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## FUNDING OF WAR DEBTS COMPLETED

Only \$317,000,000 For Which No Agreement Has Been Reached.

Washington, D. C.—For the first time since the treasury began sending billions of dollars across the Atlantic nine years ago, officials are able to present a clear, composite picture of what the government may reasonably expect in the way of return from these loans during the next half century.

The funding of the four billion dollar French debt virtually wiped the foreign debt slate clean of the major items.

Of the \$10,655,000,000 in outright cash advanced to foreign powers in the war period of 1917-1920, there remained only \$317,000,000, on which no promises to pay have been reduced to writing. Of this unfunded amount, \$270,000,000 is owed by the Russia of the czars and \$16,000,000 is owed by Armenia, neither of which can properly be said longer to exist.

Of the principal amount advanced, the treasury has promises in writing that if fulfilled will bring into the treasury approximately \$21,817,000,000 during the next 62 years. This amount is slightly in excess of the total national debt of the United States as it exists at present.

The government's income this year from the foreign debt settlements is reckoned at approximately \$209,716,000.

For the next half century the annual federal income will range between this figure and about \$420,000,000, which is the maximum to be realized in any one year. The larger amount, however, will not be coming in until about 1950.

While the foreign debt payments would seem to afford a hope for future tax reduction, such is not the case, at least in a direct sense. The foreign payments are to be devoted to the retirement of Liberty bonds, of which there are outstanding today between \$16,000,000,000 and \$17,000,000,000. Thus the benefit to the taxpayers will be indirect, rather than direct.

## SCHOOL HEADS URGE CHANGES IN LAWS

Olympia, Wash.—Several resolutions urging a number of legislative changes as regards existing school laws of the state and nation were adopted after discussion here by the 39 county school superintendents of the state, after being in session for three days.

Among one of the changes urged was one resolution favoring the enactment of a federal law providing for a department of education with a secretary of education to be included in the president's cabinet.

Another resolution adopted would eliminate the present statute prohibiting graduates from the state normal schools from teaching grade school classes, and being restricted to service in high schools. It was pointed out that the graduates from similar schools in other states were unrestricted in being permitted to come to the Washington grade schools.

Among a score of resolutions of various kinds, the delegates adopted one recommending that senate bill No. 166 of the recent special session be enacted so as to provide for a countrywide uniform adoption of textbooks, and that a fund for this purpose be raised by state taxation.

## HOUSE TABLES RAIL BILL

Plan Would Have Helped Oregon Trunk Railway Project

Washington, D. C.—A proposed amendment to the interstate commerce act which would have permitted the Oregon Trunk railway to build an extension southward into Klamath Falls from Bend without procuring any certificate from the interstate commerce commission has been blocked for this session of congress in the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, where it was indefinitely tabled after the senate had passed it without a dissenting vote.

The house committee voted to postpone any action on the amendment for the remainder of this session after a number of railroads had made strenuous objection against any change in the existing law.

## GLENN DUDLEY'S CANDIDACY LOOKS GOOD TO FREEWATER

Speaking of Glenn Dudley's candidacy, the Freewater Times says: "Glenn G. Dudley of Athena republican candidate for representative of the twenty third district was a visitor in Milton and Freewater on Tuesday.

"Mr. Dudley is a native son of Umatilla county, was born at Athena where his parents settled in 1879 and they have made that place their home since that time.

"Mr. Dudley is a graduate of the University of Oregon in the class of 1917, he served two years in the United States army during the late war and is a prominent member of the American Legion and has been honored by that organization in being chosen president of the county council, district committeeman, sergeant at arms for five years and delegate to the national conventions held at San Francisco and New Orleans.

"Mr. Dudley is associated with his father in wheat farming near Athena and is vitally interested in the matter of taxes. He believes that if and income tax is adopted for Oregon, a certain percent of the revenue derived from that source should revert back to the several counties in that state to lessen the burden of taxation locally.

"In speaking of his candidacy for the legislature, Mr. Dudley states that he wishes it distinctly understood that he is not opposing Mr. Miller of Milton-Freewater. He has the highest regard for Mr. Miller and if nominated and elected will work in perfect harmony with our representative.

"Mr. Dudley is a man of deserving confidence and will look after the interests of Umatilla county and the state if elected to the legislature with honor and distinction. He has adopted as his slogan, "Governmental Efficiency and Economy."

## SHOCKED BY LIGHTNING HIS BOOTS SAVED HIM

By virtue of the fact that he wore a pair of rubber boots, in all probability is the reason that Lucien Gagnon is alive to tell the incident of being severely shocked by lightning, at his farm home south of Athena, Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mr. Gagnon was engaged in repairing a fence near the creek, and was standing in the water when during a shower a bolt of lightning slivered a large tree near him, and tore up the ground for a considerable distance.

A hammer was knocked out of Mr. Gagnon's hand, and for a time he was stunned and remained in a dazed condition. He has not wholly recovered from the effects of the shock, but realizes that he values rubber boots more highly than ever before.

## LEGION STATE CONVENTION COOS BAY AUGUST 5, 6, 7

The eighth annual convention, American Legion, department of Oregon, will be held this year on Coos Bay, August 5, 6, 7. Marshfield and North Bend are the two cities already preparing to make the convention the greatest American Legion days in the history of Oregon.

Following numerous requests, the convention commission has decided to stage a bathing beauty contest, and it has put up to the different Posts the proposition to put on local contests, selling votes at one cent each.

Drum Corps contests will be held the second day at the convention at 10 a. m. Approximately \$1000 in prizes will be offered and distribution will be in such a way that every entry will have a crack at some prize. Complete details will be published in The Pacific Legion.

Dances, watersports, torpedo boat flotilla, seafood dinner and many other events are in course of preparation. Six destroyers with 750 men will be in harbor for one week. Arrangements are being made to feed 2000 visitors at the seafood dinner on Saturday August 7th.

## CANDIDATE CRANSTON

C. K. Cranston, republican candidate for county treasurer was in Athena, Tuesday. Mr. Cranston is well known to the people of Umatilla county, having filled an unexpired term in the treasurer's office. He says that if elected, he will run the treasurer's office without asking the court for a full time deputy, and that he will not accept paid deputyship in any other county office.

## BOY SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN WHEEL STRIKES CAR

Wayne, eldest son of Mrs. Ida Banister, met with a painful and serious accident at the intersection of Main and Fourth street, Sunday forenoon, when the bicycle he was riding collided with a car driven by Orville Walden of Weston. Both vehicles, according to witnesses were moving slowly. Walden came up Main street, and was making the turn south on Fourth. The boy was coming north on Fourth street and whether he lost control in steering the bicycle, seems to be a question, but he turned to the left, and his bicycle collided with the rear wheel of the automobile.

The little fellow was picked up immediately and taken into Dr. Cowan's office, where examination revealed that one of his legs was fractured. Later Dr. Cowan took the lad to Walla Walla, where the X-ray revealed a compound fracture, located above the ankle and below the knee. After reduction of the fracture was made, Wayne was brought home, and is resting as well as could be expected.

## ENGLISH TEACHER

Miss Mildred Bateman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bateman of Milton has been employed as English teacher in Athena high school. Miss Bateman will graduate in June from the University of Oregon where she has been prominent in debate activities.

## BULL'S ATTACK FATAL

While pinned against the wall of a small pen unable to defend himself, William French, 61, a resident of Crook county for 40 years, was gored fatally by an enraged Jersey bull belonging to Lloyd J. Powell, who lives four miles east of Prineville on the Ochoco project. French died three hours later.

## GRASSHOPPERS AND GEESE

Farmers in the Tule Lake district, Klamath county, are having a hard time facing them. Legions of grasshoppers are ravaging rangeland and crops. Northbound wild geese stop in their flight to eat the growing grain.

## WATER SHORTAGE NOW APPARENT OVER THE STATE

That there is to be a general shortage of water throughout the state unless copious rainfall comes to the relief of the situation, is being forecast from different sections.

Unless there is rain, Portland will face a water shortage this summer and sprinkling may be prohibited because this has been the driest spring in 51 years, according to John M. Mann, commissioner of public utilities in charge of the city water bureau.

The Hermiston project is short 2000 acre feet of water in the reservoir and project farmers will have to govern their season's irrigation accordingly. There is at the present time virtually no snow in the mountains and the only relief possible is from what amount of rain falls between now and the middle of June.

The Athena water system is barely holding its own with the gravity supply being augmented by daily pumping at the well situated near the springs. The regular pumping station is yet in reserve and will not be operated until it is necessary to do so.

The crop prospect in the Athena district still remains flattering, with the growing grain well advanced and some are of the opinion that there is sufficient moisture to mature the grain, and if any injury results it will be caused by hot winds.

Already complaints are heard in the light soil districts that growing grain is beginning to show effects from warm weather and shortage of moisture.

## PREPARATIONS ARE MADE FOR COMMENCEMENT WEEK

Athena High school commencement week exercises will begin Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., at the Christian church, when Evangelist Glenn Hut-ton will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon.

## TESTIMONY TAKEN IN THE SAPIRO-HENRY FORD CASE

Attorneys representing both interests in the million dollar libel suit brought by Aaron Sapiro against Henry Ford and the Dearborn Independent, a Ford publication took testimony by deposition at Walla Walla last week.

Lawyers representing Mr. Ford were Ward N. Choate, special counsel and J. G. Bruce of the Ford legal staff, both of Detroit. They were accompanied by William A. Simonds, of the Ford Motor company of Seattle.

William Henry Gallagher, of Detroit, conducted the examination for the Sapiro interests. He was assisted by two attorneys from the Sapiro offices at Chicago, Walter F. Lynch and R. S. Marx.

Testimony taken at Walla Walla was relative to articles on wheat and hay, published in the Dearborn Independent, it is understood. Among the witnesses who were examined were Oliver T. Cornwell, Ernest Freepson, J. J. Spencer, Carl Roe, A. J. Gillis, Frank Brewster, Ulrich Mauser, Harley J. Sprague, U. B. Adkins, "Casey" Jones, of Walla Walla; and N. B. Atkinson and Zoe Atkinson, of Waitsburg. The testimony was taken before Glenn L. Bean, as notary.

The case comes to trial in Detroit in September 14, at which time the testimony now being taken is expected to be used. Depositions are being taken to spare the huge expense that would accompany the transportation of witnesses to Detroit. Both parties of attorneys came to Walla Walla from Lewiston, where they were engaged in taking depositions the first part of the week. One of the attorneys representing Mr. Ford states that they have traveled over 12,000 miles since they left Detroit several months ago in search of testimony. They examined witnesses in Colorado, Idaho, Kentucky, Minnesota and Washington. The Washington field will soon be completed, after which they will turn to Oregon and California. It is estimated that over 1,500 depositions will have been taken when the case is called to court.

## NEW ORDINANCES

At the meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, Ordinance No. 185, granting the Preston-Shaffer Milling company 30-year franchise for covering construction, maintaining and operating an electric light and power system within the corporate limits of the city of Athena, was passed. Another ordinance providing for the licensing and regulation of public dances in Athena, went through its second reading, when under discussion it was referred for final passage at the next meeting.

## DELCO LIGHT PLANTS AND FRIGIDAIRE INSTALLATIONS

A gasoline engine which will start on a zero morning without fuzzing or cussing has been designed by Delco-Light engineers. Any farmer who has cranked a balky engine, with frost bitten fingers, while his thirty live stock fought about an empty water tank will appreciate its advantages.

This improvement results from use of a new carburetor of simple design, with only one adjustment. This carburetor is standard equipment in the new Model 750 Automatic Delco-Light electric light and power plant, which supplies current at the turn of a switch, yet operates without storage batteries.

In experimenting with this new plant, a number of installations were made in the far North, where they were operated in temperatures of twenty degrees below zero. Although the plant engine must start automatically whenever a switch is turned and must stop each time the current is turned off, these plants operated satisfactorily throughout the entire winter of 1925.

H. J. Cunningham, local agent for Delco Company in selling light plants is just now installing Frigidaire cooling systems, manufactured by the Delco company. Mr. Cunningham, in the last six weeks has sold soda fountain equipments to the McFadden Pharmacy in Athena; three in Milton; two at Pendleton; one each at Umatilla, Hermiston and Helix. He has also sold ten household machines.

## PARRIS-BARTLETT

Mr. Sterling Parris of Athena, and Mrs. Laura Bartlett, of Caldwell, Idaho, were united in marriage at Walla Walla, last Saturday, May 1. Relatives and friends were present at the wedding ceremony after which a wedding dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Parris are at home on Mr. Parris' farm, west of Athena.

## PLATE FOR FRACTURE

Elmer Merritt, who is in a Walla Walla hospital, underwent an operation Monday, when a plate was inserted in his leg, recently broken, to assist in reducing the fracture. Merritt was run into by an automobile last week, while driving a band of sheep along the highway in the Walla Walla valley.

## ENGLAND MENACED BY GENERAL STRIKE

Government Arranges to Ration Food, Fuel and Other Necessities.

London.—Great Britain Monday faced the gravest domestic menace which has overhung the nation since the fall of the Stuart dynasty. This was a general strike which it was estimated would call out some 1,405,000 men to join the 1,120,000 coal miners, who went on strike at midnight Friday.

Premier Baldwin told the house of commons that continuance of the governmental subsidy to the coal industry was out of the question.

Premier Baldwin presented a message from the king, declaring the existence of a state emergency and moved that a humble address be presented to his majesty thanking him for the message. The motion was carried by a vote of 308 to 108.

To meet the emergency the government made elaborate preparations. The country was divided into 10 districts, each under a civil commissioner with large staffs of officials. These will assume complete control of public necessities.

The last hours before the general strike call went forth were anxious ones. Thousands of citizens assembled in Parliament square and the adjoining streets, while within the house ministers of the crown and ex-ministers, representing labor, battled in support of their respective contentions.

The scenes at Westminster were reminiscent of July, 1914. Downing street was impassable. The crowds lining both sides of Bridge street, leading to the houses of parliament, and Parliament square itself were estimated at many thousands.

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Washington, D. C.—Pacific Northwestern interests represented by W. B. Keene are willing to offer more than \$4,000,000 for the five liners of the Admiral-Oriental line running out of Seattle, Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, told the senate commerce committee.

This would compare with the \$4,500,000 bid of the Dollar interests, which the shipping board has voted to accept, but which has been held up as a result of a senate resolution of protest.

T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the board, insisted at the very outset of the inquiry into the deal begun by the commerce committee that any effort to block sale of the ships to Dollar would be ineffectual, as the board's attorney had declared it complete and therefore subject only to court review. Senators Jones of Washington and McNary of Oregon denied just as vigorously that any move had been made by the board which could not be revoked.

The raising of this issue is believed to forecast litigation before the question of sale is settled, but in the meantime the senate committee will complete its inquiry.

## S. W. V. GET PENSIONS

President Approves Measure Granting \$19,000,000 to Spanish War Veterans

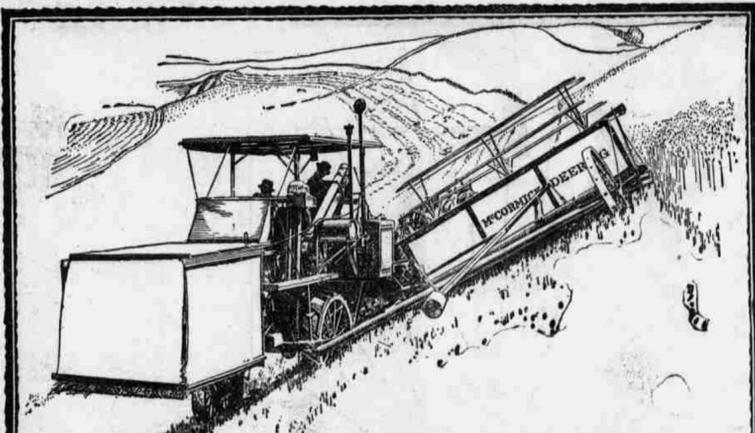
Washington.—Affixing his signature to the Spanish war veterans bill, adding \$19,000,000 to pensions for them and their dependents, President Coolidge formally declared that unless federal expenditures are checked taxes must be increased.

The president's warning followed a series of conferences with congressional leaders, upon whom he urged the necessity for considering the deficit of \$40,000,000 threatened for the coming fiscal year.

The chief executive explained that he approved the Spanish war measure only after being assured that, by economies elsewhere, funds could be found to meet the fixed charge of \$19,000,000 against the treasury.

## Nicaragua Has War of Revolution

Managua, Nicaragua.—The Nicaraguan congress declared the country in a state of war. It is reported that Liberal revolutionists have seized the Bluefields National bank of Nicaragua and have captured Rama, a small town 60 miles inland from Bluefields.



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