

## MARITIME COMMERCE ESSENTIAL

### President-elect Pictures an America Pre-eminent in Trade and Cultivating Friendly Relations

## NORFOLK NAVAL BASE REVIEWED BY HARDING

### Senator Asks To Get Acquainted With People Who Will be Partners

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 4.—An American pre-eminent in maritime commerce cultivating friendly relations but jealously determined to defend its rights was pictured by President-elect Harding today as he led his vacation and turned to the task of formulating policies of his administration.

Maritime Nation Sought. In a half dozen short speeches, he asked for a government aided merchant marine that would make the United States "the greatest maritime nation on earth," and for a navy fit to be the first line of defense for a people "everlastingly determined to defend its commerce and its rights."

He also spoke for an international peace understanding that should not sacrifice American nationality and took note of his presence in the south by forecasting a national unity that would "have the people of the old confederacy understand that that's only a memory."

The program of entertainment and speech-making arranged by Norfolk and Newport News to celebrate the home coming gave Mr. and Mrs. Harding one of their busiest days. After they stepped off the Pastores which had brought them back from the canal zone, they were kept on the move until late at night when they left for Bedford, Va., where Mr. Harding speaks tomorrow. In addition to numerous functions they visited the shipyards at Newport News, the Norfolk naval base and army base and navy yard at Portsmouth and reviewed a special drill of 10,000 bluejackets at Norfolk.

Harding Talks to Bluejackets. In a short talk to the bluejackets that Mr. Harding voiced his belief in adequate naval preparedness and in a nation "everlastingly determined" to protect American interests.

He expressed, however, a hope that they never would have to fire a gun for their country. He stood for a pre-eminent merchant marine was expressed in speeches at Newport News and at Norfolk. Stress also was laid on the nation's commercial expansion and opportunities of Hampton Roads in an address here tonight. Mr. Harding emphasized the auxiliary military importance of a strong merchant marine and charged that the chief opponents of an American ship subsidy in present days were agents of German steamship lines.

The senator and Mrs. Harding, absent since November 18, came ashore at Newport News at 10:30 a. m. after a greeting by naval and commercial craft. Ashore they were received with similar acclaim, crowds cheering them and city officials extending them all courtesies.

Service is Highest Calling. In his talk at the training station, Mr. Harding, declared his belief seldom has been so warmly as by the privilege of reviewing such a body of young American manhood.

"I have felt just a little special rejoicing," he continued, "to know that you are all here as volunteers. The greatest thing in life is service and the greatest achievement in life is the greatest service one can give. How fortunate it is that our civilization has been developed to a point where you are more than trained to defend your country; you are trained also to live for our country."

"The navy is the first line of American defense. No nation can hope to eminent in commerce in these times without a naval institution adequate to protect its rights. I want a nation righteous in its purpose, righteous in its commerce and then everlastingly determined to defend its commerce and its rights."

"I hope you will continue in your devotion and service to your country but I hope you will never have to fire a gun in defense of your country."

## PRESIDENT WILSON SENDS RELIEF CALL

### AMERICAN PEOPLE ASKED TO AID NEAR EAST

### 110,000 Orphans Are Being Cared For by Near East Relief Dependent on Contributions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—President Wilson addressed an appeal today to the American people for contributions to the Near East relief.

None of the allies in the war, he recalled, had suffered more severely in proportion to their numbers than the Armenians and other peoples of the near east. Recent renewals of onslaughts against Armenia by Turkish nationalists, the Kurds and the Bolsheviks, he added, had placed a million people in imminent danger of starvation unless aid was again offered.

"Relief work in this section of the world is entirely under the direction of Near East relief," he said. "Since this organization was formed it has raised and disbursed with great economy and efficiency more than \$41,000,000. A nation has been saved and at least a million persons are alive today who would have perished."

"The 110,000 orphans who are now being cared for by Near East relief and wholly dependent on the aid of the necessities of life will furnish the future leadership of the Near East. We dare not let their perish."

"Since the only hope of these stricken peoples is in America, I once more beg our people to contribute generously that these needs may be met."

## ELKS HONOR ABSENT ONES

### Annual Memorial Services Today—Francis Galloway is Speaker

The annual memorial service of the Salem lodge of Elks will take place at the Grand theatre today, beginning at 2:15 o'clock p. m., with Francis Galloway of The Dalles as the speaker for the occasion, and with Justice George H. Burnett of the state supreme court delivering the eulogy. The services will be public.

In all 90 members of the Salem lodge have passed beyond the veil since the state supreme court delivering the eulogy. The services will be public. In all 90 members of the Salem lodge have passed beyond the veil since the state supreme court delivering the eulogy. The services will be public.

Introductory march (Chopin) Elks' orchestra. Ritualistic ceremonies—Lodge officers.

Prayer—Rev. James Elvin. My Prayer (Charles Hueter) Mrs. W. Carlton Smith; Miss Ada Miller, accompanist.

Address—Francis Galloway. "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" (Roma), Albert H. Giles. Serenade (A. E. Titt), Elks' orchestra.

Eulogy—Judge George H. Burnett. "Morning" (Oley Speake), Mrs. W. Carlton Smith; Miss Ada Miller, accompanist.

Benediction—Rev. James Elvin. Closing Ritualistic ceremonies, lodge officers.

March finale, "Stars and Stripes" (Souza), Elks' orchestra.

## BUSINESS GLOOM CLOUDS DARKEN

### No Hope For Early Relief in Business Depression is Board Statement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—No hope of early relief from business depression is held out in the monthly statement of the federal reserve board tonight. Depression exists in most communities, the statement said, and one of the basic causes so far as the board is concerned, was a "continued and evident public determination to wait for prices to come down."

Manufacturing activities continued to fall off in November, the board said. A wave of "reduction sales" by retailers has not, it added, resulted in largely increased buying. A "corresponding decline in the buying power," reflected in the decided volume of trade of all kinds also was noted.

"It is impossible," the board continued, "to estimate the extent to which completion of the readjustment process may involve further slackening of employment and the increase of commercial embarrassment. The favorable elements in the immediate situation are improvement of transportation and easing of credit conditions."

## NATIONS OF OLD WORLD GIVE HONOR

### One Hundred and Forty-Nine Oregon Soldiers Decorated for Excellence of Service in War

## NAMES ANNOUNCED BY COLONEL WHITE

### Citations Tell of Valorous Deeds—Some Awards Are Posthumous

Because of extraordinary service abroad during the World war foreign governments have conferred decorations on 149 Oregonians. The names of those men have been listed by George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, as part of the permanent war record he is compiling affecting the state of Oregon and its soldiers.

Colonel White believes the record is complete. The names were furnished him by the foreign decorations division of the war department. The list does not include the names of those decorated by the United States, a list that will be compiled later.

Distinction Exceptional. The foreign nations that conferred decorations on Oregon men are France, Belgium, Great Britain, Italy and Montenegro. The Medaille Militaire, a badge of exceptional distinction, was conferred by the French government on two Oregon men and by decree of the president of France, six Oregonians, most of those regular army officers who entered West Point from this state, were awarded the Cross of the Black Star. Nine men, mainly officers, received the Legion of Honor Medal and 94 the Croix de Guerre. This medal was given out in France in large numbers for courageous conduct in battle, and in a few instances for meritorious conduct in the rear.

Ten Oregonians were decorated by Great Britain, 14 by Belgium, five by Italy and one by Montenegro. Brigadier General Amos A. Fries, chief of the gas and flame service in France, regular army officer who went to West Point from southern Oregon in his youth, was made a Companion of St. Michael and St. George.

Portland Private Praised. Citations which accompany many of the awards tell of the high courageous service. One mentioned by Adjutant General White is that which accompanied the award of the Medaille Militaire to Private First Class Andrew Amacher, 161 North Twenty-third street, Portland. It reads:

"For exceptional heroism under fire. Mentheek, Belgium, on October 31, 1918. Under a violent bombardment and in spite of the direct fire of an enemy machine gun nest in position in a group of farms, and which prevented the advance of infantry, he placed his machine gun in open ground about 800 meters from the enemy and opened fire, reducing the enemy to complete silence, killing eight Germans and wounding four, thus permitting the unhindered advance of the infantry."

Last Fight Described. Many of the acts of valor for which the awards have been made resulted in the deaths of those in whose honor the awards have been made. Among these is mentioned Lieutenant Newell C. Barber of Medford, an air pilot. His last fight is described by the following citation:

"An excellent pilot. He had taken an active part in the bombardment since July, 1918, and sustained some hard combat against enemy patrols on July 21 and August 10. Died gloriously on August 11, 1918, in desperate combat where his squadron fought one against two."

The names of those decorated and the award received follows: French Medaille Militaire—Sergeant Robert Fisher; Private Andrew Amacher.

French Cross of the Black Star—Colonel Edward W. Johnson, U. S. A.; Colonel Alvin B. Barber, U. S. A.; Lieutenant Colonel Thomas W. Hammond, U. S. A.; Lieutenant Colonel George A. White; Lieutenant Colonel Wallace D. Wells; Colonel John L. May.

French Legion of Honor—Brigadier General Amas A. Fries, U. S. A.; Brigadier General Harold B. Fiske, U. S. A.; Colonel Edward N. Johnson, U. S. A.; Major Severin E. Brett, U. S. A.; Captain Edward C. Allworth, U. S. A.; Lieutenant Colonel William E. Burr; Lieutenant Colonel Glenn E. Votaw; Lieutenant Colonel George H. Kelly; Major William S. Bidde; Captain Leland L. Smith.

French Order of Merit—Captain Fred E. Ames.

French Order Des Palmes Universitaires—Major Philip H. Carroll, Hood River; Major William H. Curran; Major Shannon L.

## WAR FINANCE BOARD REVIVAL PROPOSED

### BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED AT NEXT SESSION

### Senator Heflin Declares East and West Control Enough Votes to Carry Measure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—First steps toward remedial legislation for farmers by congress will take the form of a concurrent resolution directing restoration of the war finance corporation. This was made clear today in statements by Senators Harrison, Mississippi, and Heflin of Alabama, and Representative Byrnes, South Carolina.

Necessity of action by the president would be avoided, it was contended, by making the resolution concurrent in, for it would become effective on adoption.

"We intend during the first week of congress," Senator Harrison declared, "to pass a resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to revive the war finance corporation so our agricultural products may be marketable."

"The south and west have voted enough to pass such a measure next week," Senator Heflin said. Sufficient sentiment had been created, Senator Harrison said, "to impress upon those in authority that it is necessary that some immediate action be taken to relieve the critical situation."

## MANY MASONS WILL GATHER

### Reunion Slated for Army Wednesday Night—Judge Bronaugh Speaker

A reunion of the Masons of the Salem jurisdiction will be held at the armory on Wednesday night of this week. Over 700 invitations have been sent out for the big affair and it is believed no less than that number of members will be present. The program will begin with a banquet at 6:30 o'clock, and following this there will be music, addresses and other features, including the Masonic quartet and the Masonic orchestra.

Justice George H. Burnett of the supreme court, who is chairman of the program committee, has not revealed all details of the program, and it is believed some surprises are under cover. Earl C. Bronaugh of Portland, grand master, will be the main speaker of the occasion. He is recognized as one of the best speakers in the state.

The committee, one from Salem lodge No. 4 and another from Pacific lodge No. 50, will be in charge of the affair. The latter consists of George H. Burnett, M. L. Meyers and George G. Brown and the former, W. C. Winslow, Will H. Bennett and H. S. Bossard. The committees have been divided into sub-committees, Mr. Burnett and Bennett on program, Meyers and Bossard on hospitality, and Winslow and Brown on attendance.

A big effort is being made to have every Mason in the jurisdiction present.

## HEALTH NURSE QUESTION UP

### Court Takes Matter Under Advisement After Conference Yesterday

The question of whether Marion county is to have a health nurse for the remainder of the school year, following the three months' trial service which closes with the old year, was given a hearing by the county court yesterday afternoon. The court took the question under advisement.

A representative gathering from outlying school districts and clubs was present and urged the continuation of the work of the school nurse. Dr. G. C. Bellinger of the state tuberculosis sanitarium made a convincing appeal, setting forth the need of guarding the lives of the youth of the county through preventative measures, and establishing beyond a doubt in the minds of many of his hearers the advisability of maintaining the county school nurse.

Mrs. Herbert L. Gill of Woodburn, Mrs. A. M. Chapman, Mrs. John Carson and others spoke strongly in favor of a county nurse for Marion county.

The delegation made the story of a week's travel and appearance from the Baldwin locomotive works November 26, with \$4,300 of the company's money. Officers found \$2600 in his suitcase and the rest, he said, he had spent.

He was helping pay off employees when he took the money—"just drew a couple of years' salary in advance," he told the police.

## WIFE OF MACSWINEY ARRIVES IN AMERICA

### DRAMATIC RECEPTION IS TENDERED IRISH WIDOW

### Cause of Independence for Ireland to be Laid Before Sympathizers in U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Welcomed by shouts of a crowd who after her landing formed a parade and escorted her through the streets to her hotel, Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of Terence MacSwiney, former lord mayor of Cork, arrived today to assist others of her countrymen working in America for the cause of Irish independence.

Scenes which marked the reception accorded her were colorful and dramatic. At earliest dawn hundreds began making their way to the pier where the liner Celtic was to dock while harbor craft steamed out to quarantine for the first glimpse of the pale and dignified appearing young woman.

Greeted by a committee of five women, including the wives of the governor and mayor, who were permitted to board the vessel, Mrs. MacSwiney and her sister-in-law, Miss Mary MacSwiney, stepped onto the dock to be received by Harry Boland, secretary to Eamonn de Valera, president of the "Irish Republic" and other prominent Irish.

The party then made its way to the street, accepted the homage of the crowd who waved flags and sang American and Irish songs, and then in a taxicab headed the procession up Fifth avenue to the hotel.

Beyond a short expression of thanks for her warm reception, Mrs. MacSwiney made no statement. She will be in Washington to appear before the committee of 100 investigating Irish affairs.

## \$96,654,236 NOW POSSIBLE

### Increased Property Valuation of Immense Benefit to Road Building

With the states new assessed property valuation passing a billion dollars for the first time in its history, as announced by Frank K. Lovell, state tax commissioner, and considering the increased amount in bonded indebtedness for road building purposes that can now be created by the state and the counties, as voted by the people at the special election of last May, it is now possible for road bonds to be issued in Oregon to the extent of \$96,654,236.

The new assessed property valuation for the state is \$1,040,839,049.12. Under the amendment of last May the state can issue bonds for road building purposes to the extent of 4 per cent of that amount, or \$41,633,561.

On top of this the counties, by virtue of the amendment of last May, can issue bonds to the extent of 6 per cent of their property valuation. The total assessed property valuation of the counties is \$917,011,248. Six per cent of this is \$55,020,674, which added to the 4 per cent of the state valuation makes \$96,654,236.

For use of the state highway department in building state roads for bonds have now been authorized amounting to \$32,406,799, and \$19,140,000 has been authorized, leaving \$13,266,799 of the authorized amount yet unsold.

There is now talk in highway circles of asking the coming legislature to authorize an additional issue of \$10,000,000. This additional amount is not quite available, considering the present authorized amount and the present property valuation. However, the issue could be authorized, but not issued to the full amount until the property valuation should increase next year or in some other future year.

The difference between \$41,633,561, the amount the state can now issue, and \$32,406,799, the amount now authorized, is \$9,226,762, the amount that could now be issued in addition to the present authorization. This is \$73,236,000 short of the additional \$100,000,000 now proposed to go before the next session.

## Office Boy and \$3,600 Recovered by Police

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Arrested tonight after he had bought a ticket for San Francisco, Elliott Michner, 15-year-old Philadelphia office boy, told the police the story of a week's travel and appearance from the Baldwin locomotive works November 26, with \$4,300 of the company's money. Officers found \$2600 in his suitcase and the rest, he said, he had spent.

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## ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL UNEXPECTED

### Assembly Strikes Reef in Fog Caused by Amendment Discussions When Consideration Refused

## DELEGATES OF OTHER POWER'S REMAIN FIRM

### Rules of Assembly Are Imperfectly Understood by Sensitive People

GENEVA, Dec. 4.—The Argentine delegation's withdrawal from the league assembly today was the first reef struck during the three weeks' deliberation which had been going on with reassuring smoothness until it got into a fog in the discussion on amendments.

Independence Is Shown. Independence shown by Hon. Dr. Octavio de Brazil, supporting him, were regarded as ostentatious of a stormy session, but the Argentine delegation's extreme action in withdrawing was unexpected.

There were two currents of opinion this evening. One is that the directing minds have too much neglected the feelings of the smaller powers, and have erred in opposing discussion of amendments; the other is that the Argentine delegation has been too precipitate in its action.

There is no indication that the other South American delegations will follow the example of Argentina; most of them favor Pueyrredon's amendments but will not go to the extent of withdrawing if they are not taken into consideration.

Act May Be Temporary. Dr. Octavio de Brazil said he regretted that the Argentine delegation had found it necessary to take such radical action. He hoped the withdrawal would be only temporary.

From another Latin-American delegation it was learned there is much feeling over the manner in which the South and Central American delegations have been treated; most of them favor Pueyrredon's amendments but will not go to the extent of withdrawing if they are not taken into consideration in applying rules of the assembly which are still illy defended and imperfectly understood by the delegates. Several South Americans have considered themselves "roughly treated."

Hyman Withholds Opinion. There is, moreover, a marked sentiment among smaller powers that they are not expected to take any conspicuous part. M. Hyman, president, has been in consultation with M. Viviani of France, and other delegates regarding the situation arising out of Pueyrredon's letter announcing withdrawal. M. Hyman declined to make any statement before he placed the matter before the assembly.

Senior Pueyrredon's note to M. Hyman, informing the chairman that the Argentine delegation was leaving the assembly, refers to the vote of the assembly on the Scandinavian amendments and says that after deeming it an imperious necessity to consider amendments to the covenant at this session, he voted alone against postponement, desiring "the irrevocable decision which I had the honor to announce to the assembly by its interpreted accurately."

Pueyrredon Sends Note. It is necessary to distinguish among amendments in general," the note added. "Those that might have relation to the treaty of Versailles from those intended to modify the covenant in the noble object of guaranteeing humanity against war and assuring practical solidarity and equality among states."

All the amendments proposed category. They are: Admission by Argentina are in the second of all sovereign states; admission of all the smaller states, without the right to vote; composition of the council by democratic election; an international court with obligatory jurisdiction.

"These projects were brought here as Argentina's contribution; none of them diminished the obligation of the members, none restricted collective effort. On the contrary they gave fuller amplitude to the directing league by associating with its work all civilized humanity."

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## LANDIS JUSTIFIES BASEBALL POSITION

### JUDGE IS WILLING TO ANSWER CRITICISM

### Coddling and Humoring of Criminals by Probation Route Should Be Stopped

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—Federal Judge Landis, head of organized baseball, in an address tonight asserted he could see no impropriety in his accepting the baseball position and retaining his place on the bench.

He emphasized, however, that whenever congress decided his position with baseball interfered with his judicial duties and demanded his resignation he would telegraph it to Washington.

"There has been some discussion," he explained, "whether I could take up the matter of baseball and sit on the bench. I have always insisted a federal judge is liable to criticism as well as anyone else, and when a judicial officer takes on something additional as I have done, he is open to criticism of course. I wish approval but public opinion is entitled to its expression. If there's an impropriety here, I haven't seen it."

"All the time I could decently embezzle from the public for a good many years I did so for love of the game, and I will do all possible to put baseball on the plane where ten million boys and men want it."

He asserted the belief that the judiciary, by severe decisions, could do much to decrease crime. He urged "coddling and humoring of criminals by the probation and parole route" be stopped.

## FRUIT GRADING RULES ADOPTED

### Proposed Law to be Patterned After Washington Code for Uniformity

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 4.—A resolution that a legislative committee be instructed to formulate grading and packing rules covering all fruit growers as possible in order to conform to uniform northwest standards, Idaho has a similar law but no provision is made for a penalty so that the machinery of the law is not in good working order but steps are being taken to make it more efficient.

The proposed law would not make it mandatory for any grower to market his product under the classification provided but those classes would be recognized and have a definite significance throughout the state and the terms fixed could not be used by growers unless the product conformed to the requirements stated.

"It would be a matter of living up to grades. Now an 'extra fancy' means anything from a windfall to a perfect apple," was a comment made upon the resolution.

Today was prime day at the convention. John McGee, of Oregon, spoke on two new varieties of prunes which he declared promise to be popular. They are the "New Oregon" and the "Coates 1418." J. O. Holl, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association and assistants gave a prize demonstration at the association's plant here.

## DRAYMAN IS ARRESTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—A warrant was issued late today for the arrest of Robert Schartz, a drayman, in connection with the discovery by customs officials that 27 barrels billed as whiskey for shipment to Shanghai, contained only colored water. The whiskey was billed as being valued at approximately \$54,600.

## TOMORROW IS DATE FOR SPECIAL ELECTION ON SALEM SCHOOL BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR

From 2 until 7 o'clock tomorrow the polling place at the Marion hotel sample room on South Commercial street will be open for voters to ballot on the proposed school budget, on which a vote is necessary because it is more than 6 per cent in excess of the levy of last year. Six per cent in excess is the constitutional limitation unless the people vote for more than that amount. The amount to be voted on, including the excess, is \$166,062.70.

In a detailed statement from the school board printed elsewhere in this issue of The Statesman the school board presents the following reasons why the budget should be adopted:

Loss of county funds by the decision in the Jory case. Increased attendance of about 17 per cent in the schools. Opening of the McKinley school. General higher cost of operation. Taxes to cover bonus voted last year for teachers which was granted this year. Payment of past indebtedness. Those who are qualified to vote in the election Monday are all taxpayers in the district, including those who own stock in corporations which pay taxes.

## MORALITY IN BUSINESS IS EMPHASIZED

### Governor Coolidge Cites Examples of Wholesale Cancellation of Government Orders

## BRUNT OF DEFLATION BORNE BY PRODUCER

### Entire Economic Structure Has Been Disarranged by False Relations

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—News of observing the laws of morality in business was emphasized tonight by Governor Coolidge, vice president-elect in an address.

Improper Methods Used. Termination of the Democratic administration before America entered the war an example of what should not be done by businessmen—a violation of moral obligations—Governor Coolidge denounced practices of similar avoidance by men in business relations who, he said, seek their own profit regardless of others.

He cited recent wholesale cancellation of orders for merchandise as an example of improper methods. This, he said, resulted from extravagant ideas assimilated during the prosperity of recent years.

"From 1914 to 1920 Americans have believed themselves in easy circumstances," he said. "True, prices were high, but rewards of effort seemed higher still. All seemed so easy that people came to a condition where they did not care. There seemed to be an impossible demand for all human endeavor."

The result experienced, Governor Coolidge said, has been "disastrous."

"We are in an era of deflation and the public is trying to put all the burden on the producer by refusing to carry out its bargains," he declared.

The worst manifestation of this is the cancellation of orders, he said, cancelled "not because it was thought it would not be profitable to meet such cost."

"Our whole economic structure has been disarranged," he continued. "We have sought in our economic relations a false immunity and cannot be in any of the relations of life independent of the moral laws."

He said:

"It failed because it did not meet the moral requirements of the American people. It has gone now. I would be the last to cavil at it. But its lessons must be remembered. It asked in the first place that America disregard its obligations because it was more profitable to do so. No wonder the country felt duped when it had to do its duty additional cost or perish."

He quoted what Theodore Roosevelt declared he would have done when the Germans invaded Belgium and added:

"The administration said 'it kept the peace. What America should have required was not the keeping of the peace but the keeping of its soul.' It was therefore, not the result that counted."

"The great lesson of economic and past experience is that people and parties and nations must observe the moral standards. They have been disregarded in business with disaster, in politics with disaster, in the action with resulting war. If there be any advantage to be gained from these experiences it will be a renewed determination of the people and the government to meet their obligation. Germany has found out that."