

**VOICE OPPOSITION TO MADDOO PLAN**

**Houston and Leffingwell Give Views Against Bond Issues. Secretary of Treasury and Assistant not Favorably Inclined Toward Scheme.**

Washington, March 11.—Opposing former Secretary McAdoo's plan of reducing taxes by additional bond issues, Secretary Houston and Assistant Secretary Leffingwell today told the house ways and means committee which is considering soldier relief legislation, that any increase in the present government indebtedness would create a grave financial situation.

Secretary Houston predicted that a bond issue of \$2,500,000,000 necessary under certain plans of adjusted compensation now before the committee "might result in a disaster," while Mr. Leffingwell said "the worst thing possible would be to give bonds to former soldiers, as a great majority of them would cash their holdings immediately."

Both suggested increased taxes as "the least harmful way to extend relief, the assistant secretary asserting that even a tax on normal incomes would add to the cost of living and be directly felt by those least able to bear it. Any future bond issue would have to bear 6 per cent. interest and would be "a much more serious proposition than it was during the war."

Governor Harding of the federal reserved board told the committee:

"First, there would be a lack of patriotism which helped in selling bonds during the war," he said, "and secondly, we would come into competition with all sorts of commercial investments."

Even under increased taxes, Secretary Houston said, the proposed expenditure of \$2,000,000,000 "would be a serious one for the people to confront at this time."

"The present financial situation is not critical," Mr. Houston commented, "economy by the people, avoidance of waste in expenditures, economical appropriations by congress and prudence in handling these appropriations will naturally relieve the situation."

Discussing the bond plan, Mr. Leffingwell said bonds given to former service men, while increasing the nation's indebtedness would also bring about a recurrence of activities of "sharks" similar to those used against Liberty bondholders after the armistice.

**TEN LIVES LOST IN TORNADO PATH**

**Seven Small Children Victims of Storm. Four in One Family.**

Springfield, Mo., March 11.—Ten persons are known to be dead, one reported dead and eight injured as the result of a tornado which swept through the valley of Turkey Creek near Branson and Hollister in Taney county today.

Seven dead are small children. Four of William Box's children were killed and his brother lost three children. The wives of both men received injuries from which, it is believed, they can not recover.

Mrs. Alvah Howard and child, living at Melva, were killed instantly. William Jackson, living five miles southeast of Branson, was reported to have been killed. A sister of Jackson was seriously injured.

John Gross and his wife living on a farm near Oasis, north of Granson, were blow away with their home and

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RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$179,536.75
Overdrafts	5,752.11
Bonds and Stocks Owned by the Bank	17,573.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,704.63
Banking House	1,750.00
Other Real Estate Owned	1,000.00
Due from Banks and Bankers	1,117.08
Currency	529.00
Gold	20.00
Silver and Other Coin	230.68
Checks and Cash Items	9,213.12
Exchanges for the Clearing House	2,252.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$223,679.27</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock Paid In	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid	11,267.13
Dividends Unpaid	68.00
Individual Deposits Subject to Check	\$113,222.92
Savings Deposits	62.41
Time Certificates of Deposit	48,664.57
Cashier's Checks	394.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$223,679.27</b>

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no trace has been found of either the home or its occupants.

Ridgeway Manky was carried 1,000 feet from his home at Melva, and when he regained consciousness on the opposite bank of Turkey creek, he saw his young brother, William, struggling in the water. He was too weak to give aid. Later the body of the brother was recovered down stream.

The storm was not confined to Melva. Reports of homes carried away, buildings destroyed and children injured continued to pour into the center of the stricken area tonight. The storm district included Kirbyville, Taneyville, Mildred, Oasis, Forsyth and Branson.

Reports of unusual effects of the storm were numerous tonight, a work train of eight cars south of Branson and on which the wives of six workmen lived was moved 200 feet down the track and the cars uncoupled, but not one of the occupants hurt.

The hotel at Melva was practically demolished while six women were seated near the fireplace. Bricks, plaster and splinters fell about the women. One was injured slightly.

Joplin, Mo., March 11.—Three men were killed in a torando that struck Nevada, Mo., 69 miles northwest of here this afternoon, destroying part of a three story building occupied by the Bank of Nevada and blowing out windows in the court house.

**FERTILIZER FOR USE.**

**Points to Remember in Buying for Garden.**

Manure is scarce in and around cities. Commercial fertilizers must be depended upon primarily for adding fertility to garden soils. It pays to use the best grade of commercial fertilizers. When the home gardener buys fertilizers he pays for nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, and if he can secure the required amount of these elements in a small quantity of material, so much the better, as he will avoid the handling of a greater weight upon which freight and other costs have been paid. A fertilizer containing from 4 to 6 per cent. of nitrogen, 8 to 10 per cent of available phosphoric acid and 3 or 4 per cent potash is generally recommended for use on home gardens by specialists of the United States department of agriculture.

One pound to 30 feet of row is equivalent to an application of 500 pounds to the acre. One pound to 15 feet of row is equivalent to an application of 1,000 pounds to the acre, and an application of one pound to eight feet of row is practically equivalent to 2,000 pounds of fertilizer to the acre.

Commercial fertilizers are high at present and no more than is absolutely necessary should be used. Care must also be taken in their application, as there is constant danger of burning the roots of the plants, especially where the fertilizers are applied directly in the rows. The best results are generally secured where the fertilizers are applied and raked in a few days before sowing the seeds or setting the plants. In this way they become more or less mixed with the soil and there will be little danger of doing the plants an injury.

In many sections of the country nitrate of soda is used as a stimulant to force the growth of the plants after they are started. Nitrate of soda is a concentrated fertilizer furnishing nitrogen, that element which makes the green and vigorous growth in plants, and should be used sparingly to avoid injury. The usual custom is to scatter a little (one pound to 100 feet) nitrate of soda along the rows of plants and mix it with the soil by means of a hoe or rake. Another method is to dissolve a tablespoonful of the nitrate of soda in a pailful of water and use this solution for watering the plants, taking care that only a small quantity of the water is applied around each plant. It is vastly better to make frequent light applications of the nitrate rather than to apply too much at one time.

**SERIOUS SITUATION FOUND IN DAMASCUS**

**Son of King of the Hejaz About to Summon Syrian Congress.**

London, March 11.—Official advices state that the situation in Damascus is serious. Emir Feisal, son of the king of the Hejaz, it is explained, has thought it advisable to summon the Syrian congress, which intends to declare the complete independence of the country and proclaim him king. The emir, it is stated, succeeded temporarily in forestalling such action, securing the postponement of the meeting of the congress which had been called for March 6, but the excitement is said to be so great that he probably will be compelled to accede to the demands.

Beirut, Syria, March 8.—The Syrian congress at Damascus today declared Syria to be an independent state. There were fireworks tonight, and Beirut celebrated its independence. It is reported to Prince Feisal, son of the king of the Hejaz, will be crowned

king of Syria tomorrow. Palestine, Lebanon and northern Mesopotamia are included in the districts where the Arabs are voting freely, apparently with the purpose of forcing the peace conference to recognize Syria under a threat of cooperation with the Turkish nationalists if independence is refused them.

The Arabs claim to have 100,000 troops ready to cooperate with the Turks in Cilicia and Anatolia. Apparently they are willing to accept French advisers.

Prince Feisal, son of the king of Hejaz has been proclaimed king of Syria, according to advices received in Cairo from the Beirut, says a dispatch to the London Times from the Egyptian capital.

London, March 12.—An assembly of 29 Mesopotamian notables now sitting in Damascus probably will proclaim Mesopotamia a state and form a joint government with Syria under the regency of Zeid, a brother of Prince Feisal of the Hejaz, according to The Daily Mail's Cairo correspondent.

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