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PORTLAND, OREGON, WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 27, 1922.—TWENTY-TWO PAGES.

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War Debt Negotiations to Place U. S. Administration in Puzzling Position When British Commission Confers With Harding

By David Lawrence... Washington, Dec. 27.—Great Britain's decision which has just reached for the United States to negotiate an agreement...

HANDS TIED... In other words, the administration now finds its hands tied by the act of congress which not only fixes an interest rate...

DIPLMMA DEVELOPS... If the agreement has to be thrown into congress to be debated and possibly delayed...

UP TO CONGRESS... He will either ask for an amendment to the existing law which is apparent the British have reached a vital point...

LITTLE PROGRESS MADE... While very little progress has been made in the negotiations with the French government on the debts question...

WANT U. S. O. K... On such an operation the American government might save a good deal of money...

INSPECTORS COST FARMERS \$247,348.16

Salaries Paid Inspection Department of Public Service Commission Eat Up All Fees; Burden Less Since Election... It had cost the growers of hay, grain, potatoes and onions of the state, on November 30 last, \$247,348.16...

FEES EATEN UP... Apparently, in spite of the large sum that has been taken in the collection of the department through fees collected for inspections made...

RIVER IS LIKELY TO REACH FLOOD STAGE

Continuance of heavy rains in the Willamette valley during the next few days probably will bring the Willamette river up to flood stage...

New Auto Licenses Permitted Today

Automobile owners who have their 1923 licenses on hand, will be permitted to place them on their cars after today according to an announcement...

Catholic Church Burns in Ontario

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 27.—(I. N. S.)—Another mysterious fire in the long list of church conflagrations in Ontario and Quebec destroyed the Roman Catholic church at La Salette, Ont. today...

Tillamook Is Shaken By Storm

Tillamook, Dec. 27.—A gale that shook homes in Tillamook and vicinity, tore roofs from barns and other farm buildings, caved in the doors of the Methodist church and blew the ticket office at the fair grounds at the edge of the city across the street, visited this region last night...

RUINS AT ASTORIA ARE TOPPLED BY WINDSTORM... Astoria, Or., Dec. 27.—Astoria and the lower Willamette river section of the coast were visited by a southerly gale last night...

Woman Will Be Prevented From Moving Her Home

Believing that Mrs. Ursula Gloor is acting under an hallucination, Circuit Judge Tazewell of the probate division of the circuit court announced today he will take immediate steps to prevent the tearing down and removal of her house at No. 151 Grover street...

Runaway Team of Horses and Wagon Sideswipes 5 Autos

Hundreds of citizens stopped in their tracks during the noon hour today to stare after a runaway team of horses and wagon which sideswiped five automobiles on the Washington street...

Sahara Desert Not All Waste Auto Caravan Finds It Cold

Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Tribune (Copyright, 1922.) Paris, Dec. 27.—Curious details of life in the Sahara desert quite at variance with most preconceived notions of that mysterious region, are being flashed back to Paris this week...

LODGE OPENS WAR AGAINST BORAH

Washington, Dec. 27.—(U. P.)—A conference to consider land disarmament, as suggested by Senator Borah in connection with his proposal for an economic conference, would be today in a speech to the senate, "unless, in advance, France withdrew her objection and agreed to cooperate with other powers in lowering land forces..."

REVIEWS CONFERENCE... "Perhaps France has changed her attitude since, barely a year ago, she refused to consider land disarmament reduction at the disarmament conference," said Lodge...

GROGGER SHOT BY WOLF-BE BANDIT

Edgar G. Wright, 53, proprietor of a grocery store at No. 414 Hall street, was shot by a highwayman who entered the store in the guise of a customer...

Denied Kiss, Wife Attempts Suicide

George Segun failed to kiss his wife as he left for work this morning. Mrs. Segun, young wife and mother of two little girls, is now dead, but expected to live from the effects of drinking poison at her home, No. 308 Sixth street...

Dry Agent, in Raid, Is Shot by Woman

Washington, Dec. 27.—(I. N. S.)—Ralph Ruby, a prohibition enforcement agent, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded this afternoon by Mrs. Minnie Cavill Chubbey at her home at 3209 Morrison street...

LASHES AID SHIPS LOST IN GALE

London, Dec. 27.—(U. P.)—Twenty-eight lives and five ships have been lost in terrific gales and hurricanes raging in the Atlantic and along the coast of England, according to reports today...

STORM SPREADING... Washington, Dec. 27.—(U. P.)—The storm that has been raging in the Atlantic ocean for the last few days and endangering many steamers, will strike the middle and northern parts of the United States...

Harding Expresses His Sympathy for Astoria Disaster

An expression of regret and sympathy for Astoria was received from the White House today by O. W. Mielke, president of the Chamber of Commerce...

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Says Clara Phillips Was in San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—(I. N. S.)—Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson announced today that he had every reason to believe that Clara Phillips, "blonde bombshell," visited San Francisco following her sensational escape from the Los Angeles jail recently and that the automobile which brought her here was still in the city...

Guiding 'Young Idea' PROMINENT in affairs of Oregon State Teachers' association...



NEW SCHOOL VOTE 2 YEARS ON ISLAND LAW ADVOCATED FOR D. LIGHTNER

"That every voter in the state may have a hand in casting his ballot on matters of importance to the state is the aim of the new school law..."

Russia to Import 1000 Ford Tractors

Moscow, Dec. 27.—The American Allied corporation has concluded a contract with the Russian government for the importation of 1000 Ford tractors...

Fred S. Morris Is Slightly Improved

Fred S. Morris, financier, was reported slightly improved this morning at Good Samaritan hospital, but still in a very grave condition...

WHOLE THING IS LIE, SAYS HELEN LEARY

Fabricated Story Because Elder Weir Mised Her and She Loved Son, Says Girl; Is Ordered to Cedars; Case Dismissed... The Weir household murder mystery and wonder of one week exploded with a bang today when Helen Leary admitted to detectives her strange story...

HE MISLED HER... "Cash Weir ruined my life and that is the reason I told this lie and tried to get him in trouble," Helen Leary told the detectives...

ADMIT ANOTHER LIE... The girl told the police she had lied to them when the party was returning from a trip to the mouth of the Willamette where she had calmly pointed out the place the body was supposed to have been thrown from the Weir launch...

\$2,500,000 Gift to Medical Unit of U

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dec. 27.—(I. N. S.)—The general education board and the Rockefeller foundation have made a joint gift of \$2,500,000 to the college of medicine of the University of Iowa...

New Zealand Feels Earthquake Shock

Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 27.—(I. N. S.)—Fresh earthquake shocks were reported from the interior of New Zealand today. Severe damage was reported from the region of Otago...

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