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## QUESTIONS OF GRAVITY FACE PARLIAMENT

### Re-Assemblage of British Body Regarded With Concern — Many Serious Problems Involved.

## SPLIT OF ENTENTE MAY BE POSSIBLE

### England Determined to Meet Turk Issue Squarely; Peace Hoped for.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—Parliament re-assembled today with questions of gravest import facing it for future consideration. Premier Bonar Law touched on two of these, the Near East and the Ruhr, the first involving relations with Turkey and the whole Moslem world and the second having a close bearing on the existing relations between France and Great Britain.

There has been much discussion as to whether the British troops would be withdrawn from the Rhineland. The prime minister said today he hoped it would be possible to retain the troops there but to a large extent that would depend on France and Germany, either of whom could make their retention in German territory impossible.

Withdrawal of the British troops from the Rhine, Mr. Bonar Law declared, would be a great misfortune for that would mean the end of the entente.

## War Believed Remote

The prime minister expressed the belief that there was no danger of war in the Near East, although the Turks were probably counting upon "our supposed wariness."

"We do not want war," he added, "but if it cannot be avoided, it must come."

The usual state ceremonies attended the opening of parliament and the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne attracted much attention. The king's speech emphasized that Great Britain was acting in the Ruhr so as not to add to the

## CITIZENS NAMED TO PROBE KLAN

### Return of Indictments Charging Assault to Murder to Be Asked.

BASTROP, La., Feb. 13.—Twenty citizens of Morehouse Parish from among whom on March 5 will be selected the grand jury which will be asked to investigate the operations of hooded bands in the parish and to return a score or more indictments charging violence from murder to assault and battery, were named today by the parish jury commission. On the day the jury is organized District Judge Odum will select from the panel one to be foreman and then the names of the other eleven members will be drawn.

The panel will be selected without regard to religious, social or fraternal relations, according to members of the jury commission. Members of the commission said that so far as they knew none of the men in the panel was in any way connected with the kidnapping and slaying of Watt Daniel and T. F. Richard on August 24, last, nor was any implicated in the many floggings, deportations or warnings by a "vigilance committee," which the state charges was composed of members of the Ku Klux Klan.

## THE WEATHER

OREGON—Wednesday, rain or snow west; snow east portions; not so cold northeast portions.  
Local Weather (Tuesday)  
Temperature—Maximum, 36.  
Temperature—Minimum, 19.  
River—3.3, rising.  
Wind—North.  
Precipitation—1.3 inches.  
Snow—2.1-2 inches.

## PRISON "CON" NOW NINETY YEARS OLD

### Man Sentenced on Charge of Threatening Life of Son-in-Law, Well Known

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 13.—Thomas Robertson, said to be the oldest man to be confined in the state penitentiary here is all of 90 years of age and may be older. Coming to the institution from San Juan county where he was sentenced on a charge of threatening to kill his son-in-law, Robertson, better known as "Tommy" Robertson is one of the pioneers and trail blazers of early Puget Sound days. Long before Seattle had a planked "main street" this aged convict married a niece of Chief Seattle. He was known and respected among the peoples of the San Juan Islands in the pioneer days as a fighter and a powerful man.

## SLACKERS ARE DECLARED FREE

### Thousands Who Evaded Selective Service Law Not to Be Punished.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 13.—Thousands of men and youths who evaded the selective service law during the World war and are exempt from punishment by the government under a ruling handed down here today by Federal Judge D. C. Westenhaven, who declared the joint resolution of congress, which the government has relied upon to obviate the statute of limitations in the prosecution of "slackers" and draft evaders, is merely "an expression of legislative opinion." Judge Westenhaven ruled that only when indictments had been returned and information had been filed before the expiration of three years from the time the alleged offense was committed can the government continue prosecution against draft evaders.

Indictments Delayed  
The decision was handed down in the case against Charles Salberg of Canton who was indicted for failure to register on June 5, 1917. Salberg's counsel invoked the statute of limitations, arguing that the government failed to have Salberg indicted until last December 20, although prosecution was barred under this statute after June 1920.

To controvert this, Assistant District Attorney Gerard J. Hillcox cited the joint resolution of congress, approved last March 3, under which it is declared that no peace proclamation act or resolution shall be construed as terminating the amendability to prosecution and trials of persons who failed to comply with the provisions of the draft law.

Declaratory Act  
"This is a declaratory act and not an enacting resolution," (Continued on page 2)

## STORM IS BREWING OFF COAST, REPORT

### Conditions for Today Said Favorable for More Snow; Warnings Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—A storm of undetermined intensity apparently is brewing off the Oregon coast, it was announced tonight by the weather bureau here. Warnings of the disturbance are displayed from Cape Flattery south to Cape Mendocino.

"An unusually large high pressure area extends from eastern Alaska southeastward to the Canadian northwest," the bureau stated. "This storm has caused snow in Washington and Oregon. Some snow has fallen in Idaho, but the weather continues fair in California and Nevada. Usually cold weather prevails in Washington and northern Oregon and a cold wave of pronounced severity prevails in the northern states between the rocky mountains and the lake region. Conditions are favorable for snow Wednesday in Washington and Oregon and for increasing cloudiness probably followed by rain in the northern portion of California."

## GROWERS GET DECISION IN BERRY CASE

### Supreme Court Upholds Principles of Co-operative Association Contracts — Lentz Is Loser.

## RULING IMPORTANT IN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

### Many Other Cases Pending Expected to Be Dropped Because of Verdict.

In an opinion handed down from the Oregon supreme court, Tuesday, the court upholds to the last comma the principles of the Oregon Growers' fruit delivery contracts, the cooperative producers' contracts generally known as the "California contracts" because they originated there, and built up the marvellous cooperative development of California.

The case is that of The Oregon Growers' Cooperative Association vs. August Lentz, of Salem, for non-delivery of loganberries. The case was tried before Judge George Bingham, last summer, following an injunction granted the Growers prohibiting Lentz, whose fruit was contracted to the association from selling elsewhere. The final decree of the circuit court gave the Growers a permanent order for delivery, and attorneys' fees and all the costs of the suit.

Many Cases Up  
The Lentz case is the first one of a number of interesting cooperative cases to go up for final settlement. They represent a number of lines of cooperative endeavor. One is the Marion county flax case, where a grower from Annville was recently adjudged in default for the non-delivery of flax to the Willamette Valley Flax and Hemp Cooperative association. Another is a poultry cooperative case from Dallas, where Judge Belt took another view of the validity of a similar contract that this Lentz case seems to cover on all fours. Another is a prune delivery contract from AL-

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## PRINCIPAL WANTS FOUR MONTHS PAY

### Walla Walla School Head Released for Issuing No Fund Checks, Sues Board

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 13.—William G. Smith, principal of Lowden high school who was told recently that he had broken his contract and was not expected to return to that school, and who is facing a charge of issuing no fund checks, in the superior court here today filed a complaint against the directors of the Lowden school district asking the court to allow him four months pay as recompense for the remainder of the school term. According to reports here, a school teacher named Smith, successfully sued directors of a school district near Yakima a year ago on a similar complaint. The trouble arose through a court order against Smith to pay a delinquent board bill at Lowden.

## BURNS AGENCY MAN CHARGED

### Letter Sent to Postmaster Threatened Death Inspired by Official, Claim.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—(By The Associated Press)—Charges that a letter sent to the postmaster of New York City in October 1920, threatening to kill him and blow up the Woolworth building, was inspired by an official of the W. J. Burns detective agency, were made today by Albert Babin, alias Balanow, confessed spy and agent provocateur, containing his sworn deposition for use by the defense in the trial of 22 alleged Communists at St. Joseph, Mich., February 26.

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## POMP MARKS WEDDING OF M'CORMICK

### Harvester Official Marries Bride Amid Usual Flourishes and Splendor

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Guarded by a score of private detectives, Harold F. McCormick, head of the executive committee of the International Harvester company and his Paris bride, Ganna Walska Puacz, Polish prima donna, who were re-married today to comply with the Illinois divorce laws, remained in seclusion to-night at the estate of Mr. McCormick's mother in Lake Forest. Although the ceremony was Mme. Walska's fifth and Mr. McCormick's third, it was marked by all the usual flourishes. A truckload of flowers filled the house, 20 musicians played the wedding march and a caterer from a downtown hotel served an elaborate wedding breakfast for the small bridal party.

## CLAIM LAKE VICTIMS LIVE

### Daniels and Richard Said at New Orleans — Medical Students Implicated.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Feb. 13.—The two bodies found in Lake La Poudre, near Bastrop, La., were placed there by medical students from a New Orleans college and were not those of Watt Daniel and T. F. Richard, as claimed, according to Dr. Lew Burger, of New York who was spokesman at an open meeting of the local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan here last night.

"Daniel and Richard are alive and well at New Orleans where they are under daily observation by Klan members," Dr. Burger said. He was introduced as "official spokesman of the invisible empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan." Burger declared Daniel and Richard would be produced when the Morehouse grand jury convenes to consider the findings of the recent hearing into Klan activities in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.

Explain Qualifications  
Another Klan meeting is scheduled to take place tonight and Dr. Burger has announced that he will explain the membership qualifications of the organization as well as other matters.

The meeting last night was largely attended and about 40 members of the local Klan in full regalia were in charge.

## SOUTHERN OREGON TOUR IS PLANNED

### Cherrians May Form Auto Caravan and Advertise Salem to State.

The Cherrians may tour Southern Oregon next summer as their summer activity, judging by the approval of the plan voted by the members at the monthly dinner at the Chamber of Commerce last evening.

The plan is to go in an automobile caravan, making a formal visit and parade in every large city along the route, as far as Ashland, then visit Crater Lake and remain over night, the entire trip to occupy about five days. The object of the trip will be to advertise Salem, and establish cordial relations with the towns in Southern Oregon, which have not before been visited by any Salem organization. The attendance at the meeting last night was one of the largest in the history of the organization, every seat at the tables was occupied by Cherrians. The matter received enthusiastic approval, all Cherrians pledging to donate their time to help make the affair a success. It was referred to the council of nobles with power to act, and will be put on provided satisfactory arrangements can be made and a date secured. The Cherrians, decided not to visit the camp grounds in uniform each evening this year, but to provide stickers for car windshields, to be distributed to all visitors at the camp grounds. The Chamber of Commerce will be asked to cooperate.

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## BOND ISSUE DISCUSSED AT SCHOOL MEET

### Little Opposition Voiced to Proposed Program — Responsibility Is Put Up to People.

## SPECIFICATION FOR SPENDING NOT LIKED

### Growth of City May Be in Districts Not Specified, Is Belief of One.

A public meeting at the high school office, Tuesday night, brought out a number of representative citizens of the city to discuss the pending bond issue for school building purposes. While both friends and presumed opponents of the bonds had been urged to attend, only one real opposer was there who declared against the big issue of \$500,000. One thought that \$250,000 might fit the public estimation better at this time.

The universal opinion was that whatever the school board says it actually needs for immediate building, will be supported. The board explained that since the defeat of its program two years ago, when it said a levy of 1 1/2 mills was necessary, it had gone no further in saying that it "must" have any certain sum, or indeed any money at all; it would spend, honestly, what the people voted, and stop right there; the people could take the responsibility for firetraps, for crowded rooms, for lack of grounds, for every sort of evil that might be corrected by a more liberal school policy.

Thorough Study Made  
The present program, it was explained, was proposed through the Chamber of Commerce, that had made an exhaustive study of the Salem school conditions. The board endorsed it, but left it for the people themselves to settle. Every member of the board, it was shown, personally and officially approves of the big plan as the only possible solution for adequate school facilities.

J. C. Perry, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said that he'd trust the board's judgment to the last cent they recommended. Dr. E. E. Fisher said the same. C. D. Purvine said that he would not favor any plan that did not take care of all the old wooden buildings, to replace with fire-proof units.

Specification Objected to  
J. C. Albert objected to the larger appropriation that specified where the money should be spent; on the ground that the city might grow phenomenally in some district not there specified, before the money was all spent, and still the board would be committed to spend the money in these specified places instead of taking care of the new growth. It was pointed out that, whatever it was, the special local development, any normal growth would call for all the expenditures proposed under the petition plan; and that to provide a definite sum for every district now in existence, while all are urgently needing immediate attention, is the only rational, far-seeing way to build a good system. It was argued by various speakers that to put up any small, localized program, would mean to invite defeat from all the other localities that now feel their own needs are as important as those of any other sections.

Condition Summed Up  
William Gahlsdorf told of a recent visit to the Washington school, and said it was an admirable scheme to call it good enough to let alone until a big fire gets it and its inmates.

Chairman, Walter Winslow summed up the condition, on the board's investigation, like this: "Here we are, with schools overcrowded, facing fire dangers. If something happens from overcrowding, as happened to the Kelso bridge, the people of Salem will pay an awful price. If we don't agree to some definite program, we'll get no program at all. Experience shows that within the next 15 years at even the worst possible figures, we shall need the last cent of this bond issue; we shall spend none of the money until it is needed. If we knew that the people would vote for each special need as fast as it arises, we could wait; but to do that jeopardizes every need, serially."

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## LATE RUMOR SAYS CLARA IN MEXICO

### Governor of Chihuahua Orders Police to Arrest Hammer Slayer if Found

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Governor I. C. Enriquez of Chihuahua, Mexico, has ordered the police of his state to arrest Mrs. Clara Phillips, escaped hammer murderess, if she can be found, according to a telegram received from him here today by Garza Leal, Mexican consul.

Unverified reports have reached Sheriff William I. Traeger of Los Angeles that Mrs. Phillips, who escaped from the county jail here after being convicted of slaying Mrs. Alberta Meadows with a hammer was seen recently in the city of Chihuahua.

## MOSER FAILS TO SAVE BILL

### Senate Refuses to Allow Measure That Would Curb Initiative Privilege.

Senator Moser waged single-handed and lost a fight in the senate last night to save Representative Kuehn's bill No. 198, which proposed to make it necessary for persons wishing to sign initiative or referendum petitions to go to the office of the county clerk to sign them and to do away with the system of employing paid circulators. The bill was indefinitely postponed on motion of Senator Clark.

Moser vehemently defended the bill and was scathingly rebuked for his pains by Joseph. "This bill is not intended to destroy the initiative and referendum as some people have said," declared Moser, "but it is

## AMERICAN "ACE" TALKS AT BLIGH

### Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Addresses Salem Audience on War Topics.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, American ace of all flying aces in the world war, world famous race driver before the war, famous car designer since the war, and good fellow, was a Salem visitor Tuesday night. He came down from Portland, at the invitation of the Salem School of Automotive Engineering, to give a brief address to the public at the Bligh theater, from 6 to 7 o'clock in the evening.

They came near attending his funeral instead of his lecture. On the road near Canby, the car in which he and three other men were driving skidded on the slippery road, and took a header into the ditch. It was being driven by L. Therkelsen, a race driver of 15 years experience, and then aviator. The occupants of the car agree that if they had been in an ordinary touring car, they'd have been as dead as smelts in a second. Fortunately they were driving a sedan, and the sturdy body saved them from other than a few bumps. The fine car, however was pretty badly crippled, and they had to send back to Portland for another one to bring them the rest of the way. Captain Rickenbacker still suffered a headache when he addressed his audience at the Bligh. They drove back to Portland last night, after supper. The whole party are of the Rickenbacker car company.

Captain Rickenbacker is a charming speaker, cultured, soft-voiced, with a choice of words that gives him real distinction. His stories of the war—his not a word about racing or about car building or selling—were thrilling in their presentation. It was an inclement night, and most people hurried or stayed at home for the evening; but those who did come out to hear the gallant captain, had a real treat. The enterprise of the Automotive school men, Messrs. J. H. Milson and Lee Eyerly, in bringing him here and paying for the theater so as to present the famous American aeronaut to a Salem audience is matched only by his courtesy and affability.

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## SENATE VOTE ON DEBT BILL MAY BE TODAY

### Administration Shipping Bill Is Sidetracked for Settlement Measure — Future Uncertain.

## DEMOCRATS CRITICISE BRITISH AGREEMENT

### Adoption of New Motion Must Be Made to Bring Ship Bill Back.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The British debt funding bill unexpectedly was given a clear field today in the senate and the administration shipping bill was formally sidetracked, temporarily, and possibly permanently. The shipping bill was voted aside as the result of a parliamentary situation, which developed suddenly, and Democratic opposition to the measure.

Administration leaders hope to obtain a vote on the debt funding measure tomorrow or Thursday and again have the senate proceed with the shipping measure, but opposition to both bills has left the future uncertain. Eventual passage of the British debt measure by a large majority is generally conceded, but the shipping bill's fate is more in doubt.

Democrats Fire Broadside  
The British debt measure occupied most of today's session with extended addresses in its behalf by Chairman McCumber of the finance committee and Senator Smoot of Utah, ranking committee Republican and a member of the allied debt commission, which negotiated and recommended the British funding agreement. Both declared that it was the best possible to obtain, and Senator Smoot said that none as favorable could be expected from any other debtor nation.

The British agreement was subjected to a continual fire of inquiry and criticism from the Democratic side, and the minority stressing that congress should be given power to pass on all future debt arrangements. Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, introduced an amendment to this effect, while Senator Jones, Democrat, New Mexico, offered a substitute bill providing for acceptance of the British funding agreement, but without other amendment of the law.

Supplanting of the shipping bill came as a surprise, both to the Republican and Democratic sides. The motion to lay it aside was made by Senator Jones, Republican, Washington, its manager, after Senator King, Democrat, Utah had wrecked a plan, agreed upon by Republican leaders in conference with President Harding today and yesterday at the White House to have the shipping measure temporarily laid aside for the British funding bill. Senator King refused unanimous consent to the arrangement and Senator Jones then unexpectedly moved to give the British funding bill right of way.

This destroyed the privileged status held by the shipping bill since December 11 last when debate was begun. It was conceded to be the most severe setback of the many already suffered by the bill which for months has been laid aside temporarily by unanimous consent for consideration of all annual appropriations and many other bills. It can only be brought before the senate again by adoption of a new motion which opponents said they believed they could defeat.

GIRL DISAPPEARS  
EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 13.—Mary Powers, 16, high school student of this city, has disappeared, leaving a number of bad checks behind her, according to the police. Her parents said that she had no reason to run away from home.

## WATCH the WANT ADS

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To buy or sell a car?  
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To rent a home?  
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