

### HOUSTON THROWS WRENCH INTO MACHINERY FOR SOLDIER BONUS; SAYS NATION CANNOT AFFORD IT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Market prices of Liberty bonds and other government securities were said in a statement today by Secretary Houston to be suffering as a result of the continued discussion of the soldiers' bonus and the various legislative measures for the relief of the farmers, such as the revival of the war finance corporation.

Enactment into law of either of these propositions, the treasury secretary declared, would necessitate flotation by the government of a loan which would add to the amount of government securities now outstanding and cause consequent reaction in the market for government bonds.

Necessity of a bond issue to finance a soldiers' bonus, Houston said, is readily understood, but it would be equally necessary for the government to borrow in order to enable the war finance corporation to function. The corporation, he said, has about \$570,000,000 in book credits against the treasury, but to resume its activities it would have either to issue bonds of its own to obtain funds or call upon the treasury for its balance, in which case the treasury would be forced to issue certificates of indebtedness in order to raise the money.

The secretary also said he was op-

posed to the various proposals for extending credit to foreign nations on the basis of government funds, the administration having decided there should be an end to foreign loans.

Discussing a sales tax to provide government revenues, a subject now under consideration by the house ways and means committee, the secretary declared himself opposed to a general sales tax on the ground that it was contrary to the theory of progressive taxation. He added, however, that he favored a selected sales tax, applicable to certain classes for articles not necessities of life which he said, would keep the burden of the tax from those unable to pay.

**ARNSTEIN AWAITS VERDICT.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A jury of the District of Columbia supreme court tonight was considering testimony produced at the trial of Jules W. (Nicky) Arnstein and three others, indicted for conspiring to bring into the District securities involved in the \$5,000,000 Wall street bond thefts a year ago. The jury was locked up at midnight.

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### I. C. C. INCREASES R. R. RATES OF TWO STATES

#### Transportation Act Quoted Authority for Ignoring Laws of States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—State railway commissions of Arkansas and Minnesota were ordered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission to increase state passenger rates and excess baggage charges to the level now prevailing in interstate commerce. The commission held that the present charges in the two states amounted to a discrimination against interstate traffic. Both Arkansas and Minnesota are numbered among the seventeen states which refused to grant a 20 per cent increase in passenger fares last August to conform with the increase in interstate traffic, and the decisions today mark the first action to be taken by the commission since hearings were given seven states here recently. The commission previously ruled against the state commissions of New York and Wisconsin and these cases are now being fought in the courts.

The state commissions of Arkansas and Minnesota granted an increase in freight rates but due to existing state laws asserted they were powerless to raise rates on passenger fares and excess baggage.

In Minnesota the state rate for passenger fares was set at 2 cents per mile by the legislature, but the carriers obtained an injunction at the end of the federal control period, which prevented the state commission putting pre-war rates into effect. In Arkansas the maximum rate also was 2 cents a mile.

The Interstate Commerce Commission quoted the transportation act as its authority to raise rates in opposition to state laws made by legislatures.

Changes in the Arkansas rates must be made by February 15, and in Minnesota by February 1, the Interstate Commerce Commission ruled.

In the Arkansas case Commissioner Eastman dissented but the Minnesota decision was unanimous.

### Trouble Brewing In Douglas Over Marshal's Post

DOUGLAS, Dec. 23.—Trouble is brewing in Republican political circles in Douglas and Cochise county over federal appointments following the inauguration of President Harding. The argument that appears to be attracting the greatest notice in this locality is the appointment of a postmaster to succeed the incumbent Clay Hankins. Charles Overlock, former United States marshal under the Taft regime, and James Logie, publisher of the Douglas Dispatch, the local Republican newspaper, are said to be candidates for the office.

Overlock, it would appear, has the support of a great number of the "old guard." The "stand pat" wing of the Republican party points out that Overlock was regular in 1912 and that his work for the party deserves more recognition than it has already had. Overlock, it will be remembered by those who attended the Republican convention in Tucson in the spring of 1912, was the sergeant at arms.

He was accused at the time by the Progressives, of attempting to intimidate them in their efforts to secure control of the convention.

Logie, on the other hand, is not accredited with being an astute politician. His friends aver that he deserves more recognition than it has been given him. It is pointed out that his newspaper, the Dispatch, has been consistently behind the Republican state and county candidates since the 1912 split. He supported Hughes in 1916 and, of course, the Republican ticket in 1920.

Former Progressives charge that it is an effort of the "old guard" to pay off old scores. The supporters of Overlock, on the other hand, maintain that it is purely and simply a matter of rewarding faithful Republican service. As to the charges that Overlock has sold federal office and the best appointment in the state at the hands of a president outside of the judiciary, they declare his political activities entitle him to further consideration.

### OPERATORS TURN DOWN DEMANDS OF MINERS

#### General Increases Asked By 125,000 Coal Workers Are Rejected

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Declining to reopen the award of the United States anthracite commission, the mine operators here today rejected the demands of the hard coal mine workers for additional wage increases, a minimum 26-day labor rate and the establishment of a universal eight-hour day.

The operators, however, notified the miners' representatives that they stood ready to adjust any "individual cases of inequality" that may be due to the application of the commission's award.

Mine workers' representatives told the operators that they could not accept any compromise and stood by their original demands.

They said that the entire matter would be placed before the union's general scale committee at a special meeting in Hazleton next Tuesday when a "definite policy for future action" will be outlined.

The miners asked general increases of approximately 13 per cent in addition to the 17 per cent granted them by the commission. This, they contended, would give them wage advances equal to the 27 per cent recently awarded the bituminous mine workers.

The operators in rejecting the miners' proposals, declared that the agreement with the United Mine Workers, "based on the findings of the commission," was a "binding contract" and its "repudiation would be a breach of faith with the public," which was a party to the submission of the award.

"In the judgment of the operators no condition has arisen since the award of the commission," added the operators' reply, "either in general wage structure of the country, or in the cost of living, which has produced a burden upon the anthracite workers. On the contrary, many classes of workers in other industries have voluntarily accepted a reduction in wages and the cost of living has steadily declined."

Representatives of the mine workers issued a statement declaring that the assertion of the operators, with reference "to the general industrial conditions of the country, which they picture as being chaotic, has nothing to do with and does not intelligently answer the just contentions of the mine workers in regard to general inequalities."

More than 125,000 anthracite mine workers are affected by the operators' reply, which comes as the conclusion of a long series of conferences.

**TO ALL MASONS**  
Installation of officers of all bodies of the Masonic order and banquet will be held at the Masonic temple Monday evening at 7 o'clock sharp, December 27. All Masons and their families are invited.  
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### Santa Claus Ready To Greet Kiddies At Celebration

Preparations for the municipal Christmas tree celebration that will be held tonight at 7 o'clock in the grounds of the Copper Queen general office have been completed, except for the decoration of the tree, which will be done today. The B. I. Company will wire the tree today with colored lights, and members of the Legion will complete the decoration with tinsel, streamers and glittering bangles.

After two nights of hard work, the executive men have completed the task of filling several thousand bags with candy, nuts and fruit, for Santa Claus to distribute to the children at the tree. The Christmas bags for the children are generous ones, and contain an ample supply to send any child to bed with good, healthy Christmas stomachs. About 20 pallets of candy, ten crates of oranges, and ten of apples, and several hundred pounds of nuts were used to fill the bags. There will be plenty to go around for all the children who attend.

The tree celebration will be a merry one, with music by the American Legion band, carols and hymns by a children's chorus, and a short opening address by Rev. J. C. E. Fry. Parents are urged to bring their children to the tree and let them enjoy the happy spirit of Christmas Eve, that will add much to their celebration of the holiday at home.

### TO URGE NEW DAM.

PHOENIX, Dec. 23.—A committee of nine to consider a plan of action with reference to the construction of the Black canyon dam on the Colorado river was appointed by the chamber of commerce today. The appointments were made in keeping with a resolution introduced by Fritz Holmquist at the town meeting Wednesday night. A one act comedy entitled "Christmas Chimes" or "Love Me, Love My Dog," written by Margaret Cameron, was presented by four students, Wilbur Bowers, Sam Kelly, Helen McDonald and Albert Honle. Refreshments were served. The entertainment was brought to a close when Santa Claus appeared on the stage and presented all present with a gift. It was one of the biggest and most successful parties ever put on by a high school class.

**Methodists Present Xmas Program; \$85 Donated for Needy European Children**

The Methodist church of this city presented an interesting Christmas program to a large crowd last night at their church on Clawson avenue. The evening's entertainment was in the form of a White Christmas program. A new method of taking a free will offering was introduced, when the ones attending passed one at a time by a table and dropped in their contribution for the starving children of Europe. Rev. Selleck of the Methodist church stated that every bit of the \$85 donated will go direct to Methodist bishops in Europe where it will be apportioned out where needed most.

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The gymnasium was cleverly and elaborately decorated in green and red with a big "B. H. S. '21" in tinsel letters on the stage. Christmas trees were placed around the walls and on the stage.

The guests were entertained with a cap contest, making paper caps, that was won by Ruth Selleck. A peanut hunt was the source of much entertainment. The Yaro Club, a new high school organization, entered with the Yaro Jazz band in the lead and performed a serpentine around the room. A one act comedy entitled "Christmas Chimes" or "Love Me, Love My Dog," written by Margaret Cameron, was presented by four students, Wilbur Bowers, Sam Kelly, Helen McDonald and Albert Honle. Refreshments were served. The entertainment was brought to a close when Santa Claus appeared on the stage and presented all present with a gift. It was one of the biggest and most successful parties ever put on by a high school class.

**Congratulate New Executive**  
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