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## ITALIANS STUDY WATERPOWER PLANTS

By United Press  
NEW YORK, May 24.—America's hydraulic electric plants are to serve as a model for Italy's gigantic undertaking of the electrification of her state railways.

For the purpose of studying the principal American installations as a basis for the Italian project a commission of leading Italian technicians are now traveling in the United States.

Italy's decision to electrify her railways and all industrial plants possible, is the result of the first great economic lesson learned by Italy during the war.

As absolutely no coal exists in Italy, she is at the present time the slave of whatever foreign country can provide her with coal. Similarly any country, such as France, England or Germany that cared to cut off Italy's coal supply could reduce her to subjection in a few weeks without firing a single gun.

The effect on Italy's finances of being obliged to buy coal abroad is equally disastrous especially on her exchange. Hence Italy's decision to establish at the earliest moment possible her economic independence by the transformation of her almost unlimited hydraulic possibilities into electrical energy.

The first project for the electrification of the state railways provides for six thousand kilometers. As a matter of fact the great bulk of railways in northern Italy are already electrified and by carrying out of the above program practically the entire state system beyond the menace of any foreign coal power.

The principal electrical plants in the United States will be visited and studied.

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## MORE DRAINAGE ACTIVITY POSSIBLE

(Chronicle's Salem Bureau). SALEM, Ore., May 24. (Special)—For greater development of Oregon agricultural lands and greater strides in reclamation than ordinarily are dreamed of are possible through drainage, declares Percy A. Cupper, state engineer. Practically every part of the state, says Mr. Cupper, has land susceptible to reclamation or improvement by drainage.

It has been estimated that from 300,000 to 400,000 acres are susceptible to complete reclamation by this method, though this does not cover ultimate possibilities through drainage and diking.

### 50 Districts Formed.

Since the enactment of the drainage district law in 1915 about 50 drainage and diking districts have been formed, covering about 150,000 acres. Mr. Cupper mentions localities both in the extreme western and extreme eastern sections of the state that can be improved by drainage, and shows that development by drainage would be good business for the state and its people.

"One of the most important features of Oregon's agricultural development is the drainage of the marsh and overflow lands," says Mr. Cupper. "It has been estimated that between 200,000 and 400,000 acres of land of this class are susceptible of complete reclamation at a reasonable cost. This does not measure the extent of ultimate drainage and diking in the state. Some of the land that is now cultivated is vastly improved by an adequate system of controlling the water content of the soil, while irrigated lands not infrequently require the installation of a system of drainage to prevent a waterlogged condition.

### Districts are Small.

"Since enactment of the drainage district law in 1915, approximately 50 drainage districts and diking districts have been organized, including approximately 150,000 acres of land. Most of these districts are comparatively small and a large number of them are located along the coast of the Columbia river in the vicinity of Portland, or lie along the river below.

"Many of these districts involve the construction of dikes to prevent the overflow of lands during the high water and the installation of pumps to relieve the districts of water which finds its way on to the lands from the surrounding hills. We find an entirely new type of drainage districts in the eastern part of the state, where the application of water for irrigation has rendered drainage necessary. This work generally consists of a drainage canal or pipe line to carry water off the land and maintain the underground water table at the desired depth below the surface.

### Large Areas Available.

"This class of development has hardly begun. There are large areas in practically every part of the state which may be reclaimed by drainage or diking. Perhaps the most striking instance of this is the large area lying immediately below Portland, generally referred to as Sauvie Island, and adjacent lands. The construction of a number of diking projects in this vicinity has demonstrated not only the possibility of reclaiming these lands, but has also demonstrated the fertility of the soil and its greatly increased value after reclamation.

Dullier came to England to see

## Million a Day Saving Europe From Bankruptcy

OUTSIDE OF WAR DEBTS, UNITED STATES NOW HAS CREDIT OF TWO BILLION DOLLARS IN OTHER LANDS.

By Ralph Ford Conch

(United Press Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON, May 24.—Private American investors now are "giving staking" foreign industry and foreign governments at the rate of \$1,000,000 a day through purchase of bonds, stocks and other securities, according to estimates made by New York bankers who have reached government officials here.

Dollars are flowing abroad in a steady stream in search of hope for large dividends. The stream began immediately after the outbreak of the great war and has continued ever since almost without break. During the last 12 months, approximately \$250,000,000 has been loaned to foreign borrowers, despite the nation's widespread economic depression in the United States.

American dollars now are building docks and packing houses in South America, municipal waterworks and tram lines in cities of Switzerland and other European countries, elevators in Canada, and factories in France. And the dollars that are working abroad are not the dollars of only American capitalists. In large proportion they were invested only after having been saved from wages and salary envelopes. Through the Espia law the former trade and banking corporations have been organized in many parts of the country, every American who can save a dollar is being given

### WIRELESS TELEPHONES ON LINERS TO MEASUREDLY

By United News  
LONDON, May 24.—Wireless telephones will soon be operating on several great trans-Atlantic liners.

"I feel it my duty to give the British the benefit of my invention I developed," he said, "because in the beginning of the work when I could not get financial support at home, the British gave me that support I so badly needed and every kind of encouragement. They really made possible the work I accomplished in America during the war."

"Science has eliminated the last refuge of the tired business man," he declared upon his arrival here. "With in a maximum of two years all such passengers of big ships will be equipped with regular desk telephones. The passenger will simply lift the receiver and request connection with his office telephone number in London or New York and he will get the connection, just as he now gets the connection on land, and he won't realize any difference. My tests have proved that it is a matter now of equipment."

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## BURLESON PRAISES NEW GERMAN HEAD

By John Gradowitz

(United News Staff Correspondent)  
BERLIN, May 23.—In terms of highest praise, A. B. Burleson, former postmaster general of the United States, characterized Dr. Walther Rathenau, Germany's new chancellor, as a "sound, honest" official, and one who will get great things if he is given the opportunity.

"I am greatly impressed with Dr. Rathenau's energy and honesty, with his capability of handling the cabinet, and with his wholehearted nationalism," Burleson declared.

"He impressed me, in spite of his youth, as absolutely honest and strong. I think he will be able to swing things around."

"There is a great change here in the sentiment of the people since the signing of the ultimatum. There seems to be more confidence and determination. Whereas everybody seemed uneasy and nervous and restless during the previous six weeks, this feeling has changed and in its stead is the desire to get down to work."

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Burleson is a very busy man in the German capital. He is arranging to place some of the superious Texaco cotton here, and probably will succeed.

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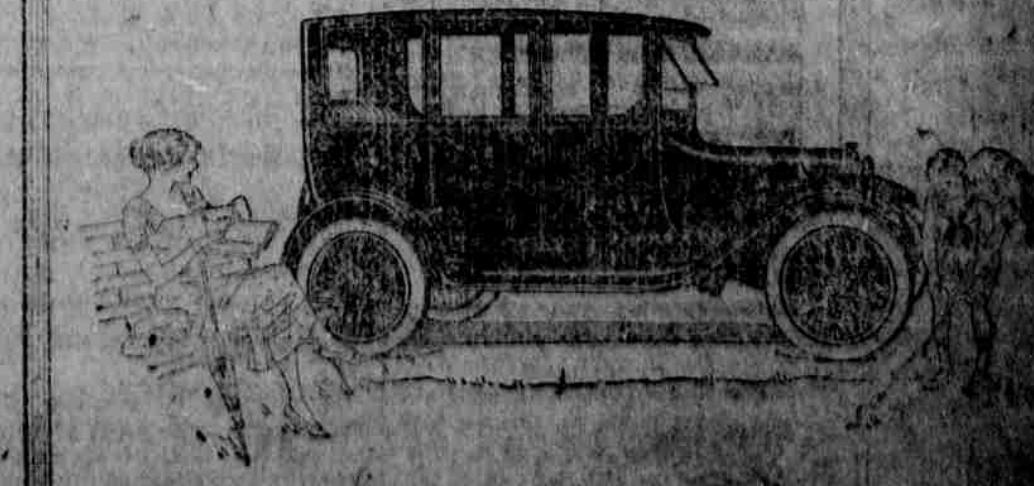
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