis Loucheur, French reparations expert, and Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the house of commons. The arrival of Walter Ratheneau from

Berlin just as the conference opened caused much surprise and speculation. Ratheneau, former minister of reconstruction in the German cabinet, recently visited London in an unsuccessful quest for credits. He is said to have returned upon direct invitation from Premer Lloyd George, who wished to have expert German opinion regarding both the general question of indemnity and Ger many's default on the January payment. s expected that the conference will last three days and that issues raised the Washington conference and the Near East will be canvassed in the meantime. The Near East questions meantime. hinge upon France's treaty with the Turkish nationalists in face of British

The bulk of the deliberations. will deal with the financial situation communique issued at Downing

"Certain financial proposals were forward at the initial session which will be referred to the treasury department. From a French source it was learned Rhine situation later on. Britain deminds of the house and senate and sires either to decrease or withdraw enthe disposition seems to be growing to tirely the British army of occupation in

# Cause of Robberies, Asserts Al Jennings

St. Louis, Dec. 19.-(I. N. S.)-Public neglect of the former service man is the cause of much of the wave of daylight soldups and bank robberies, according to Al. Jennings, one-time bandit. "The social attitude toward the exservice man is criminal," said Jennings today. "While the war was on everyone was calling him a savior of humanity, and all that sort of thing. And look at him now. That's what makes "Men are beginning to realize that if government can raise an army and whip hell out of another government.

it's just as proper for them to "It will take two generations of strict law enforcement against the rich as well as the poor to restore a proper respect for law," added Jennings.

# Gale Hits Buffalo; One Dead, 3 Injured

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 19 .- (U. P.) -- One man was killed and three injured and ble advisers, that in this way alone property damage estimated at \$70,000 as would it be possible to obtain more fathe result of a terrific storm which swept the city yesterday. Forty homes were destroyed along the river front. The carrying the information that he was road announced today. Twelve hundred coast guard rescued 10 families. A number of houseboats were also destroyed.

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Temperature of 22 and Congeal- Umatilla Representative Gets Many Signatures to Paper Which Is Against Adding Extra Burden on Taxpayers.

> By Ralph Watson nal Staff Correspondent

State House, Salem, Dec. 19 .- We the undersigned members of the house of representatives agree, one with another, and absolutely pledge ourselves that we will not vote for any measure or resolution submitting to the voters of the state any proposition to 1925 exposition by any tax scheme upon state any proposition to finance the al property."
This is what faced the members of the

Multinomali delegation and the propon-ents of the 1925 fair program this morn-ing before the special session of the leg-islature had been called into line.

Long before the speaker dropped his savel or the president of the senate on the other end of the capitol called the senate into life again, more than 20 members of the house had affixed their names to the above piedge and Frank Sloan, Prepresentative from Dmatili was carrying the paper from to member and meeting with AGAINST LAND TAX

a few water pipes broke and an occasionors freezing up.

The weather man said this morning hat there was not a break in the to the up-state members of the legisla The house, outside of Multnomah coun

ty, is going on record as opposed to tax on real property in the state. lo not say that they would withhold their (Concluded on Page, Two, Column Three)

- Central and adjacent to The storm, accompanied by a howling east wind and falling temperatures, accordupon local observations today. At Moro at 9 o'clock it was reported that six or at 9 o'clock it was reported that six or seven inches of snow had fallen, and that a blizzard was raging. The snow was drifted in some places three feet deep and was almost as black as mud. At Fossil, eight inches of snow was re-At Fossil, eight inches of snow was reported and at Condon, six inches, with esser measurements on east towards

Umatilla county. Today it was snowing hard all over erman county and apparently the fall has been much beavier east of here than Wasco county.

In The Dalles the snow is almost checolate brown in places. The hillsides are not white, but dust colored. henomenon is due to the intense dust storm which began Saturday night and is still continuing, borne along by the igh east wind. The storm was most severe Sunday the wind blowing a gale, and it was imossible to see across the Columbia river because of the mixture of dust and fine

riven snow. All over Eastern Oregon falling temperatures are reported. The minimum in The Dalles during the night was 17 legrees, according to the governmen thermometer, with temperatures of 8 to degrees reported from thermometers the streets. There is every indication that the weather will be much colder here. About four inches of snow Concluded on Page Four, Column Two)

# Tourist Rates for Summer May Cease

Reestablishment of summer tourist ates on transcontinental railroad lines has been temporarily abandoned, ac-Skinner, traffic manager of the S. trips next summer, but this move was by Mrs. Beulah Edmondson not agreed upon by all roads. The sub-ject will be taken up at a later meeting. mondson of Pryor.

# Text of Message By Governor

State House, Salem, Dec. 19 .- The senite and house met in joint session at 11:30 to hear the governor's message which was read by Governor Olcott and which has the distinction of holding the record for brevity, it being the shortest gubernatorial message delivered to any egislative session in the memory of the oldest habitue of the state capitol.

Members of the Oregon Legisla-

The legislature has been called into special session to consider mat-ters which I deem of such serious urgency and importance as to warrant your most careful and undivided attention. I will endeavor to outline them briefly for your consideration so I may cause you no unnecessary delay in turning to active

As you know the people of Port-

PORTLAND VOTE CITED

land, representing one third of the population and taxable wealth of the state, voted by an overwhelming majority to tax themselves in the sum of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of assisting in financing an interna-tional exposition to be held in Oregon in 1925. As I understand it, it is the desire of those interested that an additional \$4,000,000 be raised for this purpose, of which \$1,000,000 is to be raised by private subscription and the balance by a tax against the people of the state at large, including Multnomah county. It is necessary to submit a question involving such an amount of revenue to the people, for them to determine by their ballots whether they desire share in bearing the burden of financing such an exposition through revenue derived from taxation. The question of such submission to the people is to come before you. I presume, in submitting such matters to a special election, that the time of the election would be made coincident with the general primary nominating election on May 18, 1922. By so doing the great burden of expense would be eliminated through the use of the primary election machinery in connection with such special elec-

I turn to a matter I deem of para-(Concluded on Page Two, Column Two)

A. O. Anderson & Co., Importers and exporters, voluntarily entered the federal bankruptcy court this morning. The Ladd & Tilton bank and Northwestern National bank of Seattle are the heaviest reditors, according to the petition Norman Pennicuik, secretary-treasur-

of which \$227,300.11 are held by the Ladd & Tilton bank, \$163,984,75 by the North-western National bank and \$5399.97 by he First National bank of Seattle The secured claims totaling \$135,027.98 are held principally by A. O. Anderson & and the First National bank of Seattle. They hold a quantity of canned salmon kid leather, cotton prints and raincoat

Aditional liabilities include \$9861.17 on notes payable by other parties and \$8750 rent due the Montgomery Estate on a land lease in Albina. The com-pany has erected a dock on the site valued at \$6500, which is included in the

Their assets are listed as follows ry notes, \$125,000; stock in trade, \$45,246.98; office furniture, \$800; personal property, \$200; debts due on open accounts, \$69,623.70; stocks and onds, \$99,701; unliquidated claims, \$16,-755.91, and money in the bank, \$33.04. The schedules were filed for the bankrupt by Teal, Minor and Winfree. None of the creditors has as yet petitioned the court to appoint a trustee for the es-

## Crocker Is Reported To Be Seriously Ill

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 19.-(I. N. S.)-Word reaching here from Pryor, Okla., today stated that Richard Croker, forcording to advice received today by W. York city, was seriously ill in Ireland. & S. The transcontinental passenger Pryor resident, had departed for that and that Bruce Garrett, a prominent tariff bureau had proposed a renewal of country. The cablegram announcing the fare and one third rate for round the illness, the report stated, was sent

# Ex-Kaiser Martyr, or Coward? MakesGoatOutofHindenburg

or martyr?" is again the burning question confronting the German nation today following the publication of the exkaiser's correspondence with Field Mar-shal von Hindenburg in which the former emperor "passed the buck" for his flight into Holland following the colapse of the German army. Publication of the letters was de signed to prove William was not guilty

of cowardice in fleeing Germany and that he had attempted to prevent the BLAMES HINDENBURG

The ex-kaiser in his letter to Hinden burg said in part:
"As you know, I wrestle my way to
the heavy, frightful decision to leave the country only on the urgent representations of you and of my other responsivorable armistice conditions for our country and spare it bloody civil war. The sacrifice has been in vain.

Japanese war." NOBLE SACRIFICE"

The entire nationalist press has ac cepted all the statements in the letters as true and is fairly reveling in eulogies of the "noble sacrifice" of the for mer war lord.

The only jarring note was sounded by some of the junker newspapers, which expressed the opinion that the ex-kaiser's place at the moment of the nation's gravest peril was at the head of the army. The junkers' papers put responsibility upon Von Hindenburg for proposing the

ex-kalser's flight, but say that the adrice should not have been taken The opinion was widely held that while the kaiser's correspondence might soften the bitterness against him, it was not sufficient to create any sympathy in his behalf or raise any desire for his It was freely declared that Germany-

Houses Convene Before Noon to Wrestle With Fair Tax and Highway Propositions; Short Meeting Is Their Aim,

State House, Salem, Dec. 18. - All neasures injected into the senate hopper at the special session must run the gauntlet of the senate ways and means committee by going before the senate for consideration.

President Ritner this afternoon anounced the appointment of the ways and means committee as the "steering committee" provided for by Senator Eddy in a resolution introduced this morning. The "steering committee" is composed of Senators Patterson, Smith, Eberhard, Staples, Upton, Norblad and Bell.
Four more bills were introduced since lunch, bringing the total of senate bills up to seven for the first day of the session and the senate cleaned up its deak

at 2:39 o'clock and took a recess until 6 o'clock, pending developments. By Ralph Watson State House, Salem, Dec. 18.—The legslature met in special session this mornng, both houses convening a little before 11 o'clock, and went right to work.

The organizations of the cegular sess senate and house were confirmed as the organizations of this session, retaining Senator Roy Ritner in the chair as resident of the Senate and Louis Bean Lane county as speaker of the ho Right at the jump off both houses not he gag on any program of general legslation, the house in pretty form, and the senate not so perhaps, but indicative of the desire that body not to wander far affeld the consideration of other than count

WOULD LIMIT SESSION

The house adopted a resolution pro-ciding, in substance, that the business of the 1925 fair financing h the regulation of weights and speeds of motor trucks on the state highways to gether with the control of the passen ger carrying motor business. The resolution, however, opens the way other matters should they first be National bank of Portland and the First mitted to and approved by the ways and means committee themselves by adopting a resolution

providing for the appointment of "steering committee" of seven senator to be appointed by the president is to have control over the consid of senate business. WOULD CALL UP VETOES The house also wants to take up for consideration the many bills of the reg-

ular session vetoed by Governor Olcott,

as it adopted a resolution introduced by Gallagher providing for the appointme of a committee of three to advisability of calling these vetoes up for action.

UPTON'S DEBT EXEMPTION
BILL FIRST UP IN SENATE By A. L. Lindbeck State House, Salem, Or., Dec. 19.-Th senate was called to order at 10:37 o'clock this morning by President Roy Ritner and proceeded immediately to the routine business of organizing in

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# AITCHISON, JONES ARE REAPPOINTED

Washington, Dec. 19 .- (U. P.)-President Harding today sent the following nominations to the senate: To the members of the interstate comnerce commission (reappoi Henry Clay Hall of Colorado and Clyde B. Aitchison of Oregon. To be assistant treasurer: lover of Tacoma, Wash. To be registrar of land office at Walla Walla, Wash.: William D. Gregory of Washington. To be rear admiral: Captain Mark L. Bristol. To be postmaster at Portland, Or.

John M. Jones. Senator Stanfield recommended to the president the appointment of Jones sev-eral days ago and the nomination, subject to confirmation by the senate, was a foregone conclusion. Jones atood highest of all candidates in the civil service examination. He has been acting postmaster since the deposition of Frank Scott Myers.

News of Aitchison's nomination for reappointment to the interstate commerce commission was received gratification by railroad men and ship-By S. B. Weyer

Berlin, Dec. 19.—(I. N. S.)—"Coward in 1905, when Russia was tied up by the Boer war, or pers. His service with the Oregon rallpublic service commission, gave him intimate knowledge of transportation problems within the state, which formed the basis for equal skill and fairness in handling the larger national proble

# Snowfall Greets Oregon Legislators At State Capital

State House, Salem, Dec. 19.-Oregon's state capital put on a white dressfirst this year-for the reception of legislators who are convening here in special session today. Snow, which began falling late Sunday night, covers the landscape to a depth of four inches as the lawmakers gathered for the session, But even at that it was a most chilly greeting that awaited the solons with The sacrifice has been in vain.

"Had we ever had warlike intentions uncertainties—is through with William above zero, two degrees colder than the previous cold snap this winter.