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## U. S. STILL OPPOSES RESTRICTED INQUIRY

Government Unwilling to Participate in Reparations Investigation.

Washington, D. C.—The American government will be unwilling to participate in a restricted inquiry into German finances and has so informed James A. Logan, American observer with the reparations commission in Paris.

The communication outlining the government's position was sent to Colonel Logan after he had informed the state department that the reparations commission favored American membership on the two committees created by it to investigate and report on the state of German finances as related to the ability of that government to pay reparations.

Whatever the decision regarding American acceptance or rejection of a formal invitation, it is not expected that the United States government itself would participate in the work of the two committees. The only question involved, in the view of officials, is whether the government should sponsor or discourage participation by private citizens in the proposed investigations.

American financiers or experts could legally act in an advisory capacity on the committees regardless of the attitude of the state department, but it is believed here that should President Coolidge and his advisers decide that such participation would be unwise no American of any standing would act contrary to the advice of his government.

## EXPERTS TO STUDY ABILITY TO PAY

Paris.—The allied reparations commission decided to name two committees of experts to study Germany's capacity to pay along the general lines of Premier Poincare's proposals.

Of the two committees into which the experts will be divided, one will investigate ways and means of balancing the German budget and the other will estimate the amount of capital taken out of Germany and seek means of bringing it back.

The commission's decision was unanimous and the proceedings were characterized by harmony and cordiality.

The resolution appointing the committee mentions no limitations to the scope of their inquiry further than to state that it will be held under the terms of article 234 of the treaty of Versailles.

Premier Poincare's plan for a commission of experts to examine into the question of Germany's ability to pay reparations is considered to have received a distinct setback through the reported refusal of Secretary of State Hughes to have the American government take part. But the disposition in French government circles was to go ahead.

## INDIANA GOVERNOR INDICTED

Alleged to Have Embezzled Sums Totaling About \$225,000.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Eight indictments embodying a total of 192 counts were returned here against Governor Warren T. McCray by the Marion county grand jury, which for several weeks has been investigating the governor's financial affairs.

The eight separate indictments returned against the governor charge embezzlement, larceny, forgery, issuing a fraudulent check, false pretenses by the use of a promissory note and making a false statement in regard to his financial condition and using the same to obtain credit. The indictments, which embody a total of 192 counts, charge in all that the governor embezzled a total of \$225,000. One indictment alone covers 75 type-written pages.

## Burning Gown Fatal to Film Actress.

San Antonio, Tex.—Martha Mansfield, motion picture star, died here as a result of burns received while she was on location here. Miss Mansfield received the burns when a flimsy dress she was wearing became ignited, enveloping the lower portion of her body in flames.

## Washington Farmers Financially Good

Olympia, Wash.—The eastern Washington wheat country is in a more favorable condition financially than at any time in the last three years, State Treasurer C. L. Babcock stated on his return from an extended trip through the inland empire.

## Berlin Coalition Cabinet Formed.

Berlin.—A new four-part coalition government, headed by Dr. Wilhelm Marx as chancellor, and with Dr. Gustave Stresemann, the retiring chancellor, as foreign minister, has been organized.

## 68TH CONGRESS BEGINS ITS LABORS

Speakership Is Bone of Contention in Organization Fight in House.

Washington, D. C.—Facing an organization row at the very outset, the sixty-eighth congress convened at noon Monday for a session which promises to write a colorful chapter in the history of legislation and politics.

The militant progressive bloc, holding the balance in the scale of votes by virtue of the greatly reduced republican majorities, raised the flag of insurgency in the house and made good its threat to throw the house into a deadlock over the election of a speaker.

While on the senate side the opening formalities passed off with the usual outward calm and decorum, the threat of a fight to force reorganization of the senate and some of its more important committees was in the background.

In both house and senate the gavel fell promptly at 11 o'clock, with Senator Cummins of Iowa, the president pro tem, presiding over his colleagues and Clerk William Tyler Page occupying the speaker's chair of the house pending the outcome of the fight over the speakership.

The senate democrats at a conference elected Senator Robinson of Arkansas as democratic floor leader. The republican senators, at a meeting last week, had re-elected Senator Lodge of Massachusetts as their leader.

The progressive republican bloc in the house, while unable to upset the state of the regulars in the republican caucus, Saturday evening succeeded in demonstrating that it held ample power to tie up the organization of the house.

A total of 24 votes were cast against the renomination of Speaker Gillett. Representative Flinn G. Garrett of Tennessee was unanimously nominated for speaker by the democratic members of the house in caucus and he thus automatically becomes the floor leader.

## TARIFF OR SUBSIDY FOR SHIPS ADVISED

Washington, D. C.—Preferential tariffs or a subsidy remain the only method of insuring maintenance of an American merchant marine, the shipping board declared in its annual report to congress.

Elimination of discriminatory legislation as a means of indirect aid, the board held, "would seem to leave as the sole way out the assumption by the government of the excess cost of operation.

"This in turn can be accomplished by either of two methods," continued the report. "First, by subventions to American vessels while engaged in carrying cargoes to and from the United States sufficient to enable them to compete with foreign ships, or second by the complete assumption by the taxpayers of the entire cost of operation, the resulting loss being the country's contribution toward a national merchant marine."

## WHITE HOUSE IS NOT SAFE

Calamity Declared Possible Unless Historic Structure is Remodeled.

Washington, D. C.—The White House has been declared unsafe. Conditions there are such as to require that immediate remedial measures be taken to prevent a possible calamity.

These disclosures were made by Major General Lansing H. Beach, chief of engineers of the army, in his annual report. Congress is asked for \$400,000 for the work of reconstructing the interior portion of the famous building to make it secure.

"A preliminary study of the situation in the interior upper portion of the executive mansion has indicated a condition which renders the building unsafe, both from the standpoint of security in the structural features and the fire hazard present," said Major General Beach.

## Canadian Grain Movement Huge.

Winnipeg, Man.—In November the Canadian Pacific railway surpassed all previous achievements in the matter of grain movements. From Winnipeg east there were moved 40,510 loaded cars, or an average of 1351 a day. The best previous record was in October, 1922, when an average was reached of 1229 loaded cars.

## Big Sums For Rivers and Harbors.

Washington, D. C.—Work on the country's rivers, harbors and waterways will require \$63,328,045 during the year beginning July 1, 1924, according to recommendations for the various projects made by the chief of engineers of the army, under whose direction this work is carried on.

## OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Oregon prize week will be observed the week of December 11 to 17.

Corvallis high school claims the Willamette valley football championship.

John B. Byers of Oakridge has been named postmaster at a new office in Lane county to be known as West Fir.

The Walla Walla Railway company has authorized the construction of an extension of its line from Milton to Umapine.

Apple shipments from Hood River this year to date are nearly 100 per cent heavier than for the same period a year ago.

Clearances of export lumber cargo at the Portland customs house for November were 27,742,904 feet, valued at \$1,167,862.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Oregon Butter Makers' association will be held in Portland December 12 and 14.

Members of the Oregon Music Teachers' association from all parts of the state met in Portland for a two-day convention.

The Oregon Growers Co-operative association of Salem will arrange 15 exhibits in connection with the observance of prize week.

Curtis L. Hawley, state dairy and food commissioner, died at the age of 54 in Portland, following an illness of four months' duration.

The sixth annual meeting of the Western Oregon Walnut Growers' association was held in Salem, Wednesday and Thursday.

Completion of the extension of the Oregon-Washington Railroad Navigation company's tracks from Crane to Burns is hoped for by July 1.

The labor situation in Salem is far from satisfactory at the present time, according to announcement made by the federal employment bureau.

W. E. Kyler last week sold his 320-acre farm north of Irving to John Michelbrock of Richland, Wash., the consideration being reported to be about \$70,000.

The practice of soaking or "swelling" oysters before offering them for sale, a common custom among certain dealers, has been prohibited by the state dairy and food commission.

A short course in dairy manufacturing, including butter making, ice cream making and cheese making, will be given by the Oregon agricultural college January 7 to February 2.

The new wing of the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton has been formally accepted by the state. The new wing will provide accommodations for approximately 250 additional patients.

Robert Eggleham was killed and William Graham was injured, perhaps fatally, when a wagon in which they were riding plunged over a cliff on the Lace creek road between Blachly and Swiss Home.

Deschutes county's tax next year for county purposes will require a slightly less millage than that in effect for the present year. Next year's millage will be 15.65, as compared to a present millage of 15.84.

The state treasury has received from the motor vehicle fuels tax a total of \$4,567,128.48, according to a statement prepared by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. Receipts for the month of October aggregated \$220,524.83.

The Southern Pacific company has notified the public service commission that it will comply with the order issued by the commission some time ago and proceed immediately with construction on new depot facilities at Oregon City.

The Oregon supreme court has reversed an opinion handed down a week ago and holds that the organization of the Jordan Valley irrigation district was legal. In the former opinion it was held that the notices of election were insufficient.

Though the margin of profit will not be large, the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association of Salem has cleaned up its Spitzenberg apple crop at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.35 a box for extra fancy and from \$1 to \$5 cents for less choice grades.

Oregon pensions have been granted as follows: Alfred Q. Desert, Silverton, \$12; Van E. Hallberg, Baker, \$12; Henry Hockensyus, Portland, \$15; Maney Bernard, Portland, \$12; Frederick Petzold, Portland, \$12; John McPherson, Oregon City, \$12; Frank Gard, Albany, \$15.

Business on the lines of the Southern Pacific company has increased approximately 23 per cent for the year 1923 over 1922, according to a letter received at the offices of the public service commission from E. L. King, superintendent of the Southern Pacific lines in this state.

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Thursday Forenoon  
Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art  
Thursday Afternoon  
Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate  
Friday Forenoon  
Theory and Practice, Orthography, (Spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry  
Friday Afternoon  
School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government  
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