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## DRAFT REQUEST TO OFFICIALS TO BURY HATCHET

### Resolution Ready Calling On Meier and Holman Cooperate or Resign

### Legislature Disgusted With Scrapping—Cold Storage for Spite Bills

By HARRY N. CRAIN  
Disgusted by the frequent exhibitions of personal malice and spite between Governor Julius Meier and Rufus Holman, state treasurer, which have marred and disrupted legislative procedure members of the legislature, including some of the house and senate leaders, are openly discussing the advisability of formally requesting the two members of the board of control to settle their differences by burying the hatchet for the duration of the session at least, and put their shoulders to the wheel in an endeavor to straighten out the financial tangle in which the state finds itself.

A resolution calling upon the governor and treasurer to forget their differences and step into the harness, or resign to make place for

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## VOTE REVISION OF GLASS BILL

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Drastic revision of the Glass bank bill was voted today by the senate in approving a compromise amendment on branch banking limiting this practice to about nine states where it is permitted among state institutions.

The vote ended the spirited fight by a small group of democratic liberals against the clause permitting branch banking in all states regardless of state laws prohibiting it.

However, other contests were in the offing and the ultimate fate of the bill this session was in doubt.

The vote for the compromise was 52 to 17.

The senate today voted to extend for another year the provisions of the Glass-Stearns act for expansion of the "free gold" supply. The house has yet to act. Presidential approval is expected.

The bill would permit a continuation for a year dating from March 3 next, of the authority for federal reserve banks to pledge with the federal reserve agent government securities as collateral for additional reserve notes.

The purpose is to maintain a greater supply of gold in the hands of federal reserve banks for whatever use demand requires.

## NO REPENTING IN FRENCH CHAMBER

Paris, Jan. 21 (AP)—Members of the French chamber of deputies who forced default on the December 15 war debt payment to the United States were unrepentant today after Washington's invitation to Great Britain to consider the debt question.

The reaction in government circles was not bitter. It was pointed out that the Washington move was expected because the United States has insisted on separate negotiations with each debtor.

While followers of Edouard Herriot, who was overthrown because he insisted on the December payment, reminded members of parliament of Herriot's warning that nations who had paid would be certain of more favorable treatment by Washington than defaulters, the majority of the chamber remained indifferent.

A cabinet meeting today was devoted solely to discussion of the 1933 budget. Washington's invitation to London to discuss debts was not considered.

## BRITISH MOTORSHIP GROUNDS, COLUMBIA

Portland, Jan. 21 (AP)—The merchants exchange here received a radio report at 3:30 a. m. today that the British motorship Moveria of the Donaldson line was aground in the Columbia river off Henri, Ore., about 20 miles from Portland.

The message, received from the steamer, gave no details, which was construed by the exchange here as indicating the vessel was not in any immediate distress. No further report had been received by 8 a. m.

## Good Evening!

### Sips for Supper By DON UPJOHN

Albert Tozier, retiring as caretaker of Champeog park, says in the past eight years fewer people have visited the park in team drawn vehicles than by any other method except air. There was 26 come in by team and 13 in airplanes, but 832 thought enough of the old place to hoof it in. Over 700,000 came in automobiles. The old horse may be coming back but he's pretty slow about it.

### BETTY GETS THE ERG She's forgot her quarterback at Harvard;

She no longer loves a half at old Purdue; She gave the air to the full she knew at Fordham, And the tackle with his eyes of Navy blue. She's off the end she knew at old Willamette, She couldn't stand the letters of his frat; She things college boys are nothing but palookas, Since she's tumbled for a ritzy Technocrat.

Now if Leon Barrick and his crooning coroner's quartette will take up this unrefinement of an old ballad maybe they can do the cause as much good as John Clifford can before the art league.

It seems a technocrat says the machine has ruined the country. And then he boasts he made the machine. Thusly it appears he ruined the country. And now he wants to rule it.

"Will Rogers Ragged Paris Conceded a Heart of Gold," said a recent headline in the Chicago Daily News. There's no one will deny that board of control members also have hearts of gold.

While folks of the state are cutting up over the rumpus being made by Meier and Holman think Oregon hasn't a Huey Long.

It might be a good time now to start a guessing contest as to how many state employes will quit their jobs after the legislature gives them their new salary cuts. We'll ask for only one guess.

The longest day in the year is the one in which you try to write a column and can't think of a darned thing to put in it.

Representative Wyers of Hood River showed up to answer rollcall in the legislature for the first time yesterday. Evidently got his Wyers crossed.

The 13th anniversary of the 18th amendment is just being observed. There's one for the superstitious.

But even at that the 18th amendment has probably created more employment—in basements—than any ever passed in this country.

## MRS. BROOKS HELD FOR QUESTIONING

Eugene, Jan. 21 (AP)—Florence E. Brooks, arrested at a cabin on Smith river in Douglas county by state police last night, was taken to Portland today for questioning in connection with the murder case against her husband, Orwin Brooks.

Brooks is being held by Portland on a warrant issued by Alhambra, Cal., authorities charging murder of an Alhambra policeman and several burglaries and car thefts.

Police believe Mrs. Brooks may have important information concerning the shooting of the policeman during a theater holdup, or that she may have been in the party which held up the theater.

She denied any knowledge of the shooting when questioned by state police here last night.

## 20th Amendment To Constitution Only Few Days In Offing

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—The spectacle of a lame duck congress floundering in futile talk while it waits for the undertaker is being witnessed for the last time. Within a few days apparently, there will be a presidential inauguration.

New senators and congressmen will take their seats January 3 following election. At present, barring extra session, they wait until December a year later and meantime the old congress comes back for three months in the kind of session now being witnessed here. It is a relic of stage coach days when the world moved slowly.

Presidential inauguration will be moved forward to January 20 instead of March 4. This would eliminate such a situation as now paralyzes President Hoover. He is in

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## JAPAN'S REPLY REJECTED BY LEAGUE BOARD

### Proposals for Concilia- tion In Manchuria Held Unacceptable

### Agree To Proceed With Report Regardless of Japanese Views

Geneva, Jan. 21 (AP)—The league of nations committee of nineteen today rejected as unacceptable Japan's reply to its proposal for conciliation of the Sino-Japanese dispute and agreed to proceed immediately with a report and recommendations regardless of Japan's views.

Conciliation, the committee agreed, no longer is possible.

The members authorized preparation of a report as provided in the league covenant, and fixed a meeting for Monday for the first general discussion of the report.

Geneva, Jan. 21 (AP)—It was learned through an authoritative source today that the Japanese government's response to the league of nations committee of nineteen's compromise proposal on conciliation of the Manchurian dispute was received and that it rejects all essential points of the committee's proposal.

The rupture between the league and Japan, therefore, was considered

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## JAPS ARREST LABOR LEADERS

Yokohama, Jan. 21 (AP)—In order to prevent demonstrations with police said Singer Sewing Machine company strikers and other members of the all Japan Federation of Labor planned tonight against the American consulate and the hotel in which Singer officials are living, the Yokohama police arrested for temporary detention 150 alleged leaders.

The police said they also persuaded 300 other would-be demonstrators who gathered in Yokohama public park to disperse.

Hearing that 100 strikers and other laborites, including delegations from Tokyo and nearby towns, were preparing a hostile demonstration, the police stationed men inside the consulate offices and at the residence of Consul Charles L. De Vault. They also posted strong detachments in the neighborhood of the consulate.

The arrests were effected with minor scuffles some distance from the consulate, which was not disturbed.

Shepherded by the police, a few of the strikers' leaders visited the hotel and conferred with Singer officials who said later that the meeting was friendly.

## CAPTAIN M'EWAN RESIGNS AS COACH

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 21 (AP)—Captain John J. McEwan, head football coach at Holy Cross college, who was suspended by the college athletic officials after the Brown Holy Cross game in Providence and who brought suit against the college for reinstatement, tendered his resignation today and the suit was dropped. The case was to come up for a hearing in superior court next Monday.

## MORROCAN TRIBES GO ON WARPATH

Saint Louis, Senegal, Jan. 21 (AP)—Moroccan tribesmen were on the warpath today after rain and snow had halted their activities.

It was indicated that units of the French Foreign Legion soon would be cooperating with native troops against the insurrectionists. A raiding party of 60 Ouled-el-tribesmen descended on the outpost of Bakjuy and cut telegraphic lines. The French are able to put infantry, cavalry, artillery, and motorized machine gun units in the field.

It has been reported that deserters from the Foreign Legion fraternized with the chiefs of independent tribes and that the tribesmen have more information regarding the French forces and are better equipped than they were in previous campaigns.

## BORAH PLEASSED AT DEBT CONFERENCE

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Senator Borah said today the readiness of President-Elect Roosevelt to hear Great Britain's debt case "is a matter of very great and heartening significance" and something "considerable" may eventually be accomplished in economic recovery by that means.

This word from the chairman of the foreign relations committee, whose sentiments are watched closely in the capitals of the world, was regarded as significant in interested Washington quarters.

It came in the wake of emphatic exchanges in the senate between the two Robinsons, the Indiana republican having assailed the Hoover-Roosevelt stand of yesterday and the Arkansas democrat replying with a charge that the other was "playing politics."

## QUAKES AT CALEXICO

Calexico, Cal., Jan. 21 (AP)—Two sharp earthquakes were felt here today, the first at 5:30 a. m., and the second at 10 a. m. No damage was reported.

## MacDonald to Visit America On War Debt

London, Jan. 21 (AP)—A trip by Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald to the United States to discuss the war debt was seen as a possibility today as a result of the invitation emanating from the Roosevelt-Hoover conference in Washington.

The announcement that Mr. Roosevelt would welcome a British delegation early in March or as soon as possible after he takes office brought forth speculation by political observers that the prime minister might go himself. There was no official announcement on the British plans.

When the British government made its December payment to the United States with the unilateral reservations that the \$95,600,000 should be credited to a future settlement, political observers immediately considered an Anglo-American debt parity would be scheduled early this year. Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, and Stanley Endicott, president of the council, were

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## PROVIDE FUNDS FOR DRY LAW

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—An appropriation bill cutting \$14,000,000 from the combined funds of the state justice, labor and commerce departments was reported favorably by the house appropriations committee today. Prohibition enforcement took a reduction proportionate with other activities.

It was held that greater reduction in prohibition enforcement funds would "undermine confidence in government and encourage lawlessness."

The bill carries a total for all expenditures of \$103,282,039.

The department of justice received approximately \$42,000,000.

The state department received \$12,177,464, a reduction of roughly \$1,500,000 under current appropriations; the labor department was cut \$238,900 to a total of \$12,682,000; the commerce department was reduced \$8,192,943 to a total of \$36,568,465.

In its position on prohibition enforcement the congressional group, heavily democratic in control, sustained Attorney General Mitchell.

Mitchell in hearings before the committee made public today admitted the possibility of a swift change in the prohibition laws but argued that funds must be appropriated for enforcement until the statutes are moved from the books.

## FEDERAL GAS TAX RENEWAL

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—The house ways and means committee will meet next week to consider re-enacting the federal gasoline tax.

The committee had previously abandoned any plans for general tax legislation at the short session.

Reversal of the attitude of democratic leaders on the cent a gallon tax on gasoline was understood to have resulted from conferences with President-Elect Roosevelt, who urged passage of all necessary legislation possible at the short session, to expedite work by the special assembly of the new congress probably in April.

The gasoline levy expires on June 30, and is one of the most productive of the taxes imposed in the revenue bill enacted last spring.

It is expected to yield \$137,000,000 in the next year.

Speaker Garner said today he favored re-enacting it as quickly as possible to assure that much needed revenue towards a balanced budget.

"There is some opposition to the tax," Chairman Collier of the ways and means committee said, "but I believe it will pass both branches of congress this session."

## ROBINSON ATTACKS HOOVER AND F. D.

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—An attack on President Hoover and President-Elect Roosevelt for opening an avenue to debt discussion with Great Britain was launched in the senate today by Senator Robinson, republican, Indiana.

Robinson said he thought congress had "closed the door" to adoption of such a policy.

"Since congress has full authority to decide a policy on this question," he continued, "it seems not within the province of the president or president-elect to alter a policy stated by congress in the most emphatic terms."

"We assumed the door was definitely closed."

Robinson said he wished "Mr. Hoover or Mr. Roosevelt would walk out on the street and talk to any 10 American citizens, and find out that all 10 are opposed to transferring the burden of debt from Europe's shoulders to their own."

## CREW OF CRIPPLED SCHOONER RESCUED

Boston, Jan. 21 (AP)—After being adrift and helpless for nearly two weeks in stormy seas, the seven-man crew of the three masted British schooner Dawn Wilkie was rescued 60 miles southwest of Cape Sable today.

The rescue came here by ship-to-shore telephone from the Boston fishing dragger Gertrude M. Faust, which engineered the rescue with a dory in seas which had calmed.

## BAUGHN PLANS TO TAKE STAND TO CLEAR SELF

### Defense To Bring Case To Climax With Testi- mony of Defendant

### Seek To Impeach Testi- mony Given by State Witness

Adjournment of the murder trial of William Baughn was taken immediately after lunch today until 10 o'clock Monday morning. Judge McMahon stated that a question raised by the state against admission of testimony by the defense was so vital all sides wished a chance for deeper scrutiny of the law before final ruling was made. The defense case is less than half over, it was stated.

The question at issue was whether the defense could introduce testimony to show that Roy Robnett, alleged victim of Baughn's knife had paid undue attentions to Baughn's wife. Defense attorneys stated the evidence they wished to put in, if allowed to go in, will show that over a considerable period Robnett made such advances to the wife but they said, without avail and without Baughn's knowledge. The object of the testimony, they stated, would be to show the state of mind of Robnett at the time of the fight—a state of mind, they declared, which might well have

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## SECOND STORM IN CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, Jan. 21 (AP)—Far western states, digging out from snow or facing flood conditions at some Pacific coast lowland points, watched for gathering clouds today as another winter storm was reported sweeping down from Alaska.

The passing three-day storm which left the mountains and plateau regions deep in drifts and desolated southern California was the heaviest of the season. Snow drifts in the Mother Lode region of the Sierra Nevada mountains were the deepest in several years. Tonopah and Ely, Nev., continued completely snowbound.

A two-day search for Jack Blackmer, 20 year old trapper, believed lost in the Sierras, failed to reveal any trace of him. Two girls and two youths were discovered near exhaustion from cold and hunger in a cabin near Mt. Hamilton in Santa Clara county, Calif. They had sought shelter from the snow in the cabin.

The United States weather bureau predicted unsettled conditions for Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Nevada today and tomorrow. Snow was predicted for the mountain regions and rain for the coast lands.

## ROOSEVELT AT MUSCLE SHOALS

Sheffield, Ala., Jan. 21 (AP)—Beginning an inspection of the gigantic Muscle Shoals, Alabama, power and nitrate project, President-Elect Roosevelt told a crowd here today "I am confident congress will work with men and we can get something practical done" to put "Muscle Shoals back on the map."

Significance was attached to his statement that "we are going to treat Muscle Shoals from a national standpoint."

Senator Norris, of Nebraska, whom Mr. Roosevelt introduced to the crowd at the station here as "the father of Muscle Shoals," is preparing to push his bill for government operation next session.

The president-elect also introduced Senator Dill, of Washington, power expert; Frank P. Walsh, New York power adviser, and E. A. Scattergood, a leader in the power field in the southwest. Governor Miller introduced Mr. Roosevelt from the rear platform of his special train.

## Dry Bureau's Search For Raymond Robbins Brings Sharp Criticism

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## Prohibition Issue Before Legislature For Coming Week

Prohibition will take its place among the major legislative problems confronting the lawmakers Monday when the house will receive Representative John Beckman's bill to legalize the manufacture, transportation, sale and possession of beer of an alcoholic content of not more than 3.2 per cent (by weight) in Oregon. Already

the lawmakers have before them the Upton joint resolution providing for a constitutional convention to be called within 30 days after congress has submitted the question of repeal of the 18th amendment to the states. The resolution anticipates and prepares Oregon for immediate action upon the repeal question after the democratic congress convenes in special session March 4.

Another joint resolution would refer to the people the question of repealing the prohibition section of the state constitution.

The Beckman beer bill provides for a system of licensing and taxation which would apply to brewers.

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## PLAN TO RAISE TARIFF RATES

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—At a conference today with President Hoover, Representative Snell, the republican leader, said he had proposed a resolution to empower the secretary of the treasury to raise tariffs in proportion to depreciation of the currency of the exporting country.

Snell told newspapermen the question would be placed before a caucus of house republicans next Wednesday.

"I have had more letters on this subject than any other," Snell said, "everyone wants to know why congress refuses to act to make tariffs on the books already, effective. Some countries, with currency depreciated by 60 per cent, are flooding this country with goods despite the tariff."

The New Yorker said he believed Mr. Hoover was in entire sympathy with the move.

Snell proposes a resolution giving authority to the secretary of the treasury, in collecting customs, to take into consideration the value of the currency of the country from which the import comes and increase the duty in proportion to the difference between that currency and the dollar.

Snell conceded this proposal would give a great deal of authority to the secretary of the treasury, and said he would not insist upon this method if some other could be found to obtain the same effect.

## THIRTY DEAD IN MORELIA BLAST

Mexico City, Jan. 21 (AP)—Latest advice received here today were that at least 30 persons were killed yesterday in an explosion and fire in Morelia, about 125 miles northwest of Mexico City.

At least 20 houses were destroyed. The disaster was caused when a chauffeur lit a lamp while filling the gasoline tank of his car. The gasoline ignited and the fire quickly spread to nearby houses, and many occupants were trapped.

Military and civil authorities were attempting to control a situation unparalleled in the history of the city. The governor of the state, high officials and residents in the foreign colony witnessed the tragedy. They participated in relief activities.

## LAME DUCK BILL RATIFIED BY IDAHO

Boise, Ida., Jan. 21 (AP)—The Idaho legislature today unanimously adopted the Norris "lame duck" resolution and thus became the 34th state to approve the proposed 20th amendment to the constitution.

Both houses, eager to be in on the race of legislatures for speedy ratification, adopted the resolution under suspension of rules.

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 21 (AP)—The New Mexico house of representatives today passed by unanimous vote a resolution ratifying the "lame duck" amendment to the federal constitution. The senate already has passed the resolution which now goes to Governor Seligman for his signature. It was believed the governor would approve the resolution immediately.

## SENATOR HAWES OF MISSOURI RESIGNS

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 2 (AP)—The resignation of United States Senator Harry B. Hawes, St. Louis, was received today at the office of Governor Guy B. Park.

Hawes resigned so that Governor Park could appoint Senator-Elect Bennett Champ Clark, of St. Louis to the position, allowing him to enter the next session of congress with seniority over other newly-elected senators.

## Governor Rolph Still In Hospital

San Francisco, Jan. 21 (AP)—Governor James Rolph, Jr., spent a "fairly comfortable" night at St. Francis hospital here where he is confined with an attack of influenza, attendants reported today. He said his general condition remained the same. He still had a slight temperature, they said but his cough had lessened considerably.

## DAMAGE FROM WATER EXCEEDS THAT BY FIRE

### Blaze Starts In Film Room of Studio, Con- fined to Fourth Floor

### Smoke from Chemicals Make Fighting Diffi- cult—Floors Drenched

Fire, which started on the fourth floor of the Oregon building, State and High streets, at 1 o'clock this afternoon, had been quenched by the city fire department by 1:40 o'clock, but in the brief space of little more than half an hour damage by the flames and water had mounted. It is believed to several thousands of dollars. The damage could not be estimated prior to a check-up to be made later in the day. The building is owned by Hawkins & Roberts.

The damage was particularly serious for the reason that the top story was flooded with water which cascaded through the ceilings and damaged, more or less, the office rooms occupied by practically every tenant in the four stories of the

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## RUSH BILL TO AID DEBTORS

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—House leaders began preparations today for getting a sweeping bankruptcy reform bill, depended upon to give a large measure of relief to the farmer, through with the least possible delay.

Speaker Garner told newspapermen he hoped to get the measure through next week. He said he might ask unanimous consent for suspension of the rules Monday to facilitate quick passage, or if that course was not taken it might be expedited by having the rules committee give it legislative right of way.

The bill combining proposals of Representatives LaGuardia (R., N. Y.), and McKeown (D., Okla.), was formally reported to the house today.

Among them are specific provisions to stay foreclosure proceedings on farms while their owners are attempting to work out an arrangement to extend the time for paying their debts, or a reorganization proposal to scale them down under the terms of the bill as it now stands.

## PREVENT BUILDING AT ARMY POSTS

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—The house today approved a proviso for the war department appropriation bill designed to prevent the expenditure of \$1,203,700 for construction at military posts.

The proviso was approved by a vote of 56 to 43.

As the bill now stands, the money appropriated for these posts in the emergency relief act of last session is to be spent for other current expenses.

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