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## REPLY ON WAR DEBTS HANDED BRITAIN TODAY

### AMBASSADOR KELLOGG REPORTS THAT COMMUNICATION IS DELIVERED

## AMERICAN RIGHTS ASSERTED

### This Government Has Same Privileges as Other Allies to Make Collections

Washington, Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—Ambassador Kellogg reported to the state department today that he had delivered to the British foreign office, the American reply to the communication from London questioning the right of the United States to collect war claims from Germany under the Dawes plan. The reply is understood to firmly support the position that the Washington government has every right accorded to the allied and associated powers to make collections under the Dawes plan.

## WOMAN TRIES TO KILL KRASSIN

### Attempt Made to Assassinate Soviet Envoy in Paris

Paris, Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—An attempt to assassinate Leonid Krassin, Soviet envoy to France, by a woman eager to avenge the killing of her brother by the Bolsheviks was declared by police today to have been averted by the woman's arrest. The woman, arrested while carrying a revolver before the Russian embassy, told them she intended to kill Krassin.

## SNOW ALONG REDWOOD ROUTE WAS REPORTED

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—Eight inches of snow fell along the Redwood highway between Garberville and Willits during the recent storms and there were several slides, according to a report received from the Eureka district office of the California State Automobile Association. The Redwood highway from Willits north is passable but slippery, according to the automobile association's touring bureau which advises motorists traversing this route to drive carefully and equip their cars with chains.

W. C. Myers, of Seattle, spent the day at the Rowell Music house on business.

## DEATH RATE FROM AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS ARE STEADILY INCREASING ACCORDING TO FIGURES

New York, Dec. 12.—(U. P.)—The death rate from automobile accidents, including both adults and children, for the first ten months of 1924 was 15.7 per cent per 100,000, as compared with 14.8 per cent in 1923 and 10.8 per cent for 1920. On this basis, the number of deaths from automobile accidents in the United States in 1924 are estimated at 17,750, against 16,450 last year.

These figures were presented to the Eighteenth annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents here today by Dr. Oscar H. Rogers, Chief Medical Director of the New York Life Insurance Company.

Life insurance death claims for the first ten months of the current year reflect marked improvement in the health of the people of the United States during 1924, according to original statistics presented by Dr. Rogers. Notwithstanding the normal average increase expected in population during 1924, the life insurance mortality records indicate that there will be 30,000 fewer deaths this year than during 1923, when the total deaths in the United States amounted to 1,360,000.

Automobile accidents and suicides are practically the only causes among

## CHICAGO HOTEL FIRE IS FATAL TO ONE LODGER

Chicago, Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—One man was killed and several other lodgers escaped in scanty attire, losing their belongings, in a fire in the West Gate hotel today.

## OREGON'S FIRE LOSS FOR MONTH \$168,450

Salem, Ore., Dec. 12.—(Special).—Fire losses in the state during November, exclusive of Portland, are estimated at \$168,450 in the regular monthly report of Will Moore, state fire marshal. In the districts outside of Portland the town of Harris suffered the largest city loss with a \$50,000 saw mill fire. The loss of a warehouse and apples in Hood River resulted in the second largest loss, amounting to \$30,000. Six towns and cities reported fire losses of \$10,000 or more.

Eleven of the 25 fires in the state resulted from unknown causes, the report shows, and resulted in a loss of \$75,925. Stoves and their pipes were responsible for four fires, defective flues, for three and conflagration for two. Eleven of the fires were in dwellings, five in farm dwellings and two each in garages, mercantile buildings and mills. The total loss in the two mill fires amounted to \$69,000.

## CONVICT MURDERER HANGED

### Thomas Walton Goes to Death on Gallows Today

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—Thomas Walton, convicted of the murder of S. P. Surt, a fellow convict, in the penitentiary here on October 7, 1923, was hanged at the penitentiary this morning. The trap was sprung at 5:06 o'clock. Walton was pronounced dead ten minutes later.

## ENGLISH USE BICYCLES; AMERICA RIDES IN CARS

London, Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—The automobile has not yet replaced bicycles in Great Britain, not by a long shot. There are 6,000,000 of the latter in use in this country, and less than 1,000,000 motor cars. Motor-cycles, which are much more popular than in the United States, number 500,000.

The ministry of transport, in making public these statistics, noted that the British are doing a greater export business with bicycles and motor cycles than the American manufacturers, who once led the British in this trade.

In 1922, according to British records, Great Britain exported 7,270 motor cycles while America was sending out 16,000. But the latest figures show 20,000 machines exported from Great Britain and only 9,700 from the United States.

adult deaths that show an increase in rate over 1923. Noteworthy reductions are recorded in influenza and typhoid fever. In typically children's diseases, an increased death rate is indicated in meningitis, diarrhea, enteritis, and scarlet fever, while there has been a substantial falling-off in measles, diphtheria and whooping cough. Referring to auto fatalities Dr. Rogers said:

"This is an alarming state of affairs and means should be found to remedy it. The argument has been advanced that the number of accidents is by no means keeping pace with the number of cars in use, but this is quite beside the mark. If a man is knocked down in the street by an automobile, it does not benefit him that the number of cars in the street is larger than it formerly was. It is the one offending car that counts so far as he and his family are concerned.

"The remedy lies in greater care in the issuing of automobile licenses, so as to eliminate persons temperamentally unfit to drive a car. Beside that, adequate punishment should be meted out to all persons guilty of inflicting injury upon others by careless driving."

## EARLY VOTE ON POSTAL RAISE VETO OPPOSED

### CONFERENCE WITH SENATE LEADERS IS HELD THIS MORNING

## WANTS TO KNOW FUND SOURCE

### President Anxious That Postal Department Lay Plan for Raising Revenue Before Congress

Washington, Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—An effort to bolster up the administration forces in the senate, opposed to an early vote on the overriding of the executive veto of the postal pay increase bill, was made today by President Coolidge at a conference with a dozen Republican senators. Senator McNary, of Oregon, was among those summoned to the White House. The president discussed the possibility of staving off the vote on the bill until the postoffice department can lay before congress a plan for the raising of more postal revenue by increasing the postage rates on all except first class mail.

## PRINCE OF WALES WILL VISIT SPAIN

London, Dec. 12.—(I. N. E.)—It is considered probable in official court circles that the Prince of Wales will pay a long-promised visit to the king and queen of Spain, at Madrid, in the early part of next year.

He will make the trip as part of his annual visit to Biarritz, the French health resort, where he takes the cure.

## SNOW EIGHT FEET DEEP AT LAKE RIM

Medford, Ore., Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—That winter has come in earnest in Crater National Park was the telephone news received here this morning from the park from Peter Oard, the ranger stationed there.

Oard phoned that there were 8 feet of snow at the lake rim, 6 feet at Anna Spring camp, four feet at the Medford and Klamath entrances, and that there is deep snow far south, to within two miles of Fort Klamath, and it was still snowing this morning.

The discomfiting feature of this heavy fall of snow, is that it comes on top of the previous heavy snows of the winter so far, which had gone down to a solid mass of frozen ice, thus giving indications that with further layers of heavy snow coming and melting until next June the park management will encounter much difficulty and expense in clearing the park roads of this ice and snow in time for the opening of the season, July 1, next.

## EARTH HUNDRED BILLION YEARS OLD SAYS JEANS

London, Dec. 12.—(U. P.)—This old universe of ours is a hundred thousand times older than anybody has so far ever believed it to be, says Dr. James Hopwood Jeans, secretary of the Royal Astronomical Society.

Dr. Jeans has just concluded investigations which indicate that the sun, for instance, is by no means the youngster + most people think. It has taken + en the sun a hundred billion + years to evolve from its hot + test and whitest stage to its + present form, according to this + scientist, and not a thousand + million years as has been hitherto believed.

## TURKEY MARKET IS STRONGER IN ROSEBURG

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 12.—(Special).—The Christmas turkey market opened strong here Thursday, with an upward tendency. Thirty cents was offered on all prime birds with 31 cents for extra fancy stock. Competition among buyers is keen and it is believed that the price will go still higher. The shipment of one carload of birds to the eastern markets took out some of the choice fowls so that the rates are not expected to be so heavy as in past years. A drop of six cents is made on seconds and old toms.

## WAVE LENGTHS UNCHANGED

### Reallocation Has Been Abandoned by Commerce Department

Washington, Dec. 12.—(Special).—Reallocation of wave lengths to radio broadcasting stations as recommended by the recent national radio conference to the secretary of commerce has been abandoned by the commerce department.

The plan which was devised a short time ago has already been rendered obsolete by the increasing number of broadcasting stations and the demand for wave length assignments, officials of the department said today.

It was said that until the radio broadcasting situation becomes more stable, no attempt would be made to revise the present allocation of wave lengths, while the department would meet the increasing demands as far as possible.

## Comprehensive Plan Drawn

The radio conference which met here in October, drew up a comprehensive plan for the reallocation of all radio wave lengths, shifting, in some cases, those for marine communication in order to extend the number available for commercial broadcasting stations.

## SAM GOMPERS BETTER; ABLE TO SIT ON BED

### NOURISHMENT TAKEN TODAY BY LABOR CHIEF WHO WAS REPORTED DEAD

## BECOMES MORE CHEERFUL

### American Soil Brings Back Good Spirits—Jokes with Attendants—Enroute to San Antonio

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—Samuel Gompers was able to sit up on the side of his bed and take slight nourishment as his train left here today en route to San Antonio. Gompers and his party arrived here from Mexico at 7:30 this morning. An official bulletin, issued on the arrival here, said the patients' respiration was 94 and his pulse normal at 7 o'clock. Gompers' condition was improved slightly as he reached American soil. His cheerfulness was more perceptible and he was joking with his attendants.

## NEGROES KILLED IN BLAST

### Dynamite Put Under House As They Were Sleeping

Lakeland, Fla., Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—Four negroes, three women and a man, were killed at Bartow, 12 miles from here, today when Dock Taylor is alleged to have fired dynamite which blew up a negro home.

The dead, including Julia, Taylor's wife, were killed as they slept. Taylor left a note saying he set off the dynamite to stop a nuisance at the destroyed home.

## NEW FOX FARM STARTED

### A. J. Barrell and Sons Build Pen for Foxes in City

A. J. Barrell and sons have just completed their fox pen on West I street. They have purchased a pair of silver foxes from W. K. Rogers on Prince Edward Island, Canada, the animals being of registered stock. The pen has been constructed in such a manner that the foxes are protected from any possible outside interference. This is the second enterprise of this kind in or near Grants Pass.

The silver fox industry is attracting much attention and many fox farms have been started up in the northwest. The market is constantly growing and the fox pelts are bringing high prices. The foxes need constant attention.

Mr. Barrell states that as the stock increases, he will buy more land and additional foxes, which will be purchased. His place will be known as the White House Fox ranch.

## 10-ROUND BOUT TAKEN BY CARMEN BY DECISION

Portland, Ore., Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—Young Carmen took a decision from Pep Webster in a 10-round bout last night. Jimmy Sacco, and Teddy Gartin, went + 10 rounds to a draw.

## 556 WILD ANIMALS SLAIN BY TRAPPERS

Portland, Ore., Dec. 12.—(Special).—Government hunters and trappers working under the Oregon division of the biological survey accounted for 556 predatory animals in November, according to Stanley G. Jewett, chief inspector. Of the number 522 were coyotes, 33 bobcats and one a bear. The kill brings the number of predatory animals slain since the federal and state agreement of May, 1923, to more than 30,000. Jewett said. About 700 coyote skins will be auctioned off at the biological survey office in the new post office building Monday, Jewett said. Buyers from Seattle and Denver and other cities will attend.

## QUAKE ROCKS ALPS REGION

### Three Cities Report Damage to Houses by Tremors

Frankfort, Germany, Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—Reports from Southern Germany state that the Swabian Alps region has been visited by an earthquake, resulting in heavy damage to numerous houses at Pleizhausen, Etsingen and Mittelstadt.

## CHILDREN START SEAL SALE

### School Pupils Will Make House to House Canvass

The school children of the city start today in the sale of the Christmas seals of the Oregon Tuberculosis association. They will visit the homes of Grants Pass in an endeavor to sell the stamps for funds, which will be used to fight tuberculosis in this state. The business men have already been solicited.

## DUKHOBORS SEEKING NEW LEADER FOR SECT

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 12.—(Special).—The Dukhobors, whose 10,000 members are gathered near here to honor the memory of their late "king," Peter Veregin, killed in a bomb explosion on a train six weeks ago, have a "new king" but they don't know where he is.

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## PRESIDENT IS GIVEN WORK'S NEW PROGRAM

### SECRETARY HAS COMPLETE RECLAMATION POLICY OUTLINED

## EXPECTS TO BECOME BASIS

### Legislation Proposed—Also Committee to Draw Up Reclamation Code for Projects

Washington, Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—Secretary Work submitted to President Coolidge today a complete reclamation program which is expected to form the basis of the administrations' reclamation policy. The plan includes proposed legislation and the appointment of a joint congressional committee to draw up a reclamation code to stand as a policy for the existing projects and for future departments.

## ROSEBURG VOTES NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—The special school election called to consider the issuance of school bonds in the sum of \$165,000 resulted in the approval of the bonds by a vote of 416 to 210. The next step to be taken will be the appointment by the school board of a committee of 40 citizens, who will aid in the selection of a suitable site.

Plans are to be procured without delay and the construction of the proposed new building will be started as soon as possible. A junior high school and junior college are to be introduced as a result of the bond issue.

## CLOVERSEED SHORTAGE SEEN IN UNITED STATES

Chicago, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—A shortage of cloverseed is facing America. The greatest shortage in history is looming, according to the Blue Valley Creamery Institute, of Chicago. The crop last year is the smallest crop on record, and the production of seed is now only 74 per cent of last year's crop, according to government figures.

The institute is advocating the growing of alfalfa wherever practicable, instead of competing for high priced cloverseed. This it contends will be more economical.

In its statement on the cloverseed shortage the institute says: "The crop report just issued shows that the total production this year is estimated with 1,100,000 last year and a five-year average of 1,610,000. Last year approximately 24,000,000 pounds of cloverseed were imported to make up deficiencies in America, but Europe has a shortage this year also, and probably will have little seed for the United States."

## In Jersey City's \$5,000,000 Fire



Five hundred families were made homeless when fire swept several blocks of tenement houses in Jersey City, N. J. Three factories also were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$5,000,000. This picture gives some idea of how buildings in the conflagration's path were gutted.

## AIR COMPRESSOR MAY HELP AERONAUTICS BOARD SOLVE MANY PROBLEMS CONCERNED WITH FLYING

Washington, Dec. 12.—(A. P.)—The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics expects to gather valuable scientific information for use in building aircraft from experiments that will be conducted in its new variable density wind tunnel at Langley Field, Va. This tank, said to be the only one of its kind in the world, has just begun to produce results.

The tank is 35 feet long, 15 feet in diameter and weighs 83 tons. It is mounted on a concrete foundation and is surrounded by a working platform. Air pressures as high as 20 times atmospheric pressure are made possible. As men cannot work in a tank of compressed air, small glass windows are on the side to enable observers to gain scientific data.

A small model airplane is placed in the wind tunnel and mounted on a balance or scale, which records the lifting characteristics of the airplane wings and the resistance of the whole structure. Through a honeycombed arrangement the air is driven through the tunnel with a smooth flow, with the airplane model suspended in its path.