

FULL AUTHORITY IN REFUNDING OF DEBT IS ASKED

Administration Bill on Refunding of Allied Debt Sent to Congress.

Washington, June 23.—Unrestricted authority for the secretary of the treasury in refunding the approximate ten billion dollars owed by the allies to this country was asked by President Harding today in the first administration bill sent to congress.

The bill, drafted at the treasury department, was forwarded by the president to chairman of senate and house committees with urgent recommendations for enactment. It was introduced immediately in the senate by Senator Penrose and committee hearings ordered for next Wednesday.

Complete powers for settling with the allied nations would be vested in Secretary Mellon under the bill. With the president's approval, he would be authorized to accept the securities of debtor or other nations in exchange for their notes. The bill also would confer unlimited authority to defer payment of interest or principal, and to settle outstanding claims against the United States.

Announcement of the administration refunding plan was made at the White House and a letter from Secretary Mellon to the president, outlining the bill, presented needs for the blanket powers requested. Citing that the treasury was without authority to convert, refund or defer payment of the allied debts and interest, Secretary Mellon said that divers conditions required a general grant of powers to the treasury.

No plan for disposition of the allied securities was given by Secretary Mel-

lon. The bill was received by most republican leaders with approval. Some democrats, however, declared they would oppose any grant of unlimited powers over the allied debts to the secretary of the treasury and intimations of a similar position were given by some republicans.

Total debts by countries as shown in the statement accompanying Secretary Mellon's letter were as follows:

- Great Britain \$4,166,318,258.
- France \$3,356,762,930.
- Italy \$1,648,034,050.
- Belgium \$375,280,147.
- Poland \$135,661,659.
- Czechoslovakia \$91,179,527.
- Serbia \$51,153,159.
- Roumania \$36,128,491.
- Austria \$24,055,708.
- Greece \$15,000,000.
- Estonia \$13,599,144.
- Cuba \$9,025,500.
- Armenia \$11,959,917.
- Finland \$8,281,926.
- Latvia \$5,132,286.
- Lithuania \$1,981,627.
- Hungary \$1,655,835.
- Liberia \$26,000,000.

Strike Ended.

New York, June 23.—The nationwide strike of affiliated marine unions called May 1 today was declared at an end.

A referendum vote taken by local unions of firemen and sailors showed the men in favor of returning to work without an agreement with the owners.

The marine engineers brought their part of the strike to an end recently signed by their national president with the Shipping Board.

NATION'S RACIAL COMPOSITION SHOWN IN CENSUS REPORT

91 Million Whites, 10 Million Negroes in United States in 1920.

Washington, June 23.—The racial composition of the population of the United States in 1920, as announced tonight by the census bureau, shows the country to contain 94,822,431 white persons, 10,463,013 negroes, 242,959 Indians, 111,025 Japanese, 61,686 Chinese and 9,485 others. The Japanese race exceeds by far the rate of growth in the last ten years of all other classes.

Unofficial estimates of the increase in the number of Japanese in the United States, particularly on the Pacific coast, were borne out in the official tabulation which revealed a rate of expansion of 53.9 per cent during the decade of 1910-20. California absorbed 30,596 of the total growth of 38,868 Japanese in this period. January 1, 1920, there were 71,952 Japanese in California. The remainder of the increase was distributed largely in the states of Washington, where 17,399 make their home; Oregon, 4,151, and Utah, Colorado and New York, with between two and three thousand each.

The white population showed only a 16 per cent expansion for the decade and the negro 6.5 per cent. Both the Indian and Chinese groups dwindled 8.6 per cent and 13.8 per cent, respectively. The growth in the white population was considerably less than the rate for the previous decade, which was 22.3 per cent. This decline, the statement said, was due principally to the marked reduction in immigration during the world war. An estimate based on the excess of births over deaths and on the excess of immigration over emigration showed a difference by only a small fraction of one per cent from the total whites enumerated.

The greatest numerical increase in the white population was shown in the east, north and central division, embracing the states of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, where the increase was 3,011,363. In the South Atlantic and east and west south central portions the whites showed a combined increase of 3,586,107.

The rate of increase in the negro population, which was not perceptibly effected by emigration or immigration, was the lowest on record, according to the statement.

Evidence of the migration of the negro to the north and west was found in the figures showing nearly three-fourths of the increase in the negro population, or 472,418 of the 635,250 gain, in these sections. A growth of only 162,832, or about one fourth, was reported for the south, despite that 85 per cent of the total negro race is still below the Mason-Dixon line. The percentage increase of the negroes in the west was 55.1; in the north 43.3 per cent and in the south 1.99 per cent.

Michigan, with 60,982 negroes, lead all states in percentage of increase, with 251 per cent. Illinois and Ohio, with increases of 67.1 per cent showed further evidence of the northward movement of negroes. Pennsylvania's negro population growth for the period was 46.7 per cent, its black race now exceeding in number those of Maryland and Kentucky.

Decrease in the Indian race in the ten year period was probably due in part, it was said, to the enumeration, as Indians, in 1910, and as whites in 1920 of persons having only slight traces of Indian blood.

Georgia leads with the largest negro population, numbering 1,206,365. Other states having more than 100,000 negro inhabitants are: Mississippi, 955,181; Alabama, 900,652; South Carolina, 763,497; Texas, 741,723; Louisiana, 709,257; Virginia, 690,017; Arkansas, 472,220; Tennessee, 451,758; Florida, 329,487; Pennsylvania, 284,494; Maryland, 241,799; New York, 198,432; Ohio, 186,183; Illinois, 182,251; Missouri, 178,241; Oklahoma, 149,467; and District of Columbia, 109,866.

SPARTANBURG STORES BURGLARIZED

Tucapan Store Loses to Extent of \$500, Duncann Store Robbed.

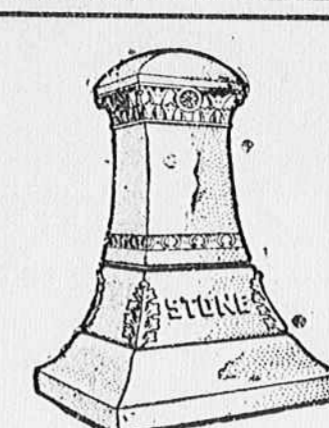
Spartanburg, June 23.—The store of W. G. Sloan at Tucapan, was robbed Tuesday night. The party or parties, who prized open the front door, entered and took out the merchandise valued at over \$500. Among the goods stolen were eighteen pairs of shoes, a watch valued at \$50; a 38-calibre Smith & Wesson pistol valued at \$25; three razors; a man's hat; one carburetor, two Waterman fountain pens; box of cartridges; five dozen pocket knives; three Ingersol watches; one thousand cigarettes; one dozen's men's dress shirts valued at \$30, and another dozen valued at \$12. The brands of shoes stolen included the Peters, the Witte, Edincott-Johnson. Among the shoes were one pair No. 11 box calf, one No. 7-1-2, one pair No. 10 English toe, one boy's English toe No.4, gun metal No. 8, No. 11, No. 7-1-2, No. 7,

No. 6, No. 4-1-2, English toe. One pair patent leather shoes No. 7.

The store of O. M. Moore at Duncan was burglarized Sunday night and a considerable quantity of automobile supplies stolen. The party or parties entered the store by clipping the wire staple of the door with a pair of wire clippers. The robbery was not discovered until Monday afternoon.

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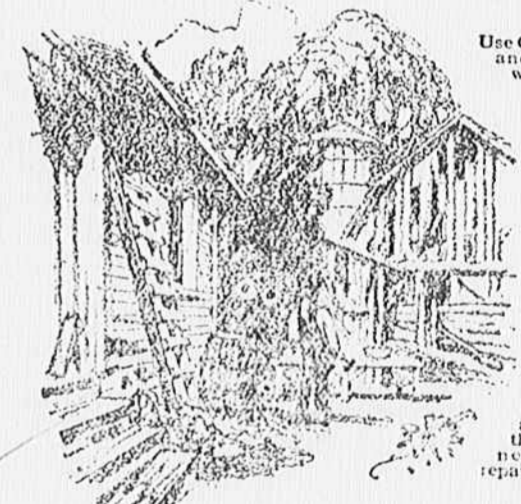
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