

\$2,000,000,000 GOVERNMENT DEBT NEAR

Announcement by Secretary Houston Came as a Surprise to the Senate Finance Committee—Nearly a Billion Greater Than Had Been Estimated—Senator McKellar Declares Foreign Governments Should Be Notified That the United States Will Not Cancel Loans Made During the War—That Interest Should Be Paid When Due

Washington, Dec. 23.—Declaring that the government face a gross deficit of \$2,000,000,000 for the current fiscal year, Secretary Houston today warned the Senate finance committee that congress should avoid putting a heavier burden on the treasury department. The estimate came as a surprise to the committee, which was nearly \$1,000,000,000 greater than that recently estimated by Senator McKellar. North Dakota, one of its members.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, the treasury had estimated the deficit would be approximately \$1,500,000,000 and he added that it could be seen that resources of revenue must be sought to meet even current requirements.

Mr. Houston said that the committee to discuss the soldiers' bonus, which according to estimates would require an outlay of \$1,500,000,000, had indicated that the treasury would oppose any action by congress that would tend to open a new drain on the treasury.

The secretary also reiterated his objections to the revival of the war finance corporation. It would mean, he said, that the treasury would be compelled to launch a new program of borrowing.

The committee was unable to complete its work today and asked Mr. Houston to return for further testimony Monday.

Mr. McKellar, who had been estimated to be nearly \$1,000,000,000 greater than that recently estimated by Senator McKellar, characterized as "vague and indefinite."

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Cabled Paragraphs Fiume Has Been Completely Isolated

Foreign Citizens and Civilians in the City Have Been Given 48 Hours to Leave

London, Dec. 23.—The former German emperor's Christmas family party has been broken up by the departure of his daughter, and her husband, the Duke of Brunswick, according to the Daily Mail's advice. Their sudden departure was due to the opposition of the Brunswick duke to the appointment of his daughter to the position of queen of the ducal domains to the state.

King George's speech at proroguing of parliament. London, Dec. 23 (By the A. P.).—The king's speech on the occasion of the proroguing of parliament at midnight tonight, after reference to the continued friendly relations with foreign powers, was described as still unsettled and obscure.

Approaches to Fiume are heavily guarded. Trieste, Dec. 23.—(By Courier to Udine).—Fiume is surrounded by a blockade, General Cavaliere directed that the approaches to the city be guarded by powerful patrols of carabinieri and Alpini.

Evacuation by civilians of Fiume has begun. London, Dec. 24.—The evacuation of Fiume by civilians has begun, according to reports from the Italian press.

Discussed proposed bills for general assembly. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 23.—Legislation which has been suggested by members of the executive committee of the general assembly this winter by the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce was considered at a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

Harding consults about association of nations. Marion, Ohio, Dec. 23.—World peace and American business conditions were foremost again today in President Harding's consultations here about the policies of his administration.

Suits of \$1,000,000 for confinement in asylum. New York, Dec. 23.—Suits for a total of \$1,000,000 compensation for ten years' confinement in the state asylum for the insane at Kings Park, L. I., were instituted today by Miss Phoebe W. Graham and her sister, Ada D. Brush against Mrs. William H. Gibson and Walter Gibson, who are alleged to have been responsible for their confinement.

Bandits drove away with delivery truck. Chicago, Dec. 23.—Christmas presents said to be valued at several thousand dollars were stolen today by three armed bandits who drove away in a delivery truck from a large department store after robbing the driver of thirty-five dollars.

Few crimes in New York, but many arrests made. New York, Dec. 23.—New York's crime epidemic appeared to be waning rapidly today before intensified police activity, supported by drastic measures of criminal court judges.

Touching Christmas celebration in Vienna. Vienna, Dec. 23.—The American Relief Administration of the European Children's Fund observed the year's successful activity with a Christmas celebration touching in its character.

Diego Manuel Chamorro, president of Nicaragua. Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 23.—Congress in joint session today by an almost unanimous vote declared that Diego Manuel Chamorro, the conservative candidate, had been legally elected to the presidency of the republic in the election held last October.

Raising fund for new York garment workers. Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 23.—A minimum sum of \$100,000 for the fund to be raised by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers in Rochester to aid New York members of the union who have been denied recognition by the clothing manufacturers was set by the Rochester joint board of the union here tonight.

To restrain third volume of Bismarck's memoirs. Berlin, Dec. 23.—An appeal taken by a firm of Stuttgart publishers against the publication of the third volume of Bismarck's memoirs was dismissed today with costs.

Two Negro Bandits Recaptured by Posse

South Walk, Dec. 23.—Harry Jones and Edward Jackson, negroes, under \$6,000 bonds each on charges of highway robbery and assault, escaped from the hands of a posse while they were being taken to the county jail in Bridgeport. They were captured tonight, and brought back here by a posse.

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All bids received for furnishing a year's supply of bunker coal for American merchant ships at Atlantic and Gulf ports were rejected by the shipping board.

The state controller has received from Bridgeport the statement of school children in that city. The total is \$2,850, an increase of 718 over 1919.

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Admiral Kelly, head of the British naval mission at Athens, informed King Constantine that he was unable to accept the grand cordon of the Royal Order of the Savior.

Alberto J. Pani expects to leave Mexico for Washington this first week in January to assume the duties of Mexican ambassador to the United States, says The Excelsior.

Brief Telegrams

President Wilson will ride to the capital with President-elect Harding on inauguration day.

Herbert Clark of New York city, a director of tourist party, died in Jerusalem Sunday.

Charles Poni sent from Plymouth jail Christmas good cheer to his thousands of creditors.

Plant of the International Paper Co. at Three Rivers, Quebec, began production of sulphite pulp.

Havana was chosen as the scene of the next meeting, in 1923 of the Pan-American Sanitary Congress.

Interviews with Martinburg, W. Va., employing 1,600 persons, announced a wage reduction of 20 per cent.

Decreasing living expenses checked approximately fifteen per cent off the cost of this year's Christmas dinner.

Sharp drops in temperatures have followed close upon the first general snow storm of the season in the northwest.

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Had Communicated Directly With Senator Kellogg in Denying That British Authorities Had Imposed a Censorship on Cable Messages Coming to the United States From Great Britain—State Department is to Ask British Embassy to Explain Breach of Diplomatic Courtesy

Washington, Dec. 23.—(By The A. P.) Official cognizance was taken today by the state department of the action of the British embassy in writing directly to Chairman Kellogg of the senate committee investigating cable communications. They claimed that the British authorities imposed a censorship on cable messages coming to the United States from Great Britain.

At the department's request, Senator Kellogg sent to Acting Secretaries Davis and Craig, first secretary of the embassy and it was dispatched after a public statement had been made at the embassy that such a censorship had not been imposed.

Neither the embassy's letter nor that written by Senator Kellogg to Mr. Davis was made public. The former was understood to have been signed by Leslie Craig, first secretary of the embassy and it was dispatched after a public statement had been made at the embassy that such a censorship had not been imposed.

Despite this denial, Senator Kellogg in his charge to the embassy, asked the state department to inquire of the embassy whether a censorship existed as testified to by Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and John Goldhamer, secretary of the Commercial Cable Company.

While this incident was under consideration, the state department was made that the incident had been reported to the state department by the minister of the United States in London, Mr. Clegg, in view of the minister's explanation.

In a communication to the department, Minister Bianchi said it had been his intention when he called upon Senator Kellogg to discuss the matter with the minister of the United States in London, Mr. Clegg, in view of the minister's explanation.

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IMPRESSIVE PUBLIC FUNERAL FOR BISHOP CHARLES S. BUCH

Funeral Services Held at St. John's Cathedral

New York, Dec. 23.—The body of Right Rev. Charles Sumner Buch, bishop of New York, was laid to rest today in the crypt of St. John's Cathedral.

The funeral services were conducted by Bishop Landon, and were attended by a large number of clergymen and laymen.

The bishop's body was placed in a casket and carried to the cathedral by a hearse.

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TAFT CRITICIZES HENRY FORD'S INDEPENDENT

Editorial in 'Independent' Attacks Ford's Policy

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The allied protocols of the "Wise Men of Zion" printed in Henry Ford's Dearborn Independent, have their only counterpart in literature in the history of the world.

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MISS CLARA SMITH NAMED AS BENEFICIARY

Trust Agreement Signed by Her

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Jule L. Hamon, late republican national committee chairman from Oklahoma and oil magnate, left no will and reports there is an agreement naming Miss Clara Smith as a beneficiary are erroneous as far as he is concerned, according to a statement here tonight.

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COAL STRIKERS IN W. VA.

Wings County Coal Strike District

Williamsport, W. Va., Dec. 23.—The Wings county coal strike district reported itself today a strike of eleven days, and that the miners were still out on strike.

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Announced Plans for Next Year

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 23.—The New Jersey department of agriculture announced today its plans for the next year, which include a large increase in the number of inspectors and a new program of extension work.

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