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4 INJURED WHEN BUS RUNS WILD

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
FRANCE, sitting on about half the gold in the world, refuses to pay to the United States the interest on her war debt that was due on December 15 unless the United States would agree BEFOREHAND to a conference to scale the war debts down still farther.
LET'S see. France was silent about side agreements, wasn't she, when she BORROWED THE MONEY?
And the United States asked no guarantees when it went to war in 1917 to save France from a terrible meeting.
EUROPE'S idea of it is this: If Europe, in a moment of big-heartedness, will cancel its reparations debts, the United States should cancel its war debts.
That is intended to sound like a fair proposition.
BUT if both war debts and reparations were cancelled, the taxpayers of England and France would be just about as well off as they are now—that is to say, they would gain nearly as much as they would lose.
The taxpayers of the United States would be FAR WORSE OFF than they are now, and Germany would be the lightest-taxed nation in the world.
TAXES are a part of the cost of doing business, so the heaviest-taxed nation would have the heaviest costs and the lightest-taxed the lowest costs. So the result of cancelling debts all around would be to make it MUCH HARDER for the United States to sell goods competitively in foreign trade.
That is one of the things Europe is aiming at in all this talk of cancellation of debts.
Europe is coldly selfish all the way through, looking out for Number One all the time. It will pay us to do so much more in the future than we have in the past.
COUNTY judges and commissioners, meeting in Portland, favor a general sales tax, instead of a state property tax, as a means of raising the money with which to pay Oregon's bills.
The judges and commissioners know the counties will have to put up to the state, in cash, ALL the state's share of a property tax, carrying the burden of delinquencies themselves.
They know that will be a hard job, one that will probably bankrupt some counties.
THIS issue is facing the state, the counties, the cities and the school districts: "How shall we get the money with which to pay our bills?"
It is a question that isn't easily answered, for the general property tax is falling as a producer through inability of property tax to pay, and the income tax is falling as a producer through lack of net income.
One thing is certain: The cities and the counties, the cities and the school districts SPEND during the coming year, the better it is going to be for everybody.
YOU may not be in entire agreement with everything that taxpayers' leagues are doing throughout Oregon. But, even though they may go at times to extremes in their recommendations, the taxpayers' leagues are doing something in Oregon that SIMPLY HAS to be done.
That is, they are calling attention forcibly to the necessity of spending just as little tax money as possible.
THE state game commission, also meeting in Portland, announces that at this year's session of the legislature it will make no effort to influence legislation, but will stand wholly on its record, submitting its case to the legislature for whatever it may be worth.
It is a GOOD CASE in this writer's judgment. The present game commission is the best commission this state has had in years and years—perhaps the best it EVER had.
It is made up of broad-minded, able men, who have freely given their time to the working out and establishment of a policy of wild life conservation that if carried through will be of immense value to Oregon in coming years.
The present game commission, in breadth of vision and sincerity of purpose, has been fully on a par with the highway commission, which is saying a lot.

VEHICLE PLUNGES FROM ROAD NEAR TOLO OVER-PASS

Defective Steering Gear Is Blamed in Accident, Enroute South—22 Passengers Get Shaking Up

Four passengers aboard a south-bound independent stage company bus were injured this afternoon shortly after one o'clock, when the bus, a vehicle, left the Pacific highway, a quarter of a mile north of the Tolo overhead bridge and plunged for 50 feet over ditches, before careening on its side.
The injured were:
Max Dodge, Jr., 26, 765 O'Farrell street, San Francisco, badly injured back.
Mrs. I. V. Shoemaker, 68, Los Angeles, pelvic bruise, abrasions, shinbone, shock.
Carl Karathke, 43, salesman Hirsch-Welch company, Portland, injured back, sprained right arm.
One woman, name unknown, who left hospital after protracting medical attention.
Dr. J. C. Hayes, attending physician, said Dodge was the only accident victim remaining in the hospital. The rest were billeted at the Jackson hotel.
All the injuries were due to the severe bumping sustained, when the bus left the highway. There were 22 passengers, and all were badly shaken.
According to the state police, who investigated the accident, it was due to defective steering gear. One of the steering rods became loose and struck on the pavement.
State police said the driver of the bus was Joseph Murphy, listed as a resident of the Valley Hotel at Roseburg. Murphy told the state police he was traveling about forty miles per hour when the mishap occurred.
Passing motorists and the Peril ambulance rushed the injured passengers to the Sacred Heart hospital, where they received medical attention and were given X-ray examinations by Dr. J. C. Hayes. None of the four were seriously injured.
The fortunate feature of the accident was that it did not occur on the Tolo overhead crossing. The resultant high plunge would have taken a heavy toll.
Among the first at the scene of the accident was State Highway Engineer J. C. Bradley of Grants Pass. Immediately following the accident, a man who said he was a representative of the stage company, at the hospital refused to divulge names of the injured on the grounds, "we don't want any publicity."
The injured were removed from the scene before the state police arrived.
The stage was of the large type, operating between Portland and Los Angeles.

Film Hero Faces Deportation For Citizenship Fake

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Duncan Renaldo, who deserted a stoker's job aboard a French steamship in 1921 and became a leading man in motion pictures, today faced deportation.
The actor, whose real name is said to be Yassile Dumitres Coghiana, was convicted by a jury late yesterday, after less than an hour's deliberation, of a charge of falsely representing himself as an American citizen in applying for a passport to Africa for the filming of the jungle picture, "Trader Horn."

HALT VETS' PAY IN MINOR DISABILITY URGED AS SAVING

Hines Says Government Could Save \$51,344,000 First Year by Action—Heated Argument Follows

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Prohibition of disability allowances to all veterans not permanently disabled to a degree of 50 per cent was urged today by Frank T. Hines, veterans' administrator, with an estimate that the government would save \$51,344,000 the first year under the proposal.
The recommendation, made to a joint congressional committee studying economies in veterans' costs, started a heated argument with Senator Robinson (R., Ind.), an advocate of liberal treatment of veterans, who challenged the proposal.
Hines said it would remove 356,000 persons from disability rolls.
The proposal followed close a recommendation of the retroactive award for payment of veterans' arrears for disability allowances.
Hines said the retroactive award would cost the government \$18,000,000 annually. He estimated it would affect 140,000 former service men.
Hines said the retroactive recommendation and that made yesterday to limit rating of cases for reviving insurance "should merit first consideration."
Heavy Cost Cited
He estimated a \$6,000,000 saving under the insurance amendment and said it would affect 2,000 persons.
Hines said the retroactive provision had cost the government \$30,000,000 and would cost "much more" if continued. He added that some fraud had been practiced under it.
Hines suggested another saving of \$3,049,000 a year by transferring veterans who enlisted after the armistice from compensation to a pension basis.
Robinson said if "you cut out the present 25 per cent disability cases you get back the money we started from with grave injustices."
Hines said that veterans disabled less than 50 per cent, under the change, would either have to be assisted in getting employment or helped by local communities if they could not find jobs.
"There is no employment to get," Robinson said.
"If a man is able to carry on, and certainly he is if he is only 25 per cent disabled—the federal government should not be called on to aid him."

HOOVER WILL ASK DEBT COMMISSION TO EYE SITUATION

Message Monday to Congress Expected Carry Recommendation—Officials Mum On Failure France

The president then commissioned Joseph H. Paul-Boncour to try his hand.
PARIS, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Camille Chauvignac told President Lemaire tonight he had been unable to form a cabinet.
It was impossible for him to do so, he explained, because he could not find a formula on the debt question which would satisfy both the chamber of deputies and Edouard Herriot, the retiring premier.
He said he was convinced that the international uneasiness between France and the United States should not be permitted to go on, but in spite of his efforts he felt himself obliged to give up his idea of forming a ministry.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—President Hoover will submit to congress probably Monday a message on the status of the war debts. This is expected to carry a renewed recommendation for creation of a debts commission.
The new complexion cast on the debts issued by yesterday's default by France and four other nations, was studied this morning at the president's cabinet table but afterwards the officials directly concerned were non-committal on the future American course.
The promised senatorial debate was called off when Senator Harrison, ranking democrat on the important finance committee, announced he would withhold the speech he had prepared. His action came when fresh hope developed that France's payment due yesterday might yet be made. Paris news dispatches showed that hope persisted.
There was no indication that the administration is contemplating immediate aggressive steps to straighten out the middle. Secretary Stimson, asked what the future course of this country would be, said: "That is a big question. I do not care to discuss it now."
ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 16.—(AP)—The press of his own state and New York City's financial problems behind him, President-elect Roosevelt goes traveling again today.
Mr. Roosevelt's program today called for departure on an early afternoon train for New York to a dinner and party for Democratic workers in the last campaign, later going to his Hyde Park home for the weekend.
At Hyde Park he may sign the bills passed by the state legislature yesterday, bringing relief to hard-pressed New York City by permitting economies to be undertaken to the extent of \$40,000,000.
There was "wagging note" ringing in his ears today after what probably was his last state cabinet meeting yesterday before he goes out of office in two weeks. He told about it last night at a farewell dinner given him by the Albany chamber of commerce.
"I had a cabinet meeting today," he said. "I am violating no confidences when I say that there was a hopeful note in the voice of all the cabinet members."

SNOW MANTLES TROPICAL FERNS



In the most severe cold spell and storm in 50 years, San Francisco had snow on two successive days. King Winter's icy fingers reached into Golden Gate Park to drop a cloak of snow over large fern trees as the picture shows. (Associated Press Photo)

F. R. IS HAVING TOUGH TIME IN CABINET CHOICE

So Many Big Shots in Party Broke, Can't Afford to Accept Cabinet Posts—Branch Banking Favored

By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President elect Roosevelt is having more trouble than you know trying to pick a cabinet. In the end it will not be as formidable as everyone expected.
The reason is simple. Many big Democrats of the country are broke, just like everyone else. As least they are so badly bent they cannot afford to contribute to Roosevelt's service to the government for \$9,500 a year. Those less bent have affairs and associates demanding their services for the serious days ahead.
For these reasons you may scratch off your list many of the names publicly discussed so far.
Branching legislation is being mixed up underneath with personalities. The administration put it on the emergency list for action. It was stressed by Mr. Hoover and Mr. Mills in their formal statements. Unfortunately they did not mention the name of Senator Glass in their recommendations. The Glass bill is the only banking reform legislation before congress. With some revisions it is the only one that will pass or even be considered.
You can imagine what a hit it made with Glass when the administration took up his reform idea without credit. When asked for comment on the President's message, Glass granted, "That always means trouble."
It will require soft soap and diplomacy to straighten the matter out, but it probably will be done.
The secret of the thing is that Hoover and Mills want a part of the Glass bill—unified banking and branch banking. They hold their noses at the rest of it. So does the Federal Reserve system. The diplomatic Mr. Meyer, head of Federal Reserve, has been handling Glass with
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JENNINGS SEEKS BALLOT RECOUNT IN SHERIFF RACE

A petition for a recount of the last election was filed in circuit court this morning by Ralph G. Jennings, incumbent, against Gordon L. Schermerhorn, Democratic sheriff-elect.
The recount petition, filed by Attorney J. C. Neff, is under provision of the Oregon law which provides that citations can be served for a recount with no time limit, and even after an official has assumed office.
Bonds in the sum of \$1000 were furnished to insure expenses of the recount, the loser to pay the expenses.
The petition is the same as filed in the first action, and is based on claims that 391 ballots, in the 58 precincts were not counted for Jennings because of "erroneous technicalities." It is set forth that Jennings, "write-in" candidate of the "League of 7000," was elected by "not less than 97 votes." The official count gave Schermerhorn a majority of 123. A certificate of election had been issued by the county clerk to Schermerhorn.
The petition sets forth that Jennings' ballots were discarded for three main reasons, mis-spelling, omission of the middle initial, and writing only of the last name. The plaintiff holds that these technical defects are insufficient to nullify the vote and that the law specifically provides that a voter shall not be penalized because he is a poor speller.
Sheriff-elect Schermerhorn has been visiting friends and relatives in Siskiyou county and is not expected to return until after Christmas. He has been away for about a month. Service in the first recount petition was not possible because of his absence.
Under the Oregon law, the recount must start not less than seven days after the serving of a citation. The circuit court judge presides and he appoints a canvassing board, to tally the official ballots. Counsel for both sides are present and present argument on ballots in which doubt exists, and where the intent of the voter is an issue. The court rules made accordingly.

TEN KILLED WHEN YULE LIGHTS FIRE BIG TOKYO STORE

TOKYO, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Ten persons were killed and about 100 injured today in a spectacular fire in the big Shirokiya department store.
It originated in Christmas tree lights and spread rapidly through large stocks of celluloid toys. When the blaze had been extinguished, the upper five stories of the building were gutted.
The fire broke out before many customers had arrived, but it was estimated 1000 persons were in the building, of which 600 or 700—mostly sales girls—were trapped on upper floors at first.
In the panic, a few jumped from the building and were killed. Others were suffocated before firemen began a series of spectacular rescues. Hundreds were taken off the balcony of the fifth floor by ladders, ropes and canvas chutes.
Two hundred were huddled in the roof garden while smoke billowed around them when firemen finally arrived and rescued them.
Five army airplanes assisted by dropping rope ladders.
A battalion of troops, with fixed bayonets, held back throngs pressing fire lines and blocking traffic in the heart of the city for three hours.

LAMKIN UPHELD PROTECTION FOR AS LEGAL JUDGE JACKSON COUNTY

County Judge C. B. Lamkin, according to an opinion handed down by the attorney-general yesterday, is entitled to serve until the first Monday in January, and all his official acts are valid and legal. The report that marriages performed by Judge Lamkin since November 18, were illegal was characterized by that official as "too much imagination."
The opinion of the attorney-general was as follows:
"The county judge was elected for the full term at the last election, and does not take office until the first Monday in January, or succeed appointed Judge as soon as elected and qualified."
The opinion confirms a similar view expressed by local attorneys. One view that shifted here from Salem, held that Earl H. Fehi, county judge-elect should have assumed office November 18. He ran for the full six year term. Had he run to fill the unexpired term of the late Alex Sparrow, he would have come under the November 18 clause in law, but only been elected for the remainder of the Judge Sparrow term, expiring January 1, 1935, it is said.

ADMITS FORGING TENGWALD'S NAME

Cecil Pascher, 17-year old youth of Denver, who was arrested Monday evening by city police in a stolen automobile, yesterday admitted to officers that he had forged the name of Gary Y. Tengewald on three checks, amounting to \$38. The checks had previously been placed in the hands of the accepted one for \$12.75, Safe-way, \$12.50, and Bigly Wiggly, \$12.75.
At the time of Pascher's arrest, he had in his pocket a check made out for \$4.50 to Paul Bryan and signed "Charles Palmer." No date other than November, 1932, appeared on the check, drawn on the First National bank here.

PROTECTION FOR DRY STATES AIM IN REPEAL BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Making rapid progress in the framing of a prohibition repeal resolution, a senate judiciary subcommittee agreed on a provision today to prevent the importation of liquor into dry states.
After two days of discussion, the subcommittee tentatively approved the following language to protect states which want to remain dry:
"The transportation or importation into any state, territory or possession of the United States for delivery or use therein, of intoxicating liquors, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited."
The language was largely suggested by Senator Borah (R., Idaho), long a leader in the dry cause, who has been fighting for protection for states which want to prohibit liquor.
The committee also discussed the possibility of including language to prevent the return of the saloon, but committee members said little progress had been made in this direction.

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Suicide Follows Family Quarrel

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—(AP)—After writing farewell notes to her husband, parents and friends early today, Mrs. Myrtle Ashby, 27, shot herself through the heart, dying at once. Police said she and her husband, John W. Ashby, had quarreled a short time before the shot was fired.

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RALLY TO AID OF CHAIN GANG BURNS

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Former comrades in arms today rallied to the support of Robert E. Burns, who is fighting extradition from New Jersey, which would return him to a Georgia chain gang.
The following telegram was sent Governor Harry Moore of New Jersey by the Fourteenth Engineers Veterans' Association:
"The 800 members of the Fourteenth Engineers Veterans' association, with headquarters in Boston, herewith protest against the extradition to the state of Georgia of our former comrade in arms, Robert E. Burns. Burns served with distinction in our regiment, which was recruited soon after the declaration of war in 1917."
Veteran of Bar Dies.
ONTARIO, Ca., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Judge Oren M. Hilton, 83, criminal lawyer for more than 30 years in Denver, died here last night. For 25 years he was chief counsel for the Western Federation miners.

Favor Amendment Philip Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The senate today approved an amendment to the Hawes-Cutting bill granting independence to the Philippines in 14 years. The decision was by a viva-voce vote.
The amendment, which was previously approved and called for independence in eight years but had been reconsidered and defeated, 45 to 31.

Second Pilot In Crash Succumbs

AMARILLO, TEXAS, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Alph Montee, transport pilot, died today from injuries received Wednesday when his tri-motored plane crashed near English field in a snowstorm. His co-pilot, J. E. Bowen, died yesterday. Montee's widow is ill in Kansas City.
NEWBERG—A. M. West purchased 27-acre walnut grove in this vicinity.

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 15.—Got some news for you. A fellow wrote the N. Y. Times (my mother paper), took exception to some fool thing I had written and forgot about it. The Times took it serious and so did the people arguing over it. They thought the fellow was some authority.
Now what do I find out? He is a young Harvard graduate, Charleton Ogden Jr., 23 years old, and like all Harvard graduates, "Junior" wanted to do something "worth while" for the old alma mater.
But America's sense of humor has taught 'em there is three things they must never take serious: a columnist on any paper, a political speech by any candidate and a Harvard graduate if he hasn't been out four years. Harvard is an eight-year school, four in and four out, but after then they are just as human and fine as any college graduate.
So don't take the debt thing too serious from either Harvard or O. C. C. (Oklahoma cow camp). Their information on the subject is about equal.
Will Rogers.
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