

By David Lawrence (Copyright, 1922; by The Journal) Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The

United States government hasn't taken half the number of steps in its policy of aiding Europe which the sensa-

tional reports of the last few days from various capi



The simple truth is that the Euro pean press, possibly stimulated by irmany leaps ahead of the game. The idea of a loan to Germany is the principal source of misunderstanding. The United States government contemplates no loan. Congress need have no con

cern about such a proposal. EUROPE SOUNDED

J. P. Morgan's visit to Washington doesn't mean that he asked the United States government to guarantee a loan to be made by private bankers.

The situation is exactly where the international bankers' committee left it many months ago. No loan is posle until reparations is fixed at a definite sum and agreement made by Germans to pay the sum fixed. Who would buy a loan among the investors of the world if it was subject any minute to the whims of a French ministry which could order the invasion of German territory and the seizure of German resources?

All that has happened so far has been a sounding out of European gov ernments and the most informal conversations looking toward the exercise of American influence in a proper way in the reparations dispute. TALK PREMATURE

All talk of loans and other forms of Till that is settled. it is recognized useless to talk of what the French and British capacity to pay their war debts or interest will be, for the whole economic future of Europe rests on whether Germany is to be dis-membered or helped to her feet so she

can pay her debts. Scretary of State Hughes is out-poken in his displeasure over the character of the reports which have been published in the last few days. The effect has been to bewilder peoples of the world and to arouse fears in congress that the administration was about to reverse it self completely on its policy of avoid ing foreign political entanglements.



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Free State army band playing "Auld

Gale From South Heads Off Severer Weather: Silver Thaw Pends in Outlying Sections;

Columbia Highway Freezing, out into the tideway was the blare of tals of the world would seem to in dicate. And the "irreconcilable" ele-Icy winter winds, unchained in the eastern mountains, descended in fury nent in congress upon Portland this morning. They is unnecessarily bewere met here by warm rain winds tirred, not a thing from the south and the two battled an having happened of hour for control of the city. At last the winter blasts were is likely to happen to trespass on their forced to retreat into the Columbia leas of avoiding river gorge, where the fight is conolitical under

tinuing this afternoon, with the outstandings or agree come as problematic as the turn of ments with Euro a pair of dice. At noon the east winds were still reaching into Portland suburbs, threatening a "silver nsible reports from America, is thaw" and reluctant to give ground. Hood River reported two inches of

> sleet on the highway, with likelihood of the road being blocked if the warm storm did not appear soon. The warm storm came in from the ocean in just the nick of time to save

the city from much discomfort and property loss, always attendant on a silver thaw,

EATCHEL REPORTS. County Roadmaster Eatchel. who ex-

plored the highway this morning, made the following report : "Conditions on the Columbia river highway approximate those of the ice storm of last winter. A fine rain is falling which freezes nito ice pellets much like taploca. At Multnomah Falls there is a drift of this ice about five feet doep, and it is growing worse. A heavy wind is blowing through the gorge, and renders the situation more

difficult. "We have on the ground equipment and men. But under the circumstances and to keep our machinery from being buried under a coating of ice, whence it will be impossible to remove it, I deem it advsiable to bring it to the edge of the danger zone ready to rush

in on the job the instant the storm American aid is premature: in fact is abates. But the storm is too severe absolutely dependent upon the making of an agreement between Germany. let up. France and Great Britain on repara-BOLDS ALL IN READINESS "We have bought a snowplow and

other new marshery for highway clearing and Une road will not be blocked an instant longer than is absolutely warranted on account of the storm. e tonight the so

graphical error. It's just the way credit, that Dublin will be spelled in the sight. future if the Irish Free State is suc-WOUL cessful in its campaign to supplant the English language with Gaelic. The London office of the United News Sunday received from its Dublin correspondent a story concerning the departure of the last of the British troops from Ireland. The telegram was dated "Ball Eatha, Oliath.' which indicates that the

IT'S SURE A ROCKY ROAD

(By United News.)

movement to resuscitate Gaelic has started in Southern Ireland. AUTO DEATH

The automobile death toll for December was increased late last night

by the deaths of two victims of acci-dents. Anthony Bissio, 47, of No. 1047 East 34th street, died in St. Vincents hospital, and Albert W. Baird, 52, of Lents, died at the Portland Sanitarium.

Both men had families. Bissio was injured when the automobile in which he was riding, driven by his daughter,



Ask Legislature to Put Members on Salary: Says Road fostered for generations forgotten. In their ears, as the troop ships swung Situation in Bad Condition.

Lang Syne"; the cheers and godspeed ye's of a great throng on the quays: Insisting that the highway situation bank a mass of fluttering is in a "deplorable condition" with the handkerchiefs and Irish colleens throw era of the "honor of construction" past. the time of payment at hand and the Swinging through the suburbs of Dublin, they were cheered; but when maintenance and replacements to care the procession reached Sackville street for, Governor-elect Pierce, who is in demonstration became terrific town today, reiterates his belief in a Free State troops joined the parade, paid highway commission, appointed others sought to hold back eager by the governor.

throngs that pressed about for a last "We are facing the end of the task," glimpse of the Britishers. A woman he said. "The time of construction, with its honor of achievement has gone through the lines and kissed the hand of a big, embarrassed trooper by. The highways are unfinished, some of them are breaking down. We are facing the payment of interest and the

TO BAIL EATHA, OLIATH retirement of bonds. We are soon to be called upon to rebuild some of them, Bail Eatha, Oliath, Dec. 18.-No, the and right now must maintain those al-date line of this city isn't a typo- ready built. We are at the end of our credit, and there is no more money

## WOULD PAY COMMISSION

"I believe in, and will recommend the legislature in my message, a paid commission, to be appointed by the governor. I have no recommendation to make about the salary to be paid. but will leave that to the legislature. will make the commissioners work, however. I am not a low salary man, as I believe the laborer is worthy of his hire, but I expect him to earn it

Governor Pierce also declares that he is unalterably against any further diversion of the quarter mill road tax

"We are going to need all the money we can get to take care of the high vay work," he insists. The thought that probably it will be

necessary to increase the gasoline tax to aid the highway fund was expressed the governor, dependent upon the velopment of the facts when the sit-

Governor-Elect Declares He Will Pierce Disagrees With Other Members on Items Affecting Incomes, Timber and Gross Earnings of Corporations.

> Astoria will request state aid to the The state tax investigation committee met today to take final action on extent that the next legislature will be the report which it is to make to the asked to legalize the reconstruction of state legislature through Governor Ol-Commercial street for the one-half cott on new sources of state revenue. Governor-elect Pierce, who is a memmile length destroyed by the recen ber of the committee, was present. fire.

> It developed that there is a differ-This plan of seeking state aid was ence of opinion between Pierce and outlined to the Chamber of Commerce other members of the committee or relief committee by members of the three important items. The report of Astoria relief committee, county comthe committee will recommend a personal income tax based on a flat rate. missioners and business men of the Pierce advocated a graduated rate of lower Columbia river city at a luncheon in the Chamber of Commerce at The committee also will recommend

> noon today. against a severance tax on timber as advocated by Pierce. Major W. S. Gilbert, chairman of the Another recommendation of the com mmittee, told the Portland commitmittee, which is not indorsed by tee that Astoria could not rebuild un-Pierce, is that no gross earnings tax

shall be imposed on public service corporations until there is a revaluation of all the property of the state. While a severance tax may be cor rect in principle the majority of the committee takes the view that the conditions are not right for it. Objections raised to it are it would handicap the lumber industry in Oregon in competition with other states which imposed no tax. Recommendation on which there is

a unanimity of opinion include the creation of statistical department in the office of the secretary of state where shall be gathered data covering taxation and indebtedness of all subdivi-

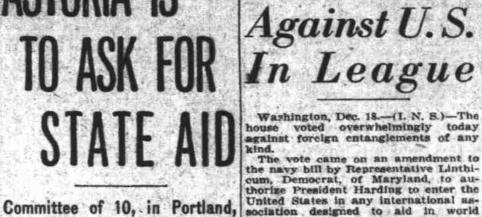
sions of state government including county, city and district. UNIFORMITY SOUGHT To secure uniformity in assessmen

there will be recommended a central uation is threshed out before the legisized financial supervision by the state tax commission which shall have au

The compensation act must not be emasculated. Pierce says, referring to the repeated reports that an onslaught was about to be made upon that com-mission and its work. He has always, placing of assessors on a civil service placing of assessors on a civil service been a believer in that law, and ope-rates his own business under it. His son, who is to take the active duarge of that business during the coming four years, will also remain under the law.

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the supervision of the secretary of state. The enforcement of county



The voices of the members who voted Wants Oregon to Build Highway; Give Aid or We'll Go in favor of the amendment were drowned in a chorus of "noes." Bankrupt, Says Major Gilbert

FFICIALS CONFEI

House Votes R

Washington, Dec. 18,-(I. N. S.)-Responding to an invitation from the president, governors of 15 states came means for effectively clamping down

the prohibition enforcement lid. The governors came here fresh from their, three-day conference at White Sulphur Springs, where, in a rather informal manner, the same problem vas discussed.

less it obtained federal and state aid Cognizant that the present system The Portland committee promised its full cooperation in obtaining permisof enforcement has not brought about the highest desirable results antici-pated, President Harding will mince of the legislature to autho orize the highway commission to rebuild Comfew words in making it quite plain to mercial street. the governors that hereafter dry

## GIVES PROBABLE COST

Teh probable cost of this construction work was estimated at between \$175, 000 and \$180,000. The committee said ity stressed in the message to congress that the measure should provide that be dealt with. in case federal aid was obtained for bulkheading and making the fill necessary, that the state should be relieved this exper The Astoria representatives were as follows:

pediency of the dry law is not an issue in this conference. President Harding is concerned with effective enforcement. At the outset he will make this clear to the governors. Major Gilbert, O. B. Setters, mayor-While President Harding does not elect; G. C. Fulton, W. F. McGregor While President Harding does not feel that any specific agency or indi-vidual can be blamed for the appar-ent let-down in the dry campaign, he is represented as being of the opinion that the laxity reported to him from many sections of the nation has been due in no small degree to lack of proper and harmonious cooperation between the regularly constituted pro-hibition units, state as well as na-tional. Because of the magnitude and acops of the work, it is beligved he John Tait, C. R. Higgins, George W. Sanborn, Frank Parker; F. I. Dunbar and Frank Patton, all of the committee of ten; County Judge T. S. Cornelius, County Commissioners John Fry and K. F. Johnson and J. M. Anderson, J. E. Roman, Austin Osborn, Mrs. W. S. Kinney and M. R. Chessman, business Presentation. Major Gilbert expressed Astoria's ap-reclation for Portland's aid to the subers' forum of the Portland Cham-er of Commerce in an address before ist body at noon today. that

scope of the work, it is believed he will bring out in the conference that it is well nigh a hopeless task for the PLEADS WITH TEARS Major Gilbert carnestly pleaded the from the states. On this ground he

ionally.

The following were President Hard-

Vice President Coolidge, Secretary of

he Treasury Mellon, Attorney General

Daugherty, Prohibition Commission

Havnes and Governors Denney of Del-

(By United News)

ing's guests at luncheon :



\$200,000 Currency Taken From Auto About to Leave Plant; Volleys of Shots Echanged; Guard Killed; Thieves Escare

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18 .- Four masked bandits today shot and fatally wound-ed Charles T. Linton, one of the guards the United States mint here, and uscaped in an automobile with currency totalling \$200,000.

The bandits drew up in front of the mint in a closed car just as the bank automobile, which had been loaded with currency, started away. One of the bandlts commanded the driver of the car to stop. The others, covering to Washington today for conference the driver and three guards with shotwith President Harding on ways and guns, transferred the money to their own car.

> Guards in the mint, armed with rifles and shotguns, opened fire on the ban-dit car. The fire was returned. The bandits stood on the curb and laid down a veritable barage on the door of mint. Employes of the mint shot at the bandits from windows and doors. The

hail of bullets from the bandits' guns riddled the front of the mint and broke nearly every window in one side of the building

**CROWD SEES DUEL** 

Scores of pedestrians and motorists, agents, federal or state, must work in attracted by the shooting, watched the bandits as they leaped into their car osest cooperation. Only in this way, Mr. Harding will point out, can the "national scandal" of prohibition laxand sped away. The license number of the car was obtained and police immediately started a city-wide search for the automobile. The question of the propriety or ex-

Police reserves were rushed to th scene and kept all persons away from the mint. The robbery was the most daring-

in Denver's history. The bandits ap-parently had planned the holdup carefully and their action was timed so that when the bank car started away (Concluded on Page Two, Column One)





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CLOAKED IN MYSTERY

In answer to the clamor of the presfor a clear statement of what the American government has in mind the argument is made by the White House itself that to discuss the situation officially might mean "spilling th beans.

But the situation is not cloaked in mystery. It is all too obvious to those who have studied the clhcumstances leading up to the present crisis in Eu-There are no new facts. international bankers who conferred in Paris and called J. P. Morgan to aid them came to the conclusion then that they might be able to float a loan of \$1,500,000,000 to help Germany provided certain things were done by France and Germany. On the one hand Germany was to make certain internal reforms looking to the balancing of her budget and the stabilization of the mark.

CLAUSES OBNOXIOUS

On the other hand, France was to agree that the loan would be a prior lien on Germany's assets and was to give up the so-called military clause of the Versailles treaty which permits France and the allies to invade Germany as a penalty for default in payment of reparations.

Until those obnoxious clauses of the treaty are wiped off the slate, no loan is possible. The United States government isn't a party to those penal sec tions of the Versailles treaty, but can use her diplomatic influence to persuade France to agree not to use those penalties.

Some of the cable reports from Paris indicate that the French government wants to know the American proposal and wants to see a loan floated before it will decide what to do about these military clauses. That's a line of rea-soning which will bring collapse to the informal negotiations now going on if persisted in.

## AMERICA CONTINUES

The whole situatoin really revolve now as it has for four years around French policy. The American govern ment knows the big task ahead and is feeling its way cautiously. To reveal method of approach and the details of its argument would make dif-Theult the continuance of negotiations. The idea that a rigid program has been worked out or that a formula has been devised to save Europe from disaster is unfortunately not true. The government here seeks such a program first satisfy itself of what can be done. The central controversy is about reparations. Until that is settled there is no use thinking of loans or even eco-

ic conferences. All the steps which imply a more active policy of help to Europe on the part of the United States can be momentarily set aside while the govern-ment here endeavors to mediate he-tween France and Germany and Great Britain on the amount of reparations. PUBLIC WARNED

The United States is a party to that portion of the treaty of Versailles dealng with the fixing of the amount of parations and can take the initiative (Concluded on Page Four, Column Five)

Sometime tonight the south wind is expected to turn the east winds away and bahish cold temperatures, but the condition of the elements did not make this a positive forecast. The Portland Rallway. Light & Power company reported that steady traffic was keeping all lines in service. traffic was keeping all lines in service buti ce scrapers were assembled ready to replace trolley wheels. The rail-rads reported all traffic to be moving on schedule up to noon.

by a milk truck driven by Sava Taich. He suffered a fractured skull, inter-nal injuries and a broken leg. Four children survive him. On the coast a storm moved in from

(Concluded on Page Seveiteen, Column Four) **Restaurant Damaged** Berlin Toy Shops In Oregon City Fire

Almost Deserted

(Special Wireless Dispatch to The Journal and Chicago Daily News.) (Copyright, 1922.) Berlin, Dec, 13.—Yesterday was Ber-

of \$1500 resulted before the fire was controlled this morning. The loss is largely due to water. Rooms above lin's "Silver Sunday," the day on which everybody should do his Christmas he restaurant were unoccupied at the shopping, in accordance with time-lion-The restaurant is owned by time. Seorge Newton and the building by ored custom. All the shops were open the Logus estate. A week ago today to be sure, but instead of being the Falls restaurant was damaged by jammed full as before the war they were desolately, empty. In Beran's

biggest toy shop which used to be one Miss MacConnel Is of the biggest in the world, at a late hour in the afternoon only 20 persons were actually buying presents for children.

Borah Attacks Ship Subsidy Bill

months

school teachers, is reported today to be carrying on a brave fight against the disease which for 10 days has kept her Washington, Dec. 18 .- (I. N. S.)in a serious condition. Her physicians Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, opened an attack on the ship subsidy bill in the senate this afternoon, declarreport that she has not yet passed the crisis which is expected to come early this week. Miss MacConnell is at the ing it was a "sublime absurdity" to urge the subsidy as a means of national J. Failing, No. 616 East 21st street preparedness.

116 'DOPE' ADDICTS AND OTHERS ON 'UNSAFE' LIST IN HOLLYWOOD

(Copyright, 1922. ) Los Angeles, Dec. 16. - Several a frown replaced the smile. took the list and glanced at it. Then ago a group of clean, high-

"You men should know that you are ninded and conscientious ngen, all ocasking the impossible," he said. "Why cupying responsible positions in the it would mean at least a two million motion picture world, under promise iollar loss to us to do a thing like of cooperation by the men in control that in the case of this one man. . We of motion picture production in Hollyare willing to do our part, of course wood, made an earnest effort to clean but a thing like that would simply be use from the inside. micide. We must remember that we

They conducted a painstaking invest are practical men and business men.' tigation of the private lives and habits REID FIRST of the members of the film colony in

Hollywood whose names are promi-nently linked with the industry. As a result of this investigation they pre-pared a list of "unsate" persons, chief-was that he was a drug addict and was known to use seven kinds of narly actors, or directors, then in motion pictures. The list contained 117 names. cotics.

pictures. The list contained 117 names. This list was to be directed to the at-tention of the heads of production with the recommendation that the person-named therein should to denied fur-ther employment at the studios. FROWNS AT LIST -Confident in the promise of coopera-tion so readily given them when the matter of reforming the motion pic-ture industry from the inside was broached, the mambers of this commit-te approached the head of production of one of the larger motion picture concerns. He received them smillingly. Constinued on Pare Sit. Column Threel

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Sauit Ste Marie, Mich., Dec. 18 .- (L. N. S.)-Twenty-three persons, members of the crew and passengers on board the tug Reliance, who were believed to have lost their lives when the Reliance Oregon City, Dec. 18 .- When grease was wrecked in a severe gale in Lake rom a frying pan on a gas stove in Superior, ar safe on board th tur Gray he Quality restaurant caught fire the according to a wireless message reflames spread to the walls and damage

ceived from that vessel this afternoon Captain Williams was among those rescued. No mention was made of the four others missing. The wireless message simply said

that 23 were on board and gave no details of their rescue. The Gray was sent to the aid of the

crew and passengers of the Reliance early today Previous survivors here reported they

had last seen the tug on Wednesday. She was then on her port side, lying about a quarter of a mile from the northwest corner of Rowe island, one Still Critically III of the Lizzard group,

The survivors, among whom was one Although still critically ill with pneu-monia, Miss Christina MacConnel, one of Portland's most widely known weman, Mrs. John Hartens, wife of Jack Hartens, the cook, were forced to traverse 16 miles of the roughest country in northern Michigan, crossing two rivers and scaling high hills, to reach the nearest lumber camp.

They said the storm which swep Lake Superior during the middle of last week forced the Reliance out of its course and onto the rocks. The large number on board the tug was due to the fact that the vessel had picked up lumber jacks from northern shore points

before the storm broke. Fear was expressed today that even if the Favorite reached the island she would be too late, as the islands are windswept and the men may be dead from exposure.

Two Midshipmen, One Seattleite, Let Out for 'Inaptitude'

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 18.-(U. P.)--Pwo midshipmen, Meditt Steel of Owings Mills, Md., and Frederick G. Sparling of Seattle, Wash., have been "dropped" from the rolls of the naval academy for "inaptitude" upon the for "inaptitude" upon the addition of Rear Admiral Wil-

on, the superintendent. Stewart Hawkins of Springfield Mass., and Bruce Robinson of Chand ler, Ariz., have been dismissed after eing convicted in connection with the All four men were of the first class.



hudgets is also recommended. A new cause of his city with tears in his eyes feature is that deeds for real estate and when he finished the forum rose shall give the true consideration in en marse and cheered him and his cause to the echo. "I do not believe we will be force order to find a basis for general

property assessment. into bankruptcy, simply becau SURVEY URGED lieve we are going to get financial aid," Gilbert declared. "The people of The county tax supervising and con-The county has supervising and count and and and a storia are a unit in wanting to re-Multhomah county is recommended for all counties in the state. In the matter of delinquent taxes it Major Gilbert sadi that Astoria

will be proposed the California system would never forget the kindness of be adopted. This turns the delinquent property over to the state to be held a long time for redemption. For assessment purposes it will b suggested that there be a survey and

classification of all lands and a cruise of timber lands. To encourage refor estation it will be recommended that no tax be levied on the land during the growth of the timber.

'WALLY' REID IS



(Copyright, 1922, by International News Service.) Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—"Wallace Reid suffering from a severe case of in-

fluenza and not from over indulgence in alcoholics or the use of narcotics. Such was the exclusive statement today to International News Service by the two medical experts who are in constant attendance to the film star who is fighting a winning battle for life at a Hollywood sanitarium after a

three months' illness. "When Mr. Reid was brought to ou ittention 10 days ago, he was in a mos serious condition, suffering so from intestinal trouble and with fever that it was amazing for him to be alive, said the physicians, who requeste their names be withheld.

"His major trouble was the blood count, which was half that of a normal person," the physicians continued "Abnormal pressure is due to two ill-

"Abnormal pressure is due to two in-nesses. One of these is typhold fever and the other influenza. Every test we made for typhold proved negative, hence we have arrived at the definite conclusion that he has influenza. His intestinal trouble has practically been eradicated as he is able to take nourishment now and get fairly good rest. Another indication that Mr. Reid has influenza is the manner in which his

The actor's condition today ported to be very pleasing, he having passed a good night, getting more sleep than usual and his temperature this morning was down to normal.

> but he has a strong will and a seem-(Concluded on Page Six, Column One)

**Five Students Hurt** In Sleighing Sport

Cambridge, Mass. Dec. 18.–(U, P)-Slight earth tremors were recorded at he Harvard seismograph station here indicated the disturbance to be about 1621 miles away, probably in the direction of the West Indies. If was stated, The first tremor was recorded at 7.38 a.m.

Portland throughout the trouble. Brigadier General U. G. McAlexander, "the rock of the Marne," addressed the forum on "Preparedness." DISCUSS BOND SALE Plans for financing a new hotel and other buildings by the sale of bonds were discussed at a morning conference attended by a group of Astori business men and a committee representing the Portland Investment Bank ers association. A proposal to finance the entire reconstruction of the burne

business district was presented by L. M. Phillips, local representative of S. W. Strauss & Co. of Chicago. No definite plan was agreed upo

but further conferences will be held during the week. Members of the com-mitte of investment bankers were Ralph H. Schneeloch, Robert E. Smith Willis K. Clark, F. A. Freeman and M AWATC.

P. Griffith. Astoria is heavily bonded and the 'Shimmy" Is Back cost of filling streets, paving, sewer and water mains, would be approxi-mately \$1,250,000, according to esti-mates of government engineers. Many So Blind Joe Is of the property owners are in need of Happy Once More assistance to rebuild thei places and it was proposed that the Investment Bankers association send a committee to Astoria for a genera survey and determine on a method of meeting public and individual needs. New York, Dec. 18 .- There's a feel

of Christmas in the air and Joe Mc-Donaugh is stepping high. M'NARY'S RESOLUTION FOR Joe is a big bulk of a man, but his ACTORIA BLOCKED IN HOUSE Washington, Dec. 18 .- (WASHINGeyes went out six years ago in an explosion. For the last couple of years he and his little dog, "Shimmy," of mixed ancestry, have been familiar on an uptown "beat." But last week "Shimmy" got lost from Joe in a TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)-Representative Hawley failed in an effort to secure consideration in the house today of Senator McNary's resolution for Astoria relief when his resnow storm and Joe's heart nearly for unanimous consent was blocked by objection from Byrnes of South Carolina, after a wrangle over and brough the training of the second second second stands well. Someone stindly picked up "Shimmy" and brought him to Joe just half an hour before Beniamino Gigli, the Metthe authority of the war department and the question of imposing som

limit upon expenditures. In the absence of any response from official sources concerning conditions and needs at Astoris, Hawley was at some disadvantage in responding to questions about what relief is needed dog for Joe. On finding "Shimmy" returned, Gigli bought him the best collar and leash and dog sweater he Gardner of Texas declared that un der a general law the secretary of war has authority to give emergency help, and if more is intended, he said, there should be a limit imposed. Representa-tive Mondell, Republican house leader, said he believed the resolution would not grant authority to spend more than possibly a few hundred thousand dollars and that only to relieve distress and prevent danger from disease. General Beach, chief of army engi-meers, has informed Senator Stanfield's office that a cursory survey indicates it would be entirely practical for dredging operations to be undertaken for the improving of the channel near Astoria and using the majorial for fill in the devastated section. General Beach failed to indicate that der a general law the secretary of war could find on the avenue, and pledged Joe enough money to open a news stand and candy store. Mrs. Jacob M. Ehrlich promised to provide the business site. Spruce Property Is **Free From Taation** Property of the United States Spruce

Production division in Oregon is im-mune from taxation, Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton ruled this morning. The ruling is an outgrowth of the attempt

in the devastated section. General Beach failed to indicate that this would be recommended by his of-fice as a relief measure. However, the policy of the department in relief measures being to draw a sharp dis-tinction between relieving distress and of Lincoln county officials to colle taxes on large tracts of timber which the spruce division acquired there dur-ing the war. The court held that inassinuch as the property was purchased by the government to further the war, and since no individuals derive profit matters of permanent improvement, congress could order the work under-taken as a river and harbor improvefrom it, it would come under the law granting immunity to all government (Concluded on Page Two, Column Two)

from the states. On this ground he will appeal to the governors for aid, believing the state units are a vital woodfrow Wilson's hope for a League of Nations and American participation in post-war European settlements will speak its mind this week on the Hard-federal governments in enforcing the Closer cooperation between scing the ing administration a depresent of provide the second state of the second seco

the country, Governor Henry J. Allen Leaders of the senate irrecor who during the long Versailles treaty fight denounced in the strongest terms of Kansas, here to attend President Harding's prohibition conference, declared to International News Service, any American entanglement pean affairs, are expected to be the first to broach the new administration Governor Allen said the public must be made to realize prohibition enmove in the senate. forcement would mean greater ecoomic prosperity, individually and na-

The question has been informally discussed among the senate groups but Senator Borah, Idaho, may deliver a speech on it tomorrow, His view; probably will necessitate replies by adinistration leaders and the result is likely to be a move in the senate to obtain complete information on the secret negotiations now being conducted by this government, with some form of

ware, Cox of Massachusetts, Ritchie of Maryland, Trinkle of Virginia, American intervention as the goal. Hartness of Vermont, McCray of In-Advocates of an isolation policy are diana, Kilby of Alabama, Hyde of at a disadvantage because of the deep fissouri, Freus of Minnesota, Olcott of mystery surrounding all the adminis-tration moves. No one in Washington Oregon, Allen of Kansas, Morgan of except President Harding and Secre-tary of State Hughes seems to know just what is under contemplation. Sen-West Virginia, McKelvie of Nebraska, Davis of Idaho, Campbell of Arizona and former Governor Townsend of Delator Lodge, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, admits he

does not, and ambassadors of foreign countries here are rushing about for onferences with one another, seeking nformation.

The manner in which Europe has grasped at this government's move as (Concluded on Page Four, Column Three)

## Loot Taken From Autoists Found in Southern Oregon

Grants Pass. Dec. 18 .- The sheriff's office here succeeded today in locat-ing part of the loot taken from sevsnow storm and Joe's heart nearly aral automobile parties in the vicin-broke, for "Shiminy" was not only ity of Sexton mountain last fall by guide through the traffic, but his room-

Following the escape of Oregon Jones and Elisworth Kelly from the local jail the officials put Mrs, Ore-gon Jones, who has also been under ropolitan opera singer, called around to see what he could do. Gigli has a brother in Italy who is blind and he intended to buy another arrest, through the third degree. After

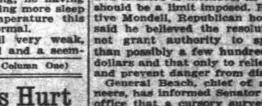
a short time she broke down and gave out much information about the hold-ups. She also produced a map, drawn along the lines of the famous Captain Kidd's treasure chest maps, which showed where part of the loot had been cached under an old tree wast of showed where part of the loot had been cached under an old tree west of the city. This loot consisted for the most part of a large humber of lyory tollet articles and silk clothing, the money to open a news

jewelry and money having been removed

So far no trace of Oregon Jones or Kelly, who escaped last week by overpowering their jailor, has been



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However, Reid is still very weak,

fever fluctuates."