



# BONUS HELD UNTIMELY

## Powers Accept Offer

### Favorable Responses to Disarmament Session Proposal Received—One Lacking

Washington, July 12.—Favorable responses are understood to have been received today from all but one of the powers to which the United States suggested a conference on reduction of armaments and related questions.

Paris, July 12.—"The French government will accept with pleasure and without reserve an invitation to a conference on the limitation of armaments," according to a letter sent to the American embassy by the government today, President Harding.

Premier Briand later publicly expressed thanks to President Harding for "his noble initiative" in the chamber of deputies and into cheers.

The senate in its turn was pleased to unusual enthusiasm in approval of President Harding's plan when the announcement regarding the government's action was made in that body.

Briand to Be Delegate  
It was said at the foreign office that Premier Briand probably would represent France at the proposed conference but that who was sent would go with the idea of cooperating wholeheartedly in any scheme for disarmament compatible with the security of France.

The French government makes reservations regarding the proposed conference, being willing, it is stated, to discuss the limitation of land as well as naval armaments, always with the proviso that ample provision be assured against any further eventuality of aggression from the east.

Event Termed Epochal  
London, July 12.—The world on the eve of the most epochal event in history. This is the verdict of the newspapers and statesmen here following President Harding's offer and the British government's acceptance.

The scene in the house of commons yesterday afternoon when Premier Lloyd-George announced Great Britain's hearty acquiescence in the proposal was a hushed and crowded chamber and when he declared that the government welcomed such a move and would do its utmost to make it a success, there was a stamp of applause from all quarters, which in the opinion of old journalists has never been equalled since the announcement of the armistice with Germany.

Mr. Lloyd-George spoke with an earnestness worthy of the momentous subject and placed great emphasis upon the declaration that the conference failed it would be because the British withheld its support.

## "Miracle Man" Missing



Photo shows "Brother Isalah," who earned for himself the name of "Miracle Man" while performing before large crowds in California. There is no record of his having completely cured any crippled or deformed person. Many claim to have been cured by the aged man immediately after leaving him, but scientists and doctors investigating his healing power said that these people were suffering from mob hysteria and believed themselves cured, only to find themselves as badly off as before, if not worse, after the excitement wore off. He has left Los Angeles suddenly, after a cry was raised, and can not be found anywhere. Brother Isalah operated in Salem about a year ago.

## No Appeal To Be Made From Jury Verdict In Todd Case

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## Express Wages Are Cut

### Railroad Labor Board Orders Reduction of Six Cents Per Hour Effective Aug. 1

Chicago, July 12.—Employees of the American Railway Express company will receive a wage reduction of six cents an hour, beginning August 1, under a decision of the United States railroad labor board today. The cut will affect all employees of the company except a few hundred shopmen, about 50,000 workers, or 25 per cent under the normal force being in the express service at the present time.

No reduction of express rates is contemplated at this time as a result of the wage cut, express company officials said today. It is estimated that approximately \$8,000,000 will be sliced off the annual labor bill of the company under the reduction, with the present number of employees. The company normally employs between seventy thousand and seventy five thousand workers.

## Ohian Named Grand Ruler of Elks Lodges

Los Angeles, Cal., July 12.—William W. Mountain of Toledo, Ohio, was today elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at their grand lodge session here. He was the unanimous choice of the grand lodge. The rest of the lodge officers were filled as had been previously planned and announced. The lodge convened last evening and got down to business today.

The week originally set apart for the program of the grand lodge was found too short to contain all the events that the local Elks wanted to present to their visitors, so the affair extended itself over...

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## De Valera And Party In London

London, July 12.—Eamonn de Valera and the other Irish republican leaders who are to participate in the conference with Prime Minister Lloyd-George Thursday, arrived in London from Dublin tonight. They received a tumultuous reception.

Navy Bill Signed.  
Washington, July 12.—The annual naval appropriation bill was signed late today by President Harding.

## Loganberry Price Hits New Level

### Oregon Packing Company Advances Bid to Three Cents; Crop Estimates Cut

The bottom price for loganberries in the Salem cannery market advanced to three cents this morning when the Oregon Packing company, heretofore bidding 2 1/2 cents for berries, announced that they would pay the higher figure.

The scarcity of berries offered at the 2 1/2 cent price and the fact that the crop will probably run short of first estimates are believed responsible for the advance. Indications today are that the crop in the Salem area, estimated early in the season at 5,000 tons, will run somewhat short of 4,500 tons.

Slow ripening, due to the absence of hot weather, is held responsible for the slowness with which the berries are being delivered to the canneries, and indications are that the season will be drawn out over a longer period than usual.

The loganberry season is going full swing now and with the season advanced over two weeks they have just about reached their maximum volume. In the opinion of P. Adams, in charge of the house of the Oregon Growers...

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## Compensation Measure Would Imperil Nation's Finances Says Harding

### Court Says Two Trials Not Legal

#### Supreme Court Rules Violator of Dry Law Once Convicted Can Not Be Tried Again

A man cannot be tried and convicted twice for the same offense. It is a citizen's constitutional right to plead "former jeopardy."

So held Justice Johns in an opinion handed down this morning in which he reversed Judge Knowles, of Union county, and remanded a case, which had been appealed after the defendant, Ward Smith, had been fined \$100 by the lower court on a charge of having intoxicated liquor in his possession.

Smith was arrested on May 19, 1920, on a warrant issued by the federal court in Portland, pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully possessing liquor, and paid a fine of \$250. On June 10, 1920, he was indicted by the Union county grand jury for the same offense. His plea of former jeopardy, subsequently entered, was met by a demurrer which was sustained by the lower court. Later he was convicted and fined \$100. "The demurrer," Justice Johns' opinion said, "should have been overruled."

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## President Tells Senate Effort of Extending Billions In Gratuities Would Menace Work of Rehabilitating Disabled and Dependent Veterans; Reduction of Tax Held Necessary

Washington, July 12.—Enactment at the present moment of adjusted compensation legislation for veterans of the world war would "greatly imperil the financial stability of our country," President Harding told the senate today in the second address he has made to that body during his administration.

Every obligation is to the disabled and dependent, the president said, and the executive branch owed it to the country "frankly to state the difficulties we daily are called upon to meet and the added peril this measure would bring."

"This menacing effort to expend billions in gratuities will imperil our capacity to discharge our first obligations to those we must not fail to aid," he said.

After a four months survey of the conditions "which would stagger all of us were it not for our abiding faith in America," the president said he was fully persuaded that three things were essential to restoration.

"These are," he continued, "the revision, including reduction, of our internal taxation, the refunding of our war debt and the adjustment of our foreign loans."

"It is vitally necessary to settle these problems before adding to our treasury any such burden as is contemplated in the pending (soldier bonus) bill."

Fears Depression  
Mr. Harding said it was "unthinkable" to expect business revival while maintaining "the excessive taxes of war" and "quite as unthinkable" to reduce tax burdens while committing the treasury to additional obligations ranging "from three to five billion dollars."

"If the exercise of the option should call for cash running into billions, the depression in finance and industry would be so marked that vastly more harm than good would attend."

"Overburdening of the treasury now means positive disaster in years immediately before us," he said. "Merest prudence calls out in warning."

Text of Message  
Following is the full text of President Harding's address to the senate:

Mr. President and gentlemen of the senate:  
There has come to my attention the pending unfinished business before the senate, and it is an imperative duty to convey to you the probable effect of the passage at this time of the proposed act, providing for adjusted compensation to our service men in the World war. If this measure could be made effective at the present time and without hindrance to the readjustment of our present an entirely than that which personal as or, which faith, of

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