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# HOOVER ADVOCATES SALES TAX

## Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

**"BRITISH Ready to Ship Gold."**  
So reads a headline in the news of the day.

It is a significant headline—a TREMENDOUSLY significant headline, when you stop to think of all it means.

THE British borrowed roughly FOUR BILLION dollars from us and then turned around and lent MORE than that to other nations with which Britain was allied in the war.

That is to say, the British got no net benefit for themselves out of the money they borrowed from us. They just used their credit to help out their not so solvent allies.

NOW listen:  
Of this four billions that the British borrowed from us during and immediately following the war, they have already PAID BACK something like half.

There has been no whining, no crying, not back-biting—no joining in the cry of "Uncle Shylock!" It was a debt, and the British idea of a debt is that it is something to be paid.

As to this paying of debt hasn't been so easy on the British, who have had troubles of their own.

Shifting of trade currents since the war, resulting in Britain's buying more than she sold, has drained her gold steadily away from her. As her gold was drained away, her money became less stable.

Finally she was forced OFF THE GOLD STANDARD entirely. In order to save what little gold she had left.

NOW, on December 15, comes due ANOTHER payment on Britain's debt to this country. This payment will have to be made in GOLD, because the British have no other way to pay it.

We are selling them more than they are selling us. So they can't afford to offset one debt against another. All they can do is SHIP THE GOLD to us.

Even the prospect of shipping this further sum of gold out of the country has badly shaken the already shaken value of the pound, and actual shipment will shake it further.

BUT listen again:  
Nobody hears the British crying. Nobody hears them talking repudiation. Nobody hears them cursing us.

What they are getting ready to do is to walk up to the counter and PAY THEIR DEBTS—no matter what it costs; no matter what may happen to them as a result.

NBODY knows, at the present moment, exactly what shipping those additional millions in gold out of the country will do to British finance, already in a bad way.

But if they can't get an honorable and businesslike extension of the loan, they are going to make the payment when it is due—no matter what the results to themselves may be.

There's something wholly admirable about these British and their attitude toward the debts they owe.

WEVE always been sentimental about the French. It was probably this sentiment, as much as anything else, that led us into the war.

We wanted to save the French from what looked like a certain and TERRIBLE flogging.

And we did it.

NOW let's take a dispassionate look at the French and the money THEY borrowed from us.

To begin with, we've forgiven them already, through various readjustments, the debt they contracted for the actual fighting of the war. On top of that, we GAVE THEM OUTRIGHT the railroads and the docks that we built as a part of our conduct of the war in France, simply saying: "We're through with these things; take them and use them."

About all the money the French owe us—we are speaking here in broad and general terms—is what they borrowed AFTER the war.

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## Entire Final Message Devoted to Economic Necessities of Country

### Tax at Factory on Everything Except Food Is Recommendation; Pay Cut For Federal Workers Urged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—A blanket manufacturing sales tax covering virtually everything but food, and an additional 1 per cent pay cut for federal employees was recommended to congress today by President Hoover.

In his final message which did not touch upon the agitated prohibition question, the chief executive asserted three separate efforts to be "necessary foundations to any other action"—balancing the budget, complete reorganization of the nation's banking system, and wholehearted co-operation with other nations in the economic field.

As for the present state of the union, he said that "the acute phases of the crisis have obviously passed," and that the freedom from industrial conflict was greater than hitherto known.

"While we have recently engaged in the aggressive contest of a national election," he added, "it's very tranquility and the acceptance of its results furnish abundant proof of the strength of our institutions."

Proposes Reorganization  
In addition to the manufacturers' sales tax at a "uniform" but unspecified rate, here are some of the far-flung proposals for securing the balanced budget which he termed necessary to "truly restore confidence in the future."

Widespread reorganization of the federal government, with executive orders to be submitted "within a few days" for regrouping and consolidating more than 80 federal departments and agencies.

A flat 11 per cent cut in federal salaries, with a \$1000 exemption. In addition to the present 8-1-3 reduction under the furlough system.

Reductions in appropriations under the present fiscal year of \$830,000,000—this to be offset in part by increases in "uncontrollable items" of \$250,000,000.

Would Cut Public Works  
Drastringly whittling down of expenditures for public works from \$717,262,000 to \$442,769,000.

Elimination of certain unnamed payments to veterans arising from "ill-considered legislation."

The president, after asserting that measures already adopted had "undoubtedly saved the country from economic disaster, devoted a full section of his message to criticism of the nation's banking system. He declared "widespread banking reforms are a national necessity and are the first requisites for further recovery."

"As a system," he said, "our banking has failed to meet this great emergency."

Bank System Is Drain  
"It can be said without question of doubt that our losses and distress have been greatly augmented by its wholly inadequate organization. Its inability as a system to respond to our needs is today a constant drain upon progress toward recovery."

Mr. Hoover explained that he did not refer to individual banks or bankers, but to a system which in "its instability is responsible for periodic dangers to our whole economic system."

Although specific reforms were not named in the message, the president pointed out that the methods have been exhaustively examined and said that he saw "no reason now why solution should not be found at the present session of congress."

Should Avoid Paternalism  
He warned, however, that "inflation" (Continued on Page Eight)

**EINSTEIN GETS  
PASSPORT VISA**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP) Professor Albert Einstein gets his passport visa today to visit the United States and his views on politics probably will not be mentioned on this side.

The distinguished scientist applied for the visa in Berlin yesterday, and because an American woman's organization had protested that he was connected with a communist group, he was questioned at length on his political beliefs. Einstein called the questions "silly" and stormed out of the consulate's office in rage.

**MARILYN DENIES  
WILL AND ACTOR**  
SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., Dec. 6.—(AP) Marilyn Miller, who was carried to sea last week when the liner Bremen sailed from New York before she had time to leave a farewell party, reached here today.

She denied a report she was engaged to marry Don Alvarado, a motion picture actor, who also made the inventory voyage. Miss Miller said she had been given permission to remain in England until Friday, when she will have to return to the United States.

## TAXPAYER LEAGUE TO BE ORGANIZED AT MEETING HERE

Iverson Takes Initiative In Move To Perfect County-Wide Organization—Meeting at Armory Dec. 14.

Organization of a Jackson County Taxpayers' league was announced today by George Iverson, formerly a platform worker and organizer of the International Sunday School association, who is taking the initiative. A meeting of all taxpayers of Jackson county is being called for Wednesday evening, December 14, at the Medford armory.

A good program has been arranged for the occasion, Mr. Iverson stated this morning in announcing the meeting, and a constitution will be adopted, officers elected, and plans made to organize units in each district which will have committees working on their respective problems.

"Taxpayers are very conscientious at this time, which is deemed opportune for organization. A large part of the work of the league will be educational, as it is found that the average taxpayer knows very little about tax matters," Mr. Iverson added.

Can Reduce Taxes  
"Some committees have already been working on tax matters and some very astonishing things have come to light that the people should know about. It is certain that the taxpayers will have to organize and get familiar with their tax affairs, and by going at it in a sensible and businesslike way a great deal can be accomplished toward a material reduction in taxes and a more efficient way of conducting affairs."

The program to be carried out at the organization meeting December 14 will include an address by W. B. Bolger, president of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, on "Taxation and Business"; "Tax Reduction and Social Industry" will be discussed by James H. Owen, manager of the Owen-Oregon Lumber company; "Tax Reduction from the Standpoint of"

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## OLD MAN WINTER RULES OVER AREA

Medford's minimum temperature, since March 3, was recorded by the local weather bureau between 5 p. m. yesterday and 8 a. m. today with 25 degrees above zero as the lowest. The same low temperature was recorded at the Medford station a year ago today—December 7, W. J. Hutchinson, meteorologist, stated.

"No change in temperature," is the prediction for tonight and tomorrow.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Old Man Winter brought his pal, Jack Frost, to Lane county today, sending the mercury down to 20 degrees above zero and covering the ground with frost. It was the coldest since March 2, when it reached 27.

Cascade summit reported a temperature of 29 degrees above zero with a light covering of snow on the ground.

## HOPE FOR SALVAGING VESSEL GROWS DIM

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Her keel cracked in two places by the constant movement on the sand as the freighter Sea-Turk, aground on Clatsop Spit, appeared definitely lost today.

The 410-foot vessel was no nearer release than she was when the crew abandoned ship Sunday morning, a few minutes after the freighter fetched up on the sands in the total obscurity of a pea-soup fog.

## ANCIENT QUARREL CLUE IN MURDER OF CAPTAIN

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Unearthing a possible motive to the slaying last night of Captain Walter Wynderwell, globe trotter, aboard his yacht, Carma, in the form of a long-standing quarrel, police said today they had started a search for a suspect, whose name was withheld.

The information was given to authorities by the widow, Mrs. Aloha Wynderwell, who, with her husband, had planned to set sail this week with 23 others on a cruise of the South Sea.

The grief-stricken widow said her husband had been threatened two weeks ago by a man who had accompanied them previously on a South American cruise.

## Faces Farm Problem



Rep. Marvin Jones of Texas, chairman of the House agricultural committee, will handle any program in the coming congress dealing with the farm surplus. He recently conferred with President-elect Roosevelt. (Associated Press Photo)

## LEGAL STEPS FOR SHERIFF RECOUNT HELD IN ABEYANCE

Service of summons on Gordon L. Schermerhorn, winner of the sheriff's race by a majority of 123 votes in the official count, for a contest and recount of the ballots, as yet has not been accomplished. Schermerhorn is still absent and is reported to be in Yreka, Cal. Time for service of the summons expires this week in the present action.

Attorney for Sheriff Ralph G. Jennings served notice of steps for a recount of the official ballots cast in the last general election but withdrew the legal papers when it was discovered that Schermerhorn was not available for service. The suit alleged that 381 ballots were "erroneously" cast out by election boards and that Sheriff Jennings was re-elected by 97 votes.

Attorney Porter J. Neff said this morning that if Schermerhorn did not return in time for service of summons in the present action, the request for a recount would be pressed under the corrupt practice act, which allows a petition for a recount to be filed at any time. Summons under this section of the law can be served at any time before or after the swearing in of an official.

Friends of Schermerhorn said they expected him to return this morning. Frank Desouza, reported with Kelly and DeLo to be counsel for Schermerhorn, said today he had not knowledge of Schermerhorn's whereabouts.

Jennings was the "write-in" candidate of the "Committee of 7000" and more than 3500 voters wrote in his name at the general election. Some citizens feel the recount is an unnecessary expense, some that it will show no change, and some that the recount should be held to definitely remove all doubt and clear the political atmosphere.

## RECLAMATION IN DIRE PERIL, VIEW

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Warning the American reclamation policy faces an end unless financial aid is extended by the next congress was voiced by Dr. Elwood Mead, federal commissioner of reclamation, before representatives of 12 western states here today.

Decreased receipts from western oil leases, land sales, and repayments of reclamation projects have reduced the income of the reclamation fund until it will be exhausted by the end of the fiscal year next June 30, the commissioner said.

The continuation of the government's reclamation policy after that date, he added, depends upon the extension of financial aid by congress.

## BEER BILL BRING WEDNESDAY NEXT MOVE BY SOLONS

Senate Paves Way for Consideration of Glass Resolution Proposing Dry Repeal With Ban on Saloon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP) The senate today referred back to its judiciary committee the Glass resolution proposing repeal of the 18th amendment and substituting a ban against the saloon.

This had been suggested as the probable vehicle for early prohibition debate promised in the senate, where both the Republican and Democratic leaders agreed today that the issue will certainly be threshed out this session.

In the house Chairman Collier opened the way for hearing tomorrow on the beer bill by sponsoring a measure allowing modification of the Volstead act.

Referring of the Glass resolution to committee was the first legislative action of the senate this session, and came after the reading of President Hoover's annual message.

The senate gave unanimous consent to the move at the request of Senator Glass (D., Va.) after he said he had received "reasonable assurance" the judiciary committee would give "prompt attention" to the legislation and report on it.

It was on the Glass resolution at the end of the last session that there was recorded for the first time a vote on the question of considering prohibition repeal.

## WILKINS AVERS HE'S BYSTANDER IN BANKS CASE

Action in the receivership plea of the News Publishing company against L. A. Banks and the News Publishing company was delayed this afternoon when Circuit Judge H. D. Norton recessed until three o'clock to give M. O. Wilkins, attorney for Banks, time to file an affidavit of prejudice, if he so desired. Attorney Wilkins left the courthouse. He previously stated to the court that he would file no prejudicial affidavit.

Attorney Wilkins, in addressing the court said he appeared as a "bystander." The court ruled he was "an attorney of record in the case." Banks as the defendant was not present.

Attorney Wilkins contended that Judge Banks of Cook county, against whom an affidavit of prejudice was filed yesterday, had re-assigned the case to the supreme court.

Judge Norton held that as the presiding judge of this district, he had jurisdiction. He then extended the invitation to file an affidavit of prejudice.

Judge Norton informed counsel for both sides, "I do not intend to shirk any duties, as presiding judge, on matters coming before me."

## PORTLAND LIKES JUICE OF GRAPE

PORTLAND, Dec. 5.—(AP)—A check-up on the volume of wine grapes brought to Portland this season disclosed today that 23 carloads of the grapes were unloaded here from California alone during the season just closed. This does not include so-called table grapes nor the home-grown grapes, Muscats, Tokays and Concord, widely used for wine purposes.

The volume of California wine grapes moved into Portland this year—240,240 tons—broke all records. If all these grapes went into the manufacture of wine, it is said, nearly a half million gallons of the product must have been made in this city alone from California material.

## Chicago Bandits Make Rich haul

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Five masked robbers ambushed a mail carrier and his guard near the main post office today and escaped with mail sacks containing securities that might be worth \$500,000 to \$2,000,000.

## Negro Cult Leader Is Declared Insane

DETROIT, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Robert Harris, leader of a negro cult, who admitted the slaying three weeks ago of a "sacred altar" of James Smith, negro, today was declared insane by a commission of three physicians and ordered committed to a state hospital.

## Gets New Trial



Earl Quinn, who was condemned to death for the slaying of two sisters near Tonkawa, Okla., has been granted a new trial by the Oklahoma criminal court of appeals. (Associated Press Photo)

## OVERALL-GARBED FARMERS INFORM SOLONS OF PLIGHT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Chairman McNary of the state agriculture reformed today the farm relief bill authorizing the farm board at its discretion to put into effect the equalization fee, export debenture or domestic allotment plan to control surplus production.

Fresh from the great mid-western wheat and corn belt, a group of overall-garbed farmers assembled in the national capital today to lay before congress the needs of their neighbors back home.

Sixty in number their blue denim contrasted with the red caps and arm-bands of the several thousand unemployment relief seeking demonstrators who were hemmed in by police.

Supplied with food and clothing, they did not encounter police obstacles and put up for the night with friends or at a tourist camp. Eight states—Arkansas, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, Oregon, and Wyoming—were represented.

Tomorrow, with the arrival by truck of others from the farm regions they will open the farmers national relief conference to marshal their demands to congress.

These include a moratorium on farm debts, increased agricultural prices, and cash relief.

A spokesman, Lem Harris, executive secretary of the Farmers National Relief movement, expressed their aims this way:

"We are here to demand immediate help. We are not going to make plans and then go to congress with our plans in our hands and ask them to please try to do something for us. We are going to demand aid."

"We have to have it. Our children are starving and developing rickets. Our crops rot on the farm for want of markets, and now even our farms are being taken from us through foreclosure proceedings."

The darkness descended on the demonstrators late yesterday afternoon in the midst of the storm, and the sister ships—the Banays, the Kuretake, and the Wakatake—lost sight of the Sawarabi as she wallowed helplessly in the troughs of the sea.

The three stood by the Sawarabi, and as soon as conditions cleared early today, picked up 18 survivors from the sea, one of whom later died of his injuries. The skipper, Lieut. Commander Kengo Kadota, went to death with his ship, as far as the naval ministry knew.

Meanwhile the commander of the Mito naval base in the Pescadores, off Formosa, sent a cruiser, four destroyers and an aircraft carrier to the scene.

## ROSEBURG TURKS OFF TO MARKET

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Between three and four carloads of turkeys for eastern shipment will be loaded at Roseburg today and tomorrow by the Oregon Turkey Growers, making a total of eight or nine cars in the first Christmas season pool.

McKinley Huntington, president and manager, reports here. Five carloads were shipped from McMinnville, Albany, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Yoncalla and Oakland, and the pool will be completed with Roseburg receipts.

The association is advancing 6 cents per pound on prime grades, 4 cents on choice and 2 cents on commensals.

About 5000 turkeys will be delivered from the Roseburg district, it is anticipated.

## F. R.'S. REFUSAL TO COOPERATE WITH HOOVER ENRAGES

President and Followers Put Out By Governors Action Toward Debts — Hoover Invited Be Main Czar.

(By Paul Mallon.)  
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—This session of congress can be marked down as a fault of government that will never happen again.

The inside situation is that President Hoover is not in sympathy with anything important that the Democratic house would like to do. The Democrats similarly would prefer to hold their big moves if possible until after March 4.

Mr. Hoover cannot sacrifice principle to sign measures he does not approve. Congressmen, generally, think the big Democratic majorities elected in November ought to lay the plans for the future.

It is all due to the lame duck session intervening between elections and installations of new congresses. This practice will be abolished when 19 more state legislatures approve the lame duck amendment this year.

Cooperation flew out of the window when Gov. Roosevelt declined to be drawn into the war debt matter. The underlying situation has changed here since Mr. Hoover and his cabinet officials were privately very much put out about it. They aired their opinions fully in private conversations.

In congress, Republican leaders have given sincere personal assurances of cooperation. Yet the underlying situation is one of confusion. There appears to be a notable lack of partisan interest in what is to be done on anything save prohibition.

Nothing will be done that can be put off until March 4.

Norman Davis is having a hard time trying to play peacemaker in Europe nowadays. His stealthy movements abroad have far greater importance than is generally known in this country. On his latest trip to Paris he had two private objects. First, he wanted to work out a Franco-Italian naval accord. Second—

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## 104 JAP SAILORS DROWNED AS SHIP GOES BOTTOM UP

TOKYO, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The trim Japanese destroyer Sawarabi drifted upside down in the East China sea today, with 104 of her crew probably dead, victims of the treacherous monsoon that blows off the coast of Asia.

The phenomena known as the burst of the monsoon, or sudden seasonal change in the usually steady wind, struck the Sawarabi and three sister ships 100 miles off Formosa Island Monday afternoon.

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## SPECIAL SESSION DECISION AWAITS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today announced he had no statement to give out at this time relative to conferences held in Portland yesterday on means to secure more revenue for the state in order to avoid levying a state property tax.

Asked further if he had any comment concerning a special session, the governor gave the same reply—"Not at this time." He said he did not know when he would announce a decision on the proposed special session about January 3 for the purpose of passing a sales tax.