

HOUSE APPROVES WAR DEBT PACTS

**\$600,000,000 is Involved
Agreements Now Up to
the Senate.**

Washington, D. C. — The war debt agreements with Belgium, Rumania, Latvia, Estonia and Czecho-Slovakia, involving approximately \$600,000,000, were approved by the house.

In adopting resolutions to authorize acceptance of terms recommended by the American debt commission, the house disposed of the last of the settlements negotiated during the summer.

As sent to the senate, all of the agreements provide for a funding of the respective obligations over a 62-year period.

Including the Italian debt, the United States will receive approximately \$3,000,000,000 from the six war loans.

Of the 19 war loans to foreign nations, settlements with Great Britain, Finland, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland and Nicaragua have been ratified by congress, while the action by the house brings half a dozen more loans to the last step in their congressional journey.

Of the seven other loans, Austria has been granted a 20-year moratorium, while France, Greece, Liberia and Jugo-Slavia have yet to agree finally on their respective settlements. The present Russian government has repudiated an American loan of \$192,000,000, and Armenia, with an obligation of \$12,000,000 has ceased to exist as an independent nation.

JANUARY VOLT BOOSTS "MIDLAND EMPIRE"

What is being done by the California Oregon Power company to attract new settlers and industries to this territory is explained at some length by this month's issue of The Volt which is now in its sixth year and has been aptly dubbed "America's most diminutive regular monthly publication." In this import work which is continually carried on by the Copco concern two particular agencies stand out as accomplishing the greatest number of direct results. These are the New Industries Department and The Volt.

In connection with these two outstanding activities of the Copco organization, the following information will be of interest to those most concerned with the growth and development of Southern Oregon.

The Volt represents a sustained effort on the part of the California Oregon Power company to disseminate information. Behind its publication are the following outstanding facts explanatory of its reason for being:

The modern public utility manufacturing and selling hydro-electricity is interested—in common with all other business enterprises—in the development of its business. A utility of this kind functions as a manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer. Unlike most other business enterprises, however, it is limited in the outlet for its product—limited to the square miles of territory immediately adjacent to its transmission and distribution-line facilities. Thus growth in the business of a company of this kind depends upon the population growth, industrial activities and prosperity in the area where it distributes electric current.

Two main problems are involved in the sales efforts of this company. First: to persuade the individual, corporation or other organization of operators already located in the limited area of Copco service to use electricity to a maximum economic degree. Secondly: to interest persons elsewhere, who, if aware of the advantages to be gained by locating their homes or enterprises in this region, would do so—and thus become potential users of hydroelectric power.

The first of these functions is performed by the company's Commercial Department; the second, by its New Industries Department. The Volt aims to supplement these two departments, to aid them in the attainment of the ends in view by disseminating information relative to the field of Copco operations. While some of the facts it sets forth bear directly on the use and development of hydroelectricity, others are only remotely, if at all, connected with the business of the company.

Sometimes this publication is given over to descriptions of industrial and

agricultural developments that reflect great credit on the region. Again, in its columns have appeared notes on fish and game and highways of southern Oregon and northern California. On occasion it has thought it fit to deal with most trivial subjects—it once published a picture of a pet skunk named Violet, owned in Roseburg where broccoli is grown with great success. Indeed, almost anything serving to focus attention on the field of the company's operations is regarded as possible material for this publication.

In the main however, The Volt has endeavored to point out the advantages of living in the region served by Copco and being engaged in some one of the varied industries or pursuits to which the area is so happily suited. This it has done by citing specific examples of successful efforts, hoping that possibly it would point the way to individuals or organizations operating elsewhere under less favorable conditions. In this manner The Volt has co-operated with the New Industries Department of the company, which was established to do this work in a more scientific and thorough manner.

Functioning through it News Industries Department, the California Oregon Power company is constantly engaged in assembling and analyzing exact data pertaining to the territory it serves. Also it collects data regarding conditions elsewhere in the United States—if the facts have consequential bearing on the region in which we are primarily concerned. Its aim is to be as intimately acquainted as possible with all sections in its operating field, to be able to speak authoritatively and with certainty as to their advantages and disadvantages, considered from the standpoint of industrial development. Very complete surveys, made with the same care given work in which the company is directly concerned, have been compiled, and these the company stands ready to pass on to those seeking knowledge of this region with a view of establishing business enterprises or industrial plants somewhere in the territory.

The work of our New Industries Department has been carried forward along broad lines. It represents an effort in which numerous individuals not of the Copco organization, and associations of individuals, such as chambers of commerce and commercial clubs, also are vitally interested, and therefore it is a logical move for this department to strive to work in close harmony with such forces located within the territory. This policy is being followed, and plans now under consideration hold excellent prospects for a most effective co-operative regional effort along these lines.

One of the most interesting features of the January Volt is a splendid double page relief map of the Pacific Seaboard. This map features as its center attraction the Southern Oregon and Northern California territory which is aptly named the "Midland Empire" and shows its true relation to the rest of the Pacific coast. This is the first time such a map has been available for general distribution and it is predicted that there will be a big demand for extra copies of the January Volt on this account.

COMMUNICATION

Editor, Central Point American:

Dear Mr. Editor:

Sa, it certainly is too bad haint it? I guess that old man Pep will crawl off an die now since there's no more "Reds" in town!

Yea, the Reds are all "Blue" now! I hearn a feller say it sure wuz a terable trahmin the Reds got last Sunday, he sed it wuz plum pitiful to see a good crowd git sech a maunin'.

But Mr. editor ya got to hand it to Jim Kernutt; he cum up thar big as life an twist as nateral an sez sez he "Next Sunday will be Rally day for the Reds!"

Sa what makes Mr. Isaacson look so kinda peekid? Do you suppose Mr. editor he's realy wurried 'bout Jims bluff? Well sir I hearn a feller that wuz rite by me Sunday mornin, he sez sez he Wow, Jims all bet up haint he; whut do ya know bout that? Rally day; O Min!

I see Guy Tex 'tother day an he had changed sox yea, ya know Guy wuz wearin red sox around fer a week er two, hes got a kinda powder mongrel color on now!

He told me Monday he wuz a feelin kinda puny!

A feller told me thar Mr. Gleason

OREGON GASOLINE TAX LAW UPHELD

Portland, Or.—Federal Judge Wolverton upheld the validity of the state's gasoline tax for auto users when he dismissed the suit of the Portland-Seattle Auto Freight Co. and a long list of other truck firms which had been brought against Secretary of State Koser, alleging that the 3 cent tax is illegal and in violation of the federal constitution, since it apparently interferes with interstate shipments of goods.

In the suit, the truck operators asked the return of \$6,000,000 which they said had been collected illegally through the gas tax.

The truck men maintained that when the state levied a gas tax, applying the proceeds to the construction and repair of rural post highways, along with the reducing of bonded indebtedness on such roads, then the state violated the federal laws which prohibit the taking of tolls on such roads.

wuz recoverin slowly from the shock an he thot by the last uv the week hed be able to help Jim put that Rally day acrost.

Well Mr. editor, while the Reds an Blues are a wallipun each other an ever bodys a havin a good time some feller is a gettin in a good punch fer Central Point ever day ur to with a good boost in the Mail Tribune; Im a goin to hunt that feller up an take my hat off to him, I like any body that looks like me: B. A. BOOSTER.

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CLUB NEWS

Everyone who is interested in Boys' and Girls' Club work in Jackson county is asked to meet with the County Club Leaders' association next week in Ashland. The date will be either Thursday or Friday, but as yet is not definitely decided. Letters will be sent giving more definite information to some of the members in each community as soon as details can be obtained. Anyone who fails to get one of these letters, and is interested please call either Mrs. Warren Patterson or Mrs. A. T. Lathrop. H. C. Seymour, State leader of Boys' and Girls' Work, is expected to be present.

The first of the series of Chain Parties for the benefit of the P. T. A. funds was held last Friday afternoon, January 15th, at the home of Mrs. A. T. Lathrop. The following officers and chairmen of committees were present: Mesdames C. E. Bolds, Merle Kindie, Eva Smith, J. E. Weaver, H. P. Jewett, Warren Patterson, H. T. Pankey, Snyder and

Miss Gladys Bond. The afternoon passed quickly with conversation, and games. Light refreshments were served and all agreed that it was a pleasant change to meet for purely social reasons instead of the usual Executive board business.

On Friday afternoon of this week Mrs. C. E. Bolds and Mrs. Kindie are acting as joint hostesses in a P. T. A. benefit party, and Mrs. Eva Smith is also entertaining at her home on the west of town.

Several other parties are being arranged, which are scheduled to take place shortly.

NOTICE TO PARENTS

A class for beginners in the first grade will be started this year. The second term begins on Monday, January 25. All children who will be six years old on or before the fifteenth of February will be accepted on Monday, January 25th.

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