

# ACCOUNTING SYSTEM IS DEFICIENT

### Gillen Declares Best Men Secured Who Performed Duty in Honest Manner But Without Efficiency

# SHIPPING BOARD DID NOT EMPLOY EXPERTS

### Warrants and Vouchers Still Out Valued at Over \$1,000,000,000

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—A series of startling disclosures tended to support what he declared to be a "complete lack of adequate accounting system" in the handling of government funds were made here today by Martin J. Gillen, a witness before the Walsh congressional committee investigating the affairs of the United States shipping board. Gillen was a special assistant to former Chairman John Barton Payne.

Harding's Name Brought In. The name of President-elect Harding was brought into the record when Gillen said he had informed Senator Harding that it was the duty of the board to see that only big men capable of handling affairs entrusted to them be appointed to all departments. He said appointments should be confirmed by the senate only when it is determined that the men named are capable and efficient.

Balance Sheets Lacking. There was no balance sheet showing what funds the board possessed or in what banks its funds were deposited. There was no record in the hands of the board of securities valued at more than \$240,000,000 which the board held. The securities, he added, were found in the vaults of a trust company in Philadelphia, where they had been placed for safe keeping.

There was no record showing in detail how \$2,500,000,000 had been expended up to that time. There was no record of accounting with operators of shipping board vessels, nor any way of determining how much money had been placed for safe keeping.

Prior to the advent of Mr. Tweedale, he said, the treasurer of the board was only "an issuer of checks," oftentimes without supporting claim vouchers.

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# HARDING'S STORMY VACATION IS ENDED

### PARTY LEAVES ON SPECIAL TRAIN FOR NEW ORLEANS

Crowds Greet President at Towns Enroute; To Sail for Panama on Parismina

ON BOARD PRESIDENT-ELECT HARDING'S SPECIAL TRAIN, Nov. 17.—President-elect Harding's vacation in Texas came to an end today and he was well on his way toward New Orleans tonight to board a steamer for a voyage in southern waters.

# RECOGNITION IS WITHHELD

### Action Deferred Until Mexican Property Situation is Cleared Up

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Recognition of the new government in Mexico by the United States will be withheld, it was said today at the state department, until Mexico has made clear the effect to be given to article 27 of the Mexican constitution relating to property in Mexico.

# EVERGREEN STATE WINS

### Washington Takes First Prize for Finest All-Round Herd

PORTLAND, Nov. 17.—The state of Washington won first prize at the Pacific International livestock show here today for the finest all-round herd. Oregon took second place and California third.

# LOCAL FIRM ANNOUNCES LARGE DEAL

### Dibble & Franklin Now Believed to be Biggest Growers of Tulip and Narcissus Bulbs

# CALIFORNIA STOCK IS BROUGHT HERE

### Between Four and Five Million Bulbs Received in Salem Yesterday

An event of more than state-wide importance was the transfer of the entire stock of Holland bulbs of the Cottage Gardens Nurseries, of Eureka, Calif., to Dibble & Franklin, the local bulb growers, this week. This stock, aggregating both tulips and narcissus, between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 bulbs, reached yesterday, and the bulbs are being rapidly transferred to storage houses for immediate planting.

# Methodist Church Sends 275 to Foreign Fields

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—The largest number of new missionaries ever awarded foreign fields in any one year in the history of the Methodist Episcopal church left the United States during the fiscal year ending November 1, 1920, reports the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal church. There were 275.

# ROGUE RIVER RAGING TORRENT AFTER RAIN

### IRRIGATION DAM IN DANGER OF WASHOUT

Work on Construction Ceases Until Water Recedes to Normal Level

GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 17.—Thirty hours' rain and the melting of a three-foot fall of snow in the Crater Lake region, has made Rogue River a raging torrent and at the big irrigation dam project near Grants Pass all work has stopped on account of the extremely high water. The water at the dam having raised six feet in four hours during the early morning and there was a further rise of two feet this afternoon. The concrete work on the dam was so far along that no damage has been done to the structure, and should the water recede within a few days, as it probably will, concrete work will proceed without interruption.

# MARION RATIO 65 PER CENT

### Tax Ratios for Oregon Counties Announced by State Commission

Acting in the capacity of a board of equalization, the state tax commission yesterday established the percentage or ratio the assessed value of the property as assessed and equalized in each county bears to the full cash value.

Baker	74
Benton	59
Clackamas	56
Clatsop	88
Columbia	61
Coos	69
Crook	54
Curry	54
Douglas	54
Gilliam	59
Grant	70
Hood River	65
Jackson	62
Jefferson	65
Josephine	67
Harney	74
Klamath	79
Lake	57
Lane	92
Lincoln	90
Linn	66
Malheur	61
Marion	65
N Morrow	81
Multnomah	62
Polk	49
Shasta	53
Tillamook	82
Umatilla	82
Union	84
Wallowa	79
Wasco	77
Washington	59
Wheeler	81
Yamhill	60

# BE PROUD OF OREGON RAIN, SPEAKER ADVISES AUDIENCE OF PORTLAND CLUB MEMBERS

"Be proud of your Oregon rains, your Oregon mists and your Oregon climate. Do not deny that it rains in Oregon, for it is these rains and these mists that are the state's greatest assets."

C. L. Lewis, organization manager of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, in speaking yesterday before the Portland Ad club at the Portland Chamber of Commerce, urged members of the club to discontinue side-stepping the rain question in Oregon.

# SHORT CIRCUIT PUTS OUT SALEM'S LIGHTS

### CAUSE OF MISHAP ON LINE NEAR WOODBURN UNKNOWN

Farmers See "Fireworks"—Fuse Chambers on Big Transformer Are Blown to Atoms

The interruption of the electric light and power system in Salem early last night was due to a short circuit on a branch transmission line that runs north from Woodburn.

# FIRE DAMAGES KURTZ PLANT

### Four of Twelve Tunnels and Large Quantity of Fruit Destroyed

Fire early last night destroyed four of the 12 tunnels at the plant of the Kurtz & Co. evaporator, North Commercial and Jefferson streets, and in addition to damaging the building, destroyed about 14 tons of apples and other fruit, the amount of which has not been estimated. Damage to the building is placed roughly at \$1200.

# League of Nations Is Very Much Alive

GENEVA, Nov. 17.—"Very much alive," is the condition of the league of nations, as shown by the report of the executive council, Lord Robert Cecil of England, sitting as a delegate from South Africa, declared at today's session of the league.

# EDDY QUILTS TO SUPPORT MR. RITNER

### Roseburg Man Gives Way to Unanimous Selection of Pendletonian as President of State Senate

# THREE VOTES SHORT, INVESTIGATION SHOWS

### Desire for Harmony Back of Move—Qualifications of Opponent Conceded

Announcement was made yesterday by Senator B. L. Eddy of Roseburg that he has withdrawn from the race with Senator Roy W. Ritner of Pendleton for the presidency of the next state senate, and that he will give Ritner his support. This assures Ritner's unanimous election.

# WILLET IS LEPER

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 17.—Montana's leper, former State Senator O. G. Willet of Mineral county, is to receive, if the advice of the state board of health is accepted, the Chaulmoogra oil treatment which has effected the scientific world by astonishing cures in scores of cases of leprosy within recent months. It was announced today.

# MINE FIRE CLAIMS DEATH TOLL OF SIX

### RESCUERS GAIN ENTRANCE THROUGH AIR SHAFT

EARLINGTON, Ky., Nov. 17.—With the sealing this afternoon of that part of the Arnold mine which has been burning since yesterday afternoon when 17 men were entrapped, the death toll of the disaster has been definitely established at six.

# R. P. BRINDELL IS INDICTED

### President Building Trust Gets Money by Threatening to Call Strikes

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The joint legislative committee's investigation into the "building trust" resulted today in the indictment of Robert P. Brindell, president of the building trades council, charging him with attempting to extort money from contractors by threats of calling strikes.

# HAUSER IS SUCCESSOR OF BENSON

### Chairman of State Highway Commission Resigns Because of Differences With Other Two Members

# DELAY ON PACIFIC HIGHWAY DEPLORED

### Protest by Citizens That Will Require Explanation is Feared

Governor Olcott yesterday announced the appointment of Eric W. Hauser of Portland as the successor of S. Benson as a member of the state highway commission, after having announced Benson's resignation earlier in the day.

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Mr. Hauser is proprietor of the Multnomah hotel. He is now in St. Paul, Minn., and the offer of the appointment was made by telegram.

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