

FOUR NATIONS ADMITTED TO LEAGUE FOLD

Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Finland and Luxembourg Made Members—France, Australia Pass Bulgarian Vote.

MAY CONSIDER BUDGET

(By Associated Press)
GENEVA, Dec. 16.—Four new nations were made members of the League of Nations by the Assembly of the League here today. They were Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Finland, and Luxembourg. France and Australia abstained from voting when the admission of Bulgaria was before the assembly for decision.

Rene Viviani, the head of the French delegation declared it had no objection to Bulgaria as a member but preferred not to vote in view of the incompleteness of the information given it regarding Bulgaria's fitness.

Thirty-five states voted affirmatively when the balloting took place and Australia joined France in not recording her vote.

Admit Costa Rica.
The question of admitting Costa Rica was the next on the day's agenda. Dr. Nansen, of Norway, explained that the only doubt in his mind was whether Costa Rica was not too small a country, but in view of the membership of its neighbor Panama, he decided Costa Rica could not be excluded on that score.

Antonio Huneus, of Chile, and Senor Hestrep, of Columbia, asked that the assembly vote unanimously in admitting Costa Rica.

It was stated before the voting took place that France had no objection to Bulgaria in particular, but would not vote because there was some analogy between the cases of Bulgaria and Germany. It was asserted the delegation desired to maintain a consistent attitude on questions relative to qualifications of applicants for admission.

Interested in Russia.
Debate was expected when the report relative to the admission of Baltic and Caucasian states was to be considered. N. W. Rowell, of Canada, gave notice to the committee that Canada, as a Pacific ocean power, took a special interest in the Russian question. He declared that questions had been raised in its entirety by the proposed relations between the league and the states carved out of the former Russian empire.

Although the Baltic states had the full sympathy of Canada, he asserted the situation in Russia might change, and the league might find itself faced by a new government claiming access to the sea, in which eventually the league would incur grave responsibility.

May Consider Budget.
It was planned, if the assembly finished the election of the members soon enough to take up the league budget and pass appropriations for the coming year, which have been somewhat criticised at committee meetings with regard to salaries of men connected with the secretariat.

At the opening of today's session President Hymans announced that the request for consideration of the Tacna-Arica case this session of the assembly had been withdrawn, with the request that it be put on the agenda of the next assembly, to meet in September.

WAR DEPARTMENT LAX SAY LEGION OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—William G. Murdock, department adjutant of the American Legion for Pennsylvania, and H. H. Raeger of the Legion's legislative committee, declared that the war department "has done nothing but promise prosecutions" of more than 150,000 draft evaders and deserters under military regulations. They also charged that the department of justice was making little progress in dealing with another 150,000 who they claimed had violated the service act, but were punishable under criminal statutes rather than under military law.

Mr. Murdock submitted a letter signed by adjutant general Morris to former Provost Marshal General Crowder, in which he said that the war department had records of 489,000 deserters falling under military regulations. Of these, the letter said, 163,738 had been dealt with under military regulations, prior to Feb. 28, 1919. There remained, however, 173,911 individual cases of which the war department has made no disposition prior to last Sept. 1, according to the letter.

Chairman Volstead of the committee, said he believed the war department should be called upon for information concerning its disposition of these cases. The committee, however, left the matter in the chairman's hands and he said later he expected to write Secretary Baker for the information.

American Bank Obtains Bowman as Treasurer

L. S. Bowman, deputy auditor of state for two years, will return to Richmond Monday to become treasurer of the American Trust and Savings bank, says an announcement today.

Mr. Bowman has been in the state house for two years, and was auditor of Wayne county for seven years. Park Cipe will have charge of the Washington Township bank at Milton. Furniture and fixtures for the bank have been purchased and the room in the Odd Fellows' building has been renovated.

The bank probably will be open for business by the first of the year.

MANY OUT OF WORK IN GREAT BRITAIN; GOVERNMENT TO AID

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Unemployment in Great Britain which has been steadily growing, has created a serious problem which during the last few days has become more urgent owing to the advent of severe weather.

There is a general anxiety over the situation as nearly every trade in the country is affected. Unemployment is common among clerks and middle class occupations as well as among manual laborers, and official statistics show that about 500,000 are without occupation at present. It is admitted, however, that this is far below the real figure as there are many without work who have not been reached by state or other organizations.

Labor circles declare the actual number of men out of employment is fully 1,000,000. Upon a majority of these there are dependents, and the total number of persons suffering from the present conditions is placed at from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000, a large proportion being former soldiers.

The national executive council of the labor party yesterday passed a resolution declaring the present scandal of innocent starving persons cannot be allowed to continue, and calling upon the government to maintain persons for whom no work is available.

Ask for Help.
The government is asked to pay each man 40 shillings per week and each woman 25 shillings, with additional allowances for dependents. This is asserted, could be done for ten weeks for "the modest sum of £5,000,000."

Meanwhile the government is giving close attention to the problem and Thomas J. MacNamara, Minister of Labor, announced yesterday a plan expected to provide work for 50,000 men. They would be employed in the construction of buildings, and the scheme will be submitted to the building trades union next Monday for final acceptance or rejection.

NEW GARDEN LEADS IN SALE OF XMAS SEALS

Returns from the townships of the county showing the progress of the Christmas Seal sale indicate a very popular response to the cause by the people of the outlying districts. Reports from New Garden township show that the pupils of the schools there have already sold \$40 worth of seals.

Of this amount, the senior class of the Richmond City high school disposed of \$12 worth, the Juniors and Sophomores \$27.50 and \$2.90 respectively and the Freshmen \$8.54.

Pupils of the fifth and sixth grades disposed of \$12.70 worth of seals. Mrs. O. N. Huff has had charge of the work in that township.

Reports from Mrs. F. F. Greenstreet of Economy, show that \$15 worth of seals had been sold there. In making her report Mrs. Greenstreet commended especially the attitude of cooperation shown by the teachers, pupils and principals of the schools in that vicinity, all of whom worked to help the sale.

In addition to the sales already reported, Mrs. Willard Petro of Cambridge City sent in \$25 realized from the sale of seals, in that place recently.

INCREASED TAX LEVIES ANNOUNCED BY BOARD

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—Increased tax assessments, some exceeding one million, were announced today by the state board of tax commissioners in making public 800 assessments levied by the board at its session just ended.

The largest single increase was that of the Michawaka Wool Manufacturing company, in which the state board increasing the county board assessment from \$7,688,990 to \$9,329,830 on personal property. The American Bridge company in Lake County was next, its personal property assessment being raised from \$581,000 to \$1,582,675.

Some reductions ranging to as much as \$50,000 were made in the county board, while many county board assessments were unchanged.

CONSTANTINE SAILS FROM VENICE TODAY

(By Associated Press)

VENICE, Dec. 16.—Former King Constantine, Queen Sophie and their children sailed from Venice this morning on board the Greek cruiser Averoff for Phaleron.

Former King Constantine, Queen Sophie and the children last night slept under the royal banner of Greece for the first time since June 14, 1917. During the night the cruiser Averoff, on which they embarked yesterday and which will take them to Phaleron, made preparations to depart from Venice at dawn.

From the moment Constantine set foot on the deck of the Averoff yesterday morning and thus figuratively stood on Greek soil royal honors were paid him. The big cruiser roared out a royal salute, Italian dignitaries paid calls of ceremony, and the crews of many vessels in the harbors dressed ships. Among those who called on Constantine was Rear-Admiral Philip Andrews, commander of the American naval units in the Adriatic.

The Averoff was accompanied to this port by a squadron of destroyers which will convey her back to Greece.

SELECT JURY

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 16.—Selection of a jury to try William H. McGannon, chief justice of the municipal court on a charge of second degree murder for the death of Harold C. Kazy was resumed today. Eleven jurors had been tentatively accepted when court opened.

Reapportionment of Solons May Change Representation

PALLADIUM NEWS BUREAU

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Republican members of the house of representatives will hold a caucus Friday evening for the purpose of discussing a reapportionment of representatives in congress in accordance with the census of 1920. The caucus promises to be full of pep and ginger.

If the reapportionment bill provides that the constituency of each member shall remain the same as the past 10 years, approximately 211,000 people, it will mean an increase of about 50 members in the lower house, which now numbers 435. However, there are a large number of congressmen who believe the present membership is large enough to be cumbersome, so a vigorous and, probably, successful opposition to increasing the number of representatives can be anticipated.

May Reduce Solons.
It has been suggested that the house can retain its present membership by reducing the representation in certain states where there have been only slight increases in population and increase the representation of those states where there have been large increases in population.

Under such a plan Indiana's representation would undoubtedly be reduced from 13 to 12 congressmen and it would be necessary for the next Indiana legislature, which begins a 60-day session in January, to redistrict the state.

Representative George H. Tinkham of Massachusetts is making a fight to reduce representation from the states of the "Solid South" for the reason that so many of the colored citizens of those states have been disfranchised.

NATIONAL MARKETING MACHINERY OFFERED AS HELP TO FARMERS

(By Associated Press)

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—Farmers from more than a dozen states met here today to decide on some action to relieve conditions resulting from the decline in prices of their products. Delegates declared present prices mean bankruptcy and emphasized they were not due to the law of supply and demand, but to the policy of the national board of farm organizations is said to represent 16 farmers organizations throughout the United States with a combined membership approximating 1,500,000.

The representation here is principally from the grain and cotton producing sections of the country, officers and members.

Plans which were suggested to the delegates as affording avenues of relief including the setting up of national marketing machinery to sell produce and purchase agricultural supplies and the establishing of banking institutions in the various states through co-operation of the several farm organizations to strengthen their credit.

CABLES TO AMERICA PROBED BY ENGLAND

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—All American cable messages leaving Great Britain are now being held up for examination by the British naval intelligence authorities. Newcom H. Carleton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, testified today when recalled before a special senate committee investigating cables and the advisability of legislative action affecting them.

The new British requirements have been imposed Mr. Carleton said for the purpose of "throwing light upon internal disturbances in Great Britain and I presume more particularly upon the relations of Ireland and Bolshevism."

Mr. Carleton added that he was "of course whether inbound cables from the United States also were being held."

ROAD SUES HOUSTON TO RECOVER RETURN

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Arguments in the mandamus proceedings brought by the Grand Trunk railroad against Secretary of the Treasury Houston, were listed for hearing today before Justice McCoy, in the District of Columbia supreme court. The secretary has been notified to show cause why he should not pay the Grand Trunk roads operating in the United States, 500,000 under the guarantee provision of the Transportation act, giving the carriers a six per cent return up to September 1.

On the decision in this case which has grown out of a recent decision of Comptroller of the Treasury Warwick, that further payments to the railroads under the guarantee provision of the act must be withheld until complete statements are submitted by the roads of amounts due them, depends the payment of more than \$100,000,000. The carriers claim this is the balance the government owes them for losses incurred during the guaranty period.

Chili Favors Argentina in Stand on League

(By Associated Press)

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 16.—Chile will co-operate with Argentina for the purpose of bringing about the success of "the high proposals sustained by the Argentine delegation in amendments proposed before the assembly of the league of nations at Geneva," said an official statement issued from the office of president San Fuentetaja. This statement was issued following two meetings of the cabinet at which the president acted as chairman.

Expressions of sympathy toward Argentina were made in the statement.

He points out that under the constitution congress is directed to reduce the representation of any state in proportion to the disfranchisement of any of its citizens.

A statement issued by Mr. Tinkham reads:

Tinkham Opposes.
"If the house of representatives pass a reapportionment bill which is plainly unconstitutional . . . it is now my intention to question the constitutionality of the election of the next house of representatives by legal process."

Mr. Tinkham points to the fact that at the election in 1916 the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia cast a total vote for all presidential candidates of only 1,870,209. Congress these states have a total of 104 representatives. The same year the state of New York alone cast a total vote for all presidential candidates of 1,706,354 but that state has only 43 representatives in congress.

Haste is Urged.
Owing to the fact that many of the states will be in session next year and that some of them will have adjourned before the new congress is called into special session, about the middle of March, congress is being urged to put through the reapportionment bill before the present congress adjourns. Following the passage of this bill it will be up to the various legislatures to redistrict their states.

Should the reapportionment bill, providing for a reduction in Indiana's representation to 12 members, be passed without redistricting the state, it probably would be necessary to elect all Indiana congressmen from the state at large in 1922, unless the state was redistricted at a special session of the legislature held prior to the 1922 election, because there will be no regular session of the legislature after 1921 until 1923.

It has been predicted that in the event of a reduction in Indiana's representation in congress at least two additional counties would be added to the Sixth district.

HARDING MAKES GOOD ON CAMPAIGN PLEDGE: SEES COOLIDGE TODAY

(By Associated Press)

MARION, O., Dec. 16.—Making good another of his campaign pledges, President-elect Harding today sought the advice of Vice President-elect Coolidge on the problems and policies of the coming administration.

Although the plan for an association of nations is understood to have been one of the principal points to be discussed at the conference, it is known that Governor Coolidge's invitation to Marion was prompted in a large part by the desire of the president-elect to secure his advice on various domestic questions.

One of Mr. Harding's first announcements after his nomination was his promise of a more active part for the vice president in the next administration and now that actual experience has brought home to him the wide range of subjects with which a president must deal, he is understood to be even more anxious to let Mr. Coolidge share some of the administrative responsibilities.

If any plan has been worked out to delegate definite subjects to the vice president for investigation or decision, however, Mr. Harding has not revealed it even to his close advisers. It is thought more likely that Mr. Coolidge will be asked to act in a general advisory capacity and will be entrusted from time to time with important special missions.

Arriving early in the forenoon, the governor was to spend several hours with Mr. Harding before returning east.

Require Boston Women to Register Again

(By Associated Press)

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—In order that the list of all voters may be sufficiently descriptive, women in this city will be compelled to register again if they wish to vote next year. A statement issued by the election department today said that the new list would include the height and weight of all registrants. Owing to the short time available for registering for the recent elections women were only required to give their age. The purpose of the re-registration is to guard against improper voting.

Weather Forecast

Moore's Special Forecast

Partly cloudy but mostly fair weather will prevail for the next 24 hours. Conditions still favorable for snow flurries. Temperature will be lower tonight than on Wednesday, but no severe cold weather is yet imminent.

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Unsettled tonight and Friday; probable snow flurries in north portion; little change in temperature.

Temperatures Yesterday

Maximum 36

Minimum 29

Today

Maximum 33

General Conditions, by W. E. Moore
The center of the intense storm is now over the St. Lawrence valley, while fair weather prevails over the northwest and southern and western states. Cold weather covers the Rocky mountain states, with minimum temperatures of four below at Lander, Wyo., and six below at Yellowstone over western Canada. Another extensive rainstorm is moving in the United States from the Pacific ocean.

IRISH HOME RULE READY FOR SOLONS

House of Commons to Act on Amendments by Lords—DeValera Hiding in United States.

CORK FIRE IS PROBED

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Amendments to the Irish home rule bill made in the house of lords during the last two weeks were ready for consideration by the house of commons when it met today.

After the bill had been sent to the upper house of parliament and that body was found bent on making material alterations in the measure, intimations were given that any amendments made by the lords would be stricken out by the commons, but there appeared to be sentiment in some quarters in favor of going as far as possible to meet any objections which developed during the debate of the bill by the house of lords.

There seemed to be a probability that the reappearance of the home rule bill might be made an occasion for a debate on the Irish situation generally.

Want Action First.

Liberal members of commons have asserted that acquiescence by parliament should be secured before the government puts into operation such a serious measure as declaring martial law over a large section of Ireland.

Withdrawal of "Black and Tan" units from Cork has been completed, but the military commission investigating the origin of the fires in that city Saturday night and Sunday, has not yet made public its conclusions. Major General Sir Edward Strickland is head of the commission and it seems the work of arriving at a verdict has been more difficult than was at first expected.

De Valera Expected.

Eamonn De Valera, who bears the title of "president of the Irish republic," is rumored to be on his way to Ireland from America, where he has been for nearly 18 months. Tacit permission for his return to Ireland is understood to have been given by Premier Lloyd George in a letter to the Rev. Michael O'Flanagan, acting president of the Sinn Fein.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Eamonn De Valera, "President of the Irish Republic," is in hiding in this country, but may consider returning to Great Britain, if granted a safe conduct by Premier Lloyd George, Harry Bolland, "presidential secretary," announced here today.

SEISMOGRAPH SHOWS HEAVY EARTH SHOCK

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—An unusually long earth quake shock, estimated to be 2,800 miles, in an easterly direction from Washington, was recorded today on the seismograph at Georgetown university. The distance would indicate the location of the disturbance to be in the United States, near the Pacific coast, if to the west, or the vicinity of the Azores, if to the east.

Father Tondorf said the estimate of distance was difficult to calculate from the early position of the record of the shock.

The recording of the shock began 7:20 a. m. The maximum intensity was reached at 8:07 a. m. and it was still in progress at 9:50 a. m. The disturbance was described by the Rev. Father Francis A. Tondorf, director of the Georgetown seismographical observatory as the worst record here in two years.

Navy Seeks Location of Missing Balloonists

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—No further information regarding the whereabouts of the naval balloon which left Rockaway point on Monday afternoon bearing three naval officers in her basket, has been received, officers at the station said today.

The last official word from the aeronauts who started for an endurance test, came shortly after the craft was placed at the mercy of the winds. This report was brought back by a homing pigeon released from the aerial ark over the Brooklyn navy yards. Since the balloon was reported seen floating over Wells, N. Y., at low altitude late Monday evening, there have been no reports, direct or indirect, that she has been seen. Six pigeons were carried.

WEEDS BRITISH PEER

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Viscount Stewart, son and heir of the Sixth Earl of Castletown, and Miss Planor May Guggenheim, daughter of Solomon H. Guggenheim of New York were married here today. The ceremony was performed by Canon David of Coventry, assisted by the Rev. Stewart, rector of St. Andrew's, county Tyrone, Ireland, and was witnessed by more than 100 relatives and intimate friends of the couple.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF AMERICAN LEGION FORMED IN JANUARY

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—Formation of the Indiana Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion is planned to be completed at the auxiliary's first annual convention here Jan. 18.

L. R. Gignilliat, of Culver, state commander of the Legion, will open the convention and Mayor Charles W. Wetzel, of Indianapolis, will give the address of welcome. The morning session will also include the appointment of convention committees, and consideration of adoption of a ritual.

In the afternoon organization of the state department will be completed with the election of officers. Resolutions will be brought forward concerning the care of disabled soldiers by the government and other after-war problems now facing the country. Delegates will be elected to the national convention of the auxiliary to be held later in the year. Two delegates and two alternates from each congressional district will be named. Raymond S. Springer, of Connersville, formerly state commander of the Legion, will serve as parliamentarian for the convention.

District Organizers.
District organizers, now at work forming units of the auxiliary where there are posts of the Legion, include: Mrs. Margaret French, Evansville, first district; Mrs. W. H. McGrew, Sullivan, second district; Mrs. Jennie Hemphill, Cannelton, third district; Mrs. E. Farmer, Terre Haute, fifth district; Miss Ruth McDougall, Shelbyville, sixth district; Mrs. J. E. Barcus, Indianapolis, seventh district; Mrs. John O. Hood, Ellettsburg, eighth district; Mrs. L. C. Scauer, Valparaiso, tenth district; Miss Dorothy Wilson, Logansport, eleventh district.

PARENTS AND PATRONS INVITED TO ATTEND SCHOOL THURSDAY

The following invitation to "every parent, patron and taxpayer of the city" was issued Thursday at the high school:

"The pupils and faculty of Richmond high school invite every parent, patron and taxpayer of the city to visit the high school Thursday evening and see the school in operation. A half-day session will be run, all classes meeting as usual and all work being carried on as it is in the regular classes. The night session is the pupils' contribution to 'Better School Week' in an effort to exhibit the use now being made of the school equipment in Richmond.

"Visitors will be welcomed at any time during the evening. Guides will be on hand to direct you and you may make a tour of the building, visit any class, stay a few minutes or for the whole evening. If you cannot come for the entire session, come for a short time.

Three 30 minute class periods will be run beginning at 7:30 p. m. Visitors may go in and out of the classes as much as they like. Placards placed on the doors will tell what kind of work is being carried on in each room. Classes will be conducted in every room of the building.

Chapel for Visitors.

Chapel in the auditorium, which is scheduled for 9 p. m., is for visitors only. It will be impossible to accommodate both visitors and students. Preceding the address by Dean Smith, of Indiana University, a short concert will be given by the high school orchestra.

Slides will be shown in the auditorium all evening for the visitors who do not care to spend all the time visiting classes. These slides were made by the school physics department. All entrances to the building will be open.

The exhibit of Leigh Lithographs which left New York for Richmond two weeks ago, has been lost enroute. The exhibit which was announced to open at the art gallery Thursday evening has been postponed indefinitely.

ANTI-STRIKE MEASURE IS PASSED BY SENATE

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Poinsett anti-strike bill was passed today by the senate without debate or a record vote. The measure which now goes to the house provides that interferences with interstate commerce shall be a felony.

Penalties for combinations interfering with interstate commerce either by agreements between operatives or those of employers are provided by the bill.

The Poinsett bill was reached today during routine consideration of the regular senate calendar with only a small percentage of senators in their seats. No senator objected to its consideration and without discussion or roll call the bill was passed.

DANIELS RECOMMENDS ADDITION TO FLEET

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Authorization for new construction to round out the fleet built built or rebuilding, consisting of five 10,000-ton light cruisers, four gun boats, five minelaying submarines, two cruiser submarines and one airplane carrier, was urged today by Secretary Daniels before the naval subcommittee of the house appropriations committee.

The secretary added that, while he had given tentative approval to a general board's recommendation to a new three-year building program, including major craft, he would not ask that congress authorize more than the rounding out program he had presented.

HOUSE LEADER URGES THRIFT IN EXPENSES

Representative Mondell Recommends Rigid Economy in Government Appropriations—Asks Reductions.

RAPS INCONSISTENCY

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Urging "rigid economy" in appropriations for government expenses during the next fiscal year in order to lighten the tax burden, Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, Republican leader declared in the house today that the total estimate of \$4,653,800,000 submitted by the secretary of the treasury should be reduced by approximately \$1,400,000,000.

"This reduction he said, must be effected chiefly by a drastic scaling down in estimates for the army and navy and also for sundry civil expenses, the total of which, he pointed out, exceeded current appropriations by more than \$214,000,000.

Criticizing the administration for the "unfathomable inconsistency" in the estimates submitted to congress and the "pleas for economy made by the president and the secretary of the treasury," Mr. Mondell declared he would "leave it to others to properly characterize these estimates."

Demand Reduction.

"Two years after the war" the Republican leader added, "when the world outside our borders is largely bankrupt and everybody is praying for reduction of armaments, the administration asks for an appropriation of more than \$1,414,000,000 for the army, navy and fortifications, or five and a half times the highest peace-time appropriation of 1916."

Pointing out that current deficiencies were not included in this total, Mr. Mondell declared these "may be swollen indefinitely" if the war department continued its policy of recruiting the army up to full strength, contrary to the understanding he said that it should not be increased above the total of 178,000 men contemplated by the appropriations.

Urges Action.
Declaring this action was "in entire harmony with the attitude which the war and some other departments had assumed toward Congress in this administration," Mr. Mondell said it had become the duty of congress to take action that would prevent "such squandering of the people's money by creating deficiencies in violation of law."

Asserting that if the economy in appropriations advocated by him was carried out the tax burden for the calendar year 1921 might be "substantially lightened," Mr. Mondell said he believed continuation of a tax program to raise a minimum revenue of \$4,000,000,000 for two years, as recommended by the secretary of the treasury, was "unjustified." It is not justified, he added, "even for one year."

Opposes Houston.
The Republican leader said he was opposed to Secretary Houston's plan for retiring with current revenues more than \$3,600,000,000 of the country's floating debt, which would include a half billion of Victory notes, by January 30, 1923, as placing an "unnecessary burden upon the people and business."

With 44 per cent of the net cost of the war excluding foreign loans already paid, he said, it was unnecessary to "keep up war rates of taxation for the purpose of reducing the public