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Editorial
And the Band Plays Annie Laurie

Now we have a resolution in the United States Senate asking for an investigation to fix responsibility for the world war. If we only get another set of Senators to settle once and for all time the disputed age of Ann, we will be all set, and the rest of the Senate may be able to devote a little time to the nation's business.

For example, we might consider legislation that would make impossible the raking in of great fortunes overnight as a result of stock manipulation coming, as it always does, on the heels of "Washington disclosures." Tom tom beating, sweet music to the financial bandit, has started the ball of ruin rolling periodically for years. Since the oil drums have begun to beat great fortunes have been made and lost. Perhaps we might find out who is getting the money RIGHT now.

Not more than a week ago a stock drive was made that stopped only on the verge of panic. The insiders cleaned up. The next day they cleaned up again. They pushed the market up when the little fellows with five to a hundred thousand dollars had every reason to expect it to continue to go down. It is safe to say the market will now be rigged day by day for months to come. In the midst of ruined homes and the crash of hopes of the unfortunate men and women lured by the glamour of speculation into the Wall Street maelstrom, an investigation into the world war would surely prove encouraging. Once let a Senate Committee decide that question and every ruined man and woman in the country would be happy. Away with such balderdash, you Senators. Get down to work.

New York City has a dead line. No known crook may travel below that line. The blackjack man may not invade the restricted zone until he has learned a more skilful method of procedure. Perhaps we might reverse gears and forbid the Black Horse Calvary leaving Wall Street and prevent them invading the rest of the city and the rest of the country. The great hauls come from rigging the market on inside information. The game is all played, however, before the public gets any cards. When the outsiders begin to operate the band is playing "Home, Sweet Home" and the little fellows are left applauding on the sidewalks. Oil sensations past, present, and to come, will provide enough excuse for a thousand financial raids in the next few months.

Of course, this might be scotched, but the need of the hour is to find out who started the world war. Let us have the truth at all hazards. Then, and not till then, can we start on the Boxer uprising and the American Revolution.

There has always been great rigidity in laws dealing with illegitimacy. The illegitimate child cannot inherit. Wouldn't it be better to compel both father and mother to leave all their money to the illegitimate child? This would protect the innocent and make prospective wrongdoers think twice.

Football often has been compared to war. This is a serious matter. We should have a Senate Committee to find out who invented football.

What is the matter? There has not been in sight for more than a month a single starving nation for us to save. This will never do.

**COMMITTEE DECIDES
ON BONUS MEASURE**

**Paid-Up Insurance Is Main
Provision of Bill to Be Re-
ported to House.**

Washington, D. C. — The soldier bonus bill to be reported out this week by the house ways and means committee will carry a straight out paid up insurance plan with provision for cash payments to those veterans of the World war not entitled to more than \$50.

This definitely was decided upon at an executive meeting of the committee. The proposal for a full cash option along with the insurance feature was rejected by one vote.

One of the strongest arguments advanced in favor of the insurance plan was that it would be less likely to meet with a presidential veto than any other form of bonus. Its exact cost can be figured out by insurance actuaries, it was stated. All estimates so far made give the ultimate cost at more than \$2,000,000,000 and the yearly cost less than \$100,000,000.

The \$50 cash provision, it is estimated by treasury actuaries, will cost \$16,000,000.

House Favors Ford.

Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals, pending before congress for more than two years, was approved by the house.

By a vote of 227 to 142 the McKenzie bill, which would authorize acceptance of Ford's bid, was passed and sent to the senate, where there is uncertainty as to what action, if any, will be taken on it at this session.

Under terms of the bill, Ford will have the right to lease for 100 years dams 2 and 3 at Muscle Shoals, and adjacent power stations. Outnumbered, but fighting stubbornly to the last roll call, opponents of the offer made a futile last-minute attempt to bring it under the terms of the federal water power act, thereby limiting the lease to 50 years, and to keep in the bill an amendment, adopted Saturday, which would enable the government to "recapture" the properties in the event the Detroit manufacturer failed to live up to his contract in any particular.

Oil Probe Continues.

While awaiting developments in connection with the expected resignation of Attorney-General Daugherty, the special senate committee appointed to investigate him disclosed some outlines of the many-sided inquiry.

As indicated these include: Charges that ex-Secretary Fall and the Doheny and Sinclair oil interests aided the de la Huerta revolutionists

in Mexico through the shipment of arms and ammunition from the United States.

Charges that department of justice secret agents on the Mexican border were "called off by Washington" when attempting to break up gun-running in violation of neutrality laws.

Phases of the Leonard Wood and Harding campaigns of 1920 in connection with possible "oil" influence.

Fertilizer Fund Beaten.

In the first record vote of the session on a farm relief measure, the senate defeated, 34 to 28, the proposed appropriation of \$5,000,000 to be used in financing fertilizer purchases.

Party lines were not discernible in the result, southern democrats and eastern republicans joining in opposition to the proposal, which was denounced as "communistic in theory" and entailing an unwarranted intrusion of the government into an already highly competitive business.

Harrassed by knowledge that their names were being bandied about the halls of congress in sensational gossip, Representatives Frederick Zihlman, Maryland, and John Langley, Kentucky, came forward with statements denying they are the "two congressmen" involved in evidence of bribery laid before a Chicago grand jury.

Must Not Buy Booze.

The senate adopted an amendment to the treasury appropriation bill prohibiting prohibition agents from spending any of the money appropriated for dry law enforcement in a manner that would violate the Volstead act or inducing anyone else to violate it.

The purpose of the amendment, dry senators charged, was to prevent prohibition agents buying liquor as evidence or having others buy it for them. Such a limitation on activities of dry agents would greatly hamper prosecution of bootleggers, it was charged in debate.

Children Eat Wild Parsnips and Die.

Wenatchee, Wash. — Mary, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hudson, and Billy W., 5-year-old son of Mrs. John Wise, all of Riverside, are dead from eating wild parsnips, according to word reaching here.

Denby Retires as Secretary of Navy.

Washington, D. C. — Edwin Denby retired Monday as secretary of the navy.

**LEASE CANCELLATION
SUITS OPEN AT ONCE**

U. S. Counsel Goes to California and Wyoming to Initiate Proceedings.

Washington, D. C. — Special government counsel in the oil lease cases have gone to Wyoming and California to initiate the court fights looking to the recovery of the naval fuel reserves in those states from the Sinclair and Doheny interests.

Receivers to take charge of both Teapot Dome in Wyoming and naval reserve No. 1 in California, pending the outcome of the annulment suits will be asked of the federal district courts in the two states. In addition the court at Cheyenne will be asked to issue a temporary injunction to prevent extraction of oil in the Wyoming reserve, where the wells already have been shut down.

No injunction to prevent production in the California reserve will be sought, but the court will be asked to restrain the Pan-American Petroleum company from drilling any new wells. Also it will be requested to impound the royalty oil revenue from this reserve during the litigation.

Government counsel explained that it is not possible to stop "gusher" wells from producing and that some provision would have to be made to take over the property under a federal receivership and for an accounting after the cases have been decided in the courts.

**TACOMAN DECLARED
INNOCENT OF DEATH**

Augusta, Me. — Counsel for Kenneth Ross MacLean of Tacoma, Wash., ex-Bowdoin college sophomore, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of his infant child, February 28, issued a statement declaring that MacLean was innocent.

Saturday MacLean's wife admitted, according to Clement F. Robbison of Portland, county attorney, that she smothered the child to death following a quarrel with MacLean.

The 19-year-old wife was quoted as saying that when she arrived unexpectedly at Brunswick to show MacLean the baby he had never seen, the student was angry and forbade her to speak to him in public. There was a scene at the Brunswick hotel the night of February 27 and next morning, according to the county attorney's story, the girl, almost penniless, and her mind temporarily unbalanced by

her reception, smothered the baby.

WHEAT TARIFF RATE RAISED

President Orders an Increase of 12 Cents in Schedule.

Washington, D. C. — An increase of 12 cents a bushel in the tariff on wheat was ordered by President Coolidge. The new rates will become effective in 30 days.

Acting under the flexible provision of the tariff act and on the basis of the tariff commissioner's recent inquiry, the president at the same time ordered an increase of 26 cents a hundred pounds in the duty on wheat flour and a decrease of 50 per cent in the ad valorem rate on mill feeds.

The new rate on wheat will be 42 cents a bushel as compared with the present rate of 30 cents; the new rate on flour will be \$1.04 a hundred pounds, as compared with 78 cents, and the rate of mill feeds will be 7½ per cent ad valorem as against 15 per cent.

Coolidge Refuses Plea of Filipinos.

Washington, D. C. — The Philippines' plea for immediate independence was dealt a blow by President Coolidge. The president, in a letter to Manuel Roxas, head of the Philippine independence mission, declared flatly the administration did not believe the time had come to grant independence to the Filipino people and asserted that grievances against Governor-General Wood were unjustified and, like the independence appeal, were unsupported by a considerable portion of the island's population.

Coolidge Asks Quick Tax Cut.

Washington, D. C. — President Coolidge Tuesday sent a special message to congress recommending that a reduction of 25 per cent in income taxes for 1923 be authorized before March 15. The president believes that the importance of the reduction would justify the laying aside of all other legislative business for its consideration.

Coolidge Backers File in California.

San Francisco, Cal. — Nomination papers for the republican ticket of delegates pledged to Calvin Coolidge for the party's presidential nomination, with 3500 names, have been filed with Registrar Zemansky of San Francisco county.

**OREGON NEWS ITEMS
OF SPECIAL INTEREST**

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

Polk county's jail is again crowded beyond its normal capacity.

There are only 2400 bales of last year's hop crop left unsold in Oregon. Revenues of the port of Astoria from February 1 to March 1 totaled approximately \$46,000.

Cove citizens are proposing to start a campaign to float an \$8000 bond issue to build a community hall.

Girl reserves from all sections of Oregon gathered at Salem to attend the annual convention of the organization.

A total of 1780 non-resident automobiles were registered in Oregon during the period January 1 to February 29, 1924, according to a report prepared by the secretary of state.

The republican state central committee will meet within a month to elect a state chairman. Walter L. Toole Jr., the present chairman, will not be a candidate for re-election.

The question of purchasing additional fire-fighting equipment entailing a cost estimated at \$16,000 will be submitted to the voters of Salem at a special election to be held May 16.

One hundred thirty-three common laborers went on strike at the Coos Bay Lumber company mills at Marshfield, after asking for a replacement of the former minimum wage of \$4 a day.

About 75 engineers from Oregon and a few from Washington and Idaho attended the third annual convention of the Oregon chapter of the American Association of Engineers, held in Portland.

At a meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church at Salem it was decided to proceed without delay with the construction of a new church to cost approximately \$125,000.

A Union county economic conference was held at Union for a survey of agricultural conditions. Several hundred farmers representing every section of the county attended the conference.

Representatives of the Silverton post of the American Legion appeared at a meeting of the city council with request for an ordinance providing for a \$10,000 bond issue to build an armory at Silverton.

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Assistants May Go



Theo. Roosevelt, Jr., Asst. Sec'y of Navy, and E. C. Finney, Asst. Sec'y of the Interior, who also served under former Sec'y Albert B. Fall, are expected to resign their posts now that Denby has stepped out.

Uncle John's Josh

THERE'S ALWAYS GOT TO BE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CO-OPERATION WHEN A WOMAN'S MAKING A FOOL OUT OF A MAN!



Cleaning Parchment Lamp Shades
—If one wishes to clean a parchment lamp shade take a good polishing cream and put it in a soft cloth. Rub a small part of the shade and then rub off with a moist cloth. Repeat this until the shade has been gone over. You will find that your shade remains clean for a long while.

Murderer of Four



Frank McDowell, 20, Petersburg, Fla., claims his subconscious mind prompted the murder by shooting of his mother and father this year and burning to death of his sisters in 1923.