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DEBT MAKES RAPID GAIN IN 10 YEARS

Oregon Leads States of Nation
in Percentage of In-
crease.

Washington, D. C.—The public debt of the United States, including that of the federal government and all of its subdivisions, multiplied nearly seven times between 1912 and 1922. It was shown in census bureau figures. At the end of December, 1922, the total was \$30,845,626,000, while at the same period in 1912, it was but \$4,850,460,000. While the greatest increase appeared in the federal debt, because of the war, the debt increase of states was nearly three-fold and that of municipalities and other subdivisions was doubled.

The greatest proportionate debt increase was in the state accounts of Oregon, where the increase of \$29,952,000 in bond issues represented 129.496.8 per cent.

The federal government in 1912 owed \$1,828,584,000, while in 1922 it owed \$22,155,886,000. The total of state indebtedness in 1912 was \$345,942,000 while in 1922 it was \$935,544,000. Other civil divisions owed \$5,475,954,000 in 1912, and \$7,754,196,000 in 1922.

Salem, Ore.—Oregon's ranking as first among the states in the proportion bonded debt, as reported from Washington, comes by reason of two bond issues totaling \$58,060,750 during the ten years between 1912 and 1922, the biennial report of the state treasurer reveals.

The total outstanding bonded debt of the state is \$50,118,490, of which \$20,000,000 is in soldier bonus bonds, and \$38,060,750 in highway bonds. The latter do not constitute a direct liability, outstanding against the general credit of the state in that special provision for their funds is made by application of the moneys received from automobile licenses, which more than cover the annual demands for interest and principal payments.

MEASURE TO REVISE BANKING IS PASSED

Washington, D. C.—The house passed the McFadden bill which would revise the national banking laws.

The bill, the banking policy of which had been endorsed by the National Association of Credit Men and the American Bankers' association, is designed to put national banks on a better competitive basis with state institutions, particularly with regard to maintenance of branches. As reported to the house, the measure gave national banks the right to maintain intra-city branches where state banks are permitted to do a branch banking business, but the amendments put forward by Representative Hill, republican, Illinois, which the house accepted, placed restrictions on the maintenance of these branches.

FAVORS LOANS TO SETTLERS

Approval is Given Senator Kendrick's Bill by President Coolidge.

Washington, D. C.—Administration approval of the bill introduced by Senator Kendrick, democrat, Wyoming, proposing government loans to settlers of reclamation projects now under construction, was transmitted to the senate reclamation committee at the opening of hearings on the measure. Secretary Work gave his support to the measure and Director Lord of the budget, made it known that the program did not conflict with President Coolidge's financial plans.

Under the revision, the measure would propose loans up to \$3000 for settlers on the basis of 80 per cent of the improvements made by the settlers or cattle owned.

Oregon Prohibition Probe Under Way.
Salem, Or.—Legislative probe of the state prohibition department and the enforcement of the state dry law started Monday night. After inviting suggestions from anyone interested, from the governor down, the committee plans an executive session during which the scope of the probe will be outlined.

Washington Wool Chief Re-elected.
Ellensburg, Wash.—Thomas Drumheller of Walla Walla, Wash., was re-elected president of the Washington Wool Growers' association here for his eighth term. Mr. McGriffie, Yakima, vice president, and Joseph E. Sears, Yakima, secretary, were also re-elected.

Conviction in Herys Case Sustained.
Cleveland, Ohio.—The review court of the Protestant Episcopal church unanimously affirmed the heresy conviction of Bishop William Montgomery Brown of Gallon, Ohio.

AMBASSADOR KELLOGG



Frank B. Kellogg, former senator from Minnesota and present ambassador to Great Britain, who has been named secretary of state.

ASK AMENDMENTS TO VOLSTEAD ACT

Washington, D. C.—Declaring diversion of alcohol the chief problem of prohibition enforcement, James J. Britt, counsel for the prohibition enforcement unit, has recommended to the senate investigation committee two amendments to the Volstead act designed to remedy the situation.

One amendment would limit denaturation plants to alcohol distilleries and to distillery premises and the other would give the enforcement agency complete supervision of the denatured alcohol until it goes to the consumer.

Roy A. Haynes, field marshal of enforcement since early in the Harding administration, seems likely to be replaced by someone who heretofore has viewed the government's prohibition activities from a distance and who will bring to the service enforcement opinions of his own.

Meantime it has been revealed at the White House in the most authoritative manner that President Coolidge would like to see federal agents give their major attention to bootleggers and not to hip-pocket flasks and that he does not favor a bill reported by the house judiciary committee making it mandatory for courts to impose jail sentences on those convicted of breaking the Volstead act.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Daniel G. Reid, the "tinplate king," died in New York of pneumonia. He was 66 years of age.

A new high price for cash wheat was paid on the Merchants Exchange when St. Louis No. 2 red sold for \$2.10.

Alonson B. Houghton, present ambassador to Germany, will succeed Frank G. Kellogg as American ambassador to Great Britain.

Eleven powers participating in the Paris conference of allied finance ministers signed the protocol for distribution of the Dawes plan annuities in which the United States shares.

Great Britain does not take the viewpoint that the United States would be a party to any enforcement necessary to make Germany carry out the Dawes plan, the British foreign office has made clear.

After weeks of wrangling and indecision, the senate passed finally the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill. The final vote was 50 to 30. The bill now goes to conference between the two houses, where differences between it and the Henry Ford offer accepted by the lower chamber must be ironed out.

Ask Federal Aid for Lumber Ports.
Portland, Or.—Unified action by legislatures of Oregon, Washington and California in memorializing congress to make an adequate appropriation for development of lumber harbors on the Pacific coast, giving them sufficient depth and safety to provide facilities for the shipment of the lumber in modern vessels to all parts of the world, is expected to be the outgrowth of a conference called at the Chamber of Commerce by Governor Pierce to consider a program of port development and a plan for demanding federal aid in the work.

Coolidge Names New Secretary.
Washington, D. C.—C. Bascom Sloop, secretary of President Coolidge will retire from that post March 4 and will be succeeded by Representative Everett Sanders, republican of Indiana whose term expires with the present congress.

AMERICA YET FREE AGENT, SAYS HUGHES

Secretary Denies War Debt Settlement Imposed Obligations on United States.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Hughes issued Monday a formal statement asserting that the agreement reached in Paris at the conference of the allied finance ministers imposed no obligation, "legally or morally," on the United States and that this country remains as free from commitments in European matters as it ever was.

The statement said the full text of the agreement signed by Ambassador Kellogg and the other American representatives would be made public as soon as it was received here.

Mr. Hughes' statement was said by White House officials to have the full approval of President Coolidge, who it was said had been fully advised of all angles of the controversy.

The resolution asking for a copy of the agreement, proposed by Senator Johnson, republican, California, is pending in the senate with the approval of others of the irreconcilable veterans of the Versailles treaty fight. From these and other quarters the state department has heard charges that the Paris agreement signed by Ambassador Kellogg, the secretary of state designate, had drawn the United States officially into an involvement against which it had been guarding itself ever since the close of the war.

COMMISSION GIVES LIVESTOCK AID PLAN

Washington, D. C.—Assistance for the livestock industry through existing financial agencies and through a new land policy to grant grazing on unappropriated public domain were recommended Wednesday to President Coolidge by his agricultural commission in a preliminary report.

A later report will deal with possible additional relief through revision of transportation charges and a protective tariff. The committee said it wished to emphasize now that "the welfare of agriculture also demands an early and thorough revision of the freight rate structure."

Declaring existing agencies can handle the livestock financing situation, the commission declared the federal intermediate credit banks "should assume the full responsibility by aggressively and sympathetically undertaking to cover the field and thus support and supplement the normal financing of livestock paper."

The only legislation suggested was amendment of the agricultural credits acts to eliminate the provision that prohibits rediscounting by federal intermediate credit banks of loans negotiated by federally chartered agricultural credit agencies.

HOOVER DECLINES TO SHIFT

Prefers Present Position as Head of Commerce Department.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover has declined a suggestion of the president that he transfer from his present post to be secretary of agriculture after March 4, he announced.

"I appreciate deeply the confidence the president has shown in me," Hoover said, "but I have told him that I believed it would be to the best interests for me to decide against the suggestion, which I have done."

Hoover said Mr. Coolidge thought the present need of the department of agriculture was for an administration in which emphasis should be given to the solution of farmers' marketing problems and that, therefore, the president had asked him to become secretary of that department.

He added, however, that he believed he could serve far more, to more effect, by attempting the solution of problems affecting the whole distribution system of the country, industrial and commercial, as well as agricultural, as he now is doing as the head of the department of commerce.

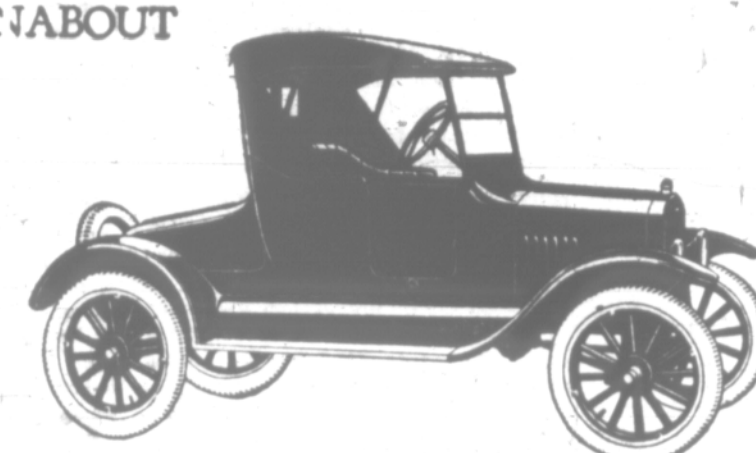
Canon Bliss of Seattle Dies.
New York.—Canon William H. Bliss of Seattle died at St. Louis hospital of heart disease. Canon Bliss, who was 49, was stricken returning from broad in December. He was taken from the Leviathan December 21 to the hospital. Canon Bliss, one of the best known Episcopal clergymen in the country, went abroad to serve as unofficial representative of the United States at the international conference on opium at Geneva.

Trotsky is Ousted by Soviet Council
Moscow.—Leon Trotsky was relieved of his duties as chairman of the revolutionary war council by the central executive committee of the communist party. The communist party is the most powerful political body in Russia.

Stop! Look! Listen!

\$1500 in prizes free! What is your standing in
Walt's Profit Sharing Campaign

Closing on April 30th, 1925, when the prizes will be awarded



First Prize

STANDINGS JANUARY 1	Standing	Number	Points
1	140	6450	
2	559	5800	
3	281	5150	
4	130	4400	
5	577	4200	
6	481	3900	
7	280	3450	
8	161	3300	
8	168	3300	
9	136	2650	
10	505	2550	
11	50	2500	
12	284	2300	
13	134	2150	
14	194	2050	
15	57	1850	
16	107	1700	
17	47	1650	
18	52	1600	
18	54	1500	
18	166	1500	
19	579	1400	
20	242	1300	
20	243	1300	
21	571	1250	
22	138	1150	
22	153	1150	
23	75	1100	
24	135	1050	
24	572	1050	
25	504	1000	
25	555	1000	
26	74	900	
27	65	850	
27	184	850	
28	557	750	
29	170	700	
29	513	700	
30	51	650	
30	59	650	
30	82	650	
30	83	650	
31	63	550	
31	77	550	
31	133	550	
31	561	550	
32	70	500	
32	106	500	
33	524	450	
34	73	400	
34	164	400	
34	283	400	
35	46	350	
35	67	350	
35	72	350	
36	575	300	
37	61	250	
37	573	250	
38	53	200	
38	171	200	
38	289	200	
38	570	200	
39	49	150	
39	108	150	
39	159	150	
39	291	150	
39	293	150	
39	556	150	
39	560	150	
39	574	150	
40	76	100	
40	81	100	
40	84	100	
40	85	100	
40	169	100	
40	549	100	
40	576	100	
41	56	50	
41	62	50	
41	68	50	
41	79	50	
41	80	50	
41	142	50	
41	162	50	

Repetition of the Rules of Contest

Coupons are given for

Purchases in the amount of \$25 or less, 1 per cent

Purchases of \$75 or more, 1-8th per cent

This protects the smaller purchaser and gives him an opportunity to realize on his buying

Our Shop and Service Guaranteed Policy

All work done in shop or service department is guaranteed by the man doing the work and also by this company.

This gives you absolute protection for all work turned out.

This also applies to our used car sales.

The last few months, operating on this plan, has assured us and our customers of the soundness of this proposition.

A satisfied customer is a friend and a booster.

Therefore we aim to serve and satisfy.

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Everything for Autos, Delco Lighting Systems, Electric Refrigeration, Farm Power Batteries. Service Day and Night, night man sleeps in garage and is paid to wait on you at any time.

Walt Sells to Serve and Satisfy

Note: There are at this time only 41 prize places listed, but there are 84 contestants. When all prizes are listed, there will be 50. There are now a number of contestants not listed who have points under the above point standings.