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## OUTLINE GIVEN FOR ACTION OF NEW CONGRESS

### Merchant Marine, Soldier Bonus, Tariff and Appropriations Scheduled, Says Mr. Mondell.

### MOST BILLS YET TO TAKE ACTUAL FORM

### Source of Funds from Which to Pay Service Men Said to Be Evasive

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Legislative plans for the congress call for the enactment of bills to encourage the merchant marine, to provide a bonus payment to former service men, enact permanent tariff schedules, and provide the regular appropriations, Representative Mondell, Republican house leader, said today after a conference with President Harding.

### Definite Proposals Lacking

"There are no definite proposals on the merchant marine or soldiers' bonus which can be said to have the approval of the majority at this time," he said, "but the outline of subjects to be taken up include both matters. Every endeavor will be made in the house, he added, to have all the appropriation bills, which originate there, enacted by April 1, so as to give the senate time to consider them on final passage and adjourn congress in June.

### Plan Not Discussed

Mr. Mondell said he did not discuss with the president the "remuneration plan" for subsidizing the merchant ship operation. And he expressed the view that considerable discussion would be required before congressional leaders could adopt a plan of action on such a measure.

### There is a possibility that President Harding will leave Washington before New Year's, for a three days' visit to Pinehurst, N. C., but no definite decision as to plans has been reached.

## U. OF O. WINS FROM HAWAIIANS

### Score is 47 to 0 When Oregonians Meet Islanders at Honolulu Yesterday

HONOLULU, Dec. 26.—University of Oregon's football eleven defeated the University of Hawaii here today 47 to 0.

### Stanford's Rugby Team Beaten by B. C. Squad

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 26.—Stanford University's Rugby football squad went down to defeat before the University of British Columbia team here today, the Vancouver men winning 8 to 0. Except for the first period, when the Stanford men kept the British Columbia players on the defensive, the latter had the advantage throughout.

## SOME LOCAL PHILOSOPHY

R. O. Snelling, secretary of the Rotary club, says he has overheard members express themselves pretty freely on a number of heavy subjects and he just happens to remember the following: Otto Hartman—Life is full of disappointments. Just look at the girls who took first prize in beauty contests when they were babies. Harley O. White—Everything is cheap now. I'm willing any day to trade a bushel of oats for a dozen eggs. Charles R. Archer—If everybody lived in glass houses, burlesque shows would soon have to go out of business. Al Pierce, manager of the Mar-

## SANTA CLAUS ABOARD SHIP IN MID-SEA

### Jolly Kris Kringle Tells Children Him Sea Gull Brought Him Over the Waves

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The ingenuity of Santa Claus in overcoming obstacles brought mingled joy and wonder Saturday night to 50 children on the steamship Celtic, 500 miles at sea. They landed today still amazed over how he could have done all the things he told them of while the vessel pitched and rolled in the grip of an angry wind and sea.

Before a Christmas tree ablaze with light and heavy with gifts, Santa appeared. First he assured the youngsters that he had not come down the smoke stack. It was too hot, he said. He left the land of snow in a seaplane, he related, but met with an accident, transferred to whale, then to a huge seagull, which overtook the ship.

Among the youngsters who enjoyed the Christmas was Koss Campbell Geddes, 14-year-old son of Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador.

## WOMAN MAY HAVE THREE HUSBANDS

### Mrs. Elsa Berg in Jail After Arrest at Dallas on Polygamy Charge

### How many husband's are possessed by Elsa Berg?

According to officers, P. Berg, who lives near Salem and who is supposed to be husband No. 3, Mrs. Berg has been reticent concerning her past matrimonial experiences.

Upon complaint of an alleged spouse said to be a Southern Pacific employe residing in Portland, Mrs. Berg was yesterday arrested at Dallas on a charge of polygamy. The arrest was made by Constable Walter DeLong, who brought Mrs. Berg to Salem and placed her under the charge of Sheriff Bowser's office.

According to information given officers, Mrs. Berg has three husbands, in addition to the one whose name she now bears. One husband lives in an eastern state, a second is said to be an inmate of a California prison, while the third reputed spouse is the Portland man, according to reports.

One husband has stated to officers that he had no knowledge that she had been married to the California man. There is also a lack of evidence as to the number of times Mrs. Berg has been divorced, if at all, officers assert.

Mrs. Berg, who is in poor health, was last night confined in the women's ward of the city jail. She has made no official statement it is reported.

### Spaniards Cross River, Operations at Standstill

MELILLA, Morocco, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Since Spanish troops crossed the River Kert near Tikermin on December 22, operations have been at a standstill, but preparations are proceeding for a further forward movement, with the eventual objective of attaining Dardarius.

In the fighting on December 22 strong contingents of Moroccans were observed. When the Spanish artillery opened fire, most of them withdrew, leaving detachments which opposed the Spanish advance.

The native auxiliaries of the Spanish army led the way, advancing so fast that they outdistanced the bulk of the troops and came in contact with the Moroccans.

A fierce exchange of firing ensued until the small arms ammunition was exhausted. The auxiliaries continued fighting with rocks and other missiles until the main body came to their rescue.

The Moroccan casualties numbered 800.

## WAY IS MADE FOR COURT TO DECIDE ISSUE

### President Ritner Says He Will Not Sign Exposition Resolution and Bean Will Do Likewise.

### KOZER READY TO ACT WHEN MEASURE COMES

### Mandamus to Force Signatures or Injunction Against Secretary Likely

President Ritner of the state senate appears to have made it plain in Portland yesterday that he will not sign the joint resolution referring to the people a proposed constitutional amendment for a tax on gasoline to produce funds for the 1925 exposition in Portland. Speaker Bean of the house is expected to take the same course.

### Court to Get Case

This, it is expected, will open the way for action in the supreme court to test out the question whether the measure passed with a constitutional majority in the senate. The action would be started by a mandamus proceeding against the speaker and the president to compel them to sign the resolution.

However, there is a question whether a measure can be held up by refusal of the presiding officers of the legislature to sign it. If this were the case the secretary of state doubtless would proceed to act regardless with reference to placing the measure on the ballot.

### Kozer Will Act

Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, said yesterday that if the measures come to him signed by the speaker and the president he will once prepare to put them on the ballot for the special election called May 19, simultaneously with the regular primary elections. He explained that under the law it would be incumbent upon him to take this course.

In the event injunction proceedings would be brought against Mr. Kozer to prevent his placing them on the ballot, and the test case would get into court through that avenue.

### Receiver is Asked for Part of Hamon Estate

PORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 26.—J. W. Meaney, through his attorney, today made application to Federal Judge Wilson for the appointment of receivers for the Whitcliff Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railway, a part of the Jake L. Hamon estate. Meaney is a creditor of the road, having been connected with the construction of the line. His claim being in excess of \$100,000, he is seeking foreclosure of a contractor's lien on the railroad.

Due to adverse conditions, the railroad company has been unable to liquidate debts and local conditions have recently become such that the railroad earnings are insufficient to pay current operating expenses, rendering necessary appointment of receivers, he claims.

Receivers were appointed and were directed by the court to continue the operation at the railroad.

### W. James Held When Residence is Robbed

W. James, arrested late Saturday night by Deputy Sheriff Sam Burkhardt, is being held in the county jail on a charge of having robbed the residence of F. O. Johnson, who resides five miles north of Salem. James is said to have taken personal belongings and small valuables from the Johnson place when it was burglarized Friday night.

### Number of San Francisco Dead Increased to Four

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The number of dead as the result of Sunday's windstorm in the San Francisco bay region was increased to four today when the body of Samuel Quam, Oakland resident, was found floating in the bay off Alameda. The storm, characterized as the worst since 1907, caused damage in this vicinity estimated at \$100,000.

### VICTORIA HALTED

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 26.—Vancouver halted Victoria's winning streak in the Pacific coast hockey association race here today, the Millionaires winning an exciting contest by a three to two score. Seven thousand spectators witnessed the game.

## 1600 BAGS OF CANDY GIVEN TO CHILDREN

### Tremendous Crowd Attends Community Christmas Festivities at Silverton

SILVERTON, Ore., Dec. 26.—(Special to The Statesman)—One of the largest crowds that ever turned out for anything at Silverton, was present at the community program and Christmas tree last night given by the 4-L and 3-L associations.

The program was in charge of Rev. George Henriksen, president of the community club. The program consisted of talks by Mr. Henriksen and Rev. J. A. Bennett; selections by the city band, and song by the entire community, led by the school children and by four cornets played by Arthur Steelhammer, Chester Goplerud, Amos Benson, Harry Larsen.

The subject of Rev. Mr. Bennett's talk was "Universal Peace," that of Rev. Mr. Henriksen's was "The Blessings of the Christmas Gospel to the Silverton Community."

After the program the children marched around the tree singing "Joy to the World." About 1600 sacks of candy were given away.

## SENATE ACTION NOT APPROVED

### Street Opinion in Salem is That Recalcitrant Districts May Suffer

Street opinion of the late senate, which refused to submit to the people a chance to vote on the proposed additional gasoline tax of 1 cent a gallon to finance the 1925 exposition, is that for years to come, there will be a feeling that will crop out between the Portland representatives in the legislature and those from districts that would not vote to give the people a chance to express themselves.

For instance: It was just a few years ago that the eastern Oregon legislators, almost with tears in their eyes, prayed for a bill that put the state's credit behind irrigation schemes in the way of guaranteeing the interest on bonds.

Street opinion is that the next time the eastern Oregon fellows are asking something in the way of special legislation for their districts, the Portland men will remember a few things that happened during the special legislature of 1921, when all that Portland asked was an opportunity for the people to express themselves. Central Willamette valley might suffer likewise were it not for the vote of the Polk county members and the Marion lower house members except Martin.

The Marion county senators, opinion is, didn't help the valley by their votes.

The usual opinion is that Senator Hall of Medford will be remembered to his detriment if he runs for governor or asks some other favor.

Opinion is expressed that the senate should have given the people a chance at the gasoline tax method of financing the fair.

### Duty on Tomatoes Held In Need of Revision

MADRID, Dec. 26.—The official agricultural chamber of Grand Canaria, one of the Canary islands, has petitioned the Spanish foreign minister to open negotiations with the United States government for revision of the duties imposed on tomatoes, which are sent to America in large quantities from the Canaries.

### Canadian Penny Causes Death of Clement Pacyna

BUFFALO, Dec. 26.—A Canadian penny sent Clement Pacyna to Auburn prison, where he was killed today in an attempt to escape. When New York Central passenger train No. 15 was held up October 21, 1921, the big penny was taken by the robbers from a passenger. When Pacyna was arrested the penny was found in his pocket.

### Spokane Man Killed When Train Hits Automobile

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 26.—F. M. Taylor, aged 65, janitor of a school at Yardley, Wash., a suburb, was instantly killed shortly after noon today when the enclosed automobile in which he was riding was struck by an Oregon Washington passenger train east of this city. He was alone in the machine.

### MORE DISORDERS

BELFAST, Dec. 26.—Further disorders occurred here today. A dozens of men were fired in one street this afternoon but so far as known no one was injured. Soldiers restored order.

## FLOYD BOOTH SHOOTS SELF AT HIS HOME

### Son of State Highway Commission Chairman Commits Suicide at Eugene After Holiday Party.

### MOTIVE UNKNOWN TO MEMBERS OF FAMILY

### Death Occurs Six Hours Before Body is Found—Shot is Unheard

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 26.—Floyd Booth, son of N. A. Booth, chairman of the state highway commission, was found dead with a bullet wound in his neck shortly before midnight last night in the basement of his home.

It is said to be a clear case of suicide. He had been dead about six hours when found.

Booth was a mechanic and leaves a widow and four small children. He was 35 years old.

The shooting occurred in the basement of his home where the family had a Christmas party the night before.

No one heard the shot which ended Booth's life.

The motive is not known.

### Family of Five Killed By Fumes of Gas Stove

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—Fumes from a defective gas heater caused the death of G. Malmont, his wife and three children here Saturday night, as the family was preparing to celebrate the holiday. Police, called by neighbors whose anxiety was aroused today by the fact that the Christmas tree in the Malmont home was brightly lit since Saturday night, while none of the family had been seen, broke down a window and discovered the tragedy.

The bodies of Mrs. Malmont and the children were found in their beds. Malmont's body was found near his wife's bed where he apparently had been overcome as he attempted to arouse his family.

The police believe Malmont remained up after other members of the family retired, to decorate the Christmas tree; that with the task completed, he lit the gas heater, which had no pipe connection with the chimney to heat water and that possibly he sat down and fell asleep. He was aroused sometime later by the fumes, officers believe, but was overcome before he could save his family.

Christmas gifts surrounding the tree gave officers no clue to the names or whereabouts of relatives.

### Beaten by Masked Men Then Lynched by Mob

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 26.—Manuel Head, owner of a coffee shop, who after he had been beaten by a band of masked men, yesterday, shot and killed W. P. Decker, a prominent resident, was taken from the jail by a mob early today and lynched. He was shot twice before being removed from the jail, then taken out on a county road and strung to a telephone pole where his body was riddled with bullets.

Barricaded in the cupola of a house, Head last night stood off an armed mob until captured and taken to the country. Marines stood guard outside the jail while the mob had disbanded. But at 2 a. m. when the marines were relieved by deputies the mob gathered again and forced its way into the cell house.

### Five Men Are Accused of Recent Bank Robberies

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Dec. 26.—Five men were held by the police here tonight, following their arrest yesterday and today in connection with the recent robberies of the State Bank at Duppo, and the payroll robbery at Kincaid last August. The two thefts totalled \$110,000.

### Chilean and Peruvian Conference is Called

SANTIAGO, Dec. 26.—(By The Associated Press)—The Chilean government has forwarded a note to Peru accepting Peru's proposal that the two countries designate plenipotentiaries to meet at Washington to continue negotiations for a solution of pending disputes. The chief aim of the negotiations is a settlement of the Tacna-Arica controversy.

### THORPE WINNER

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Harvey Thorpe of Kansas City was the decision over Sailor Jerabek at the end of a 10-round bout here this afternoon.

## CONFESSES TO KNOWLEDGE OF WALL STREET DISASTER

### WOLFE LINDENFELD, who is under arrest in Warsaw, Poland, as a suspect in the bomb disaster in New York's financial district. Two secret service agents disguised as Communists gained his confidence. Lindenfeld, it is said, later confessed to knowledge of the plot.



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### Later Conference Looks

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### Under this suggestion, which has so far received no formal endorsement, from any of the delegations, the United States, Italy, Great Britain, Japan and France would undertake to maintain the tonnage of submarines they have stationed in the Atlantic, the Pacific, the Mediterranean and the Adriatic.

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