# PROPOSED FEDERAL CONTROL

### Secretary of Treasury Discusses Plan With Treasury Officials-Gossip of the Street

THE regulation of the issue of all-or virtually all-private securities by the Government is a step which has been forecast for a long time. and the announcement on Saturday last that the matter had been discussed by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo with the Treasury officials did not create any surprise among financiers in this city. As a matter of fact, such a regulation has been, for all practical purposes, in effect for some time past. It has been well known that before several well-known large issues of notes, which were floated so successfully recently, were offered to the public the Secretary of the Treasury had been consulted and his approval obtained. It is thought in some quarters that the case with which these large issues had been floated would bring a flood of new gnancing of all kinds on the market and seriously interfere in future Government financing and that the only remedy was Government regulation. The difficulty in regulating such new issues in the future through classifying them, into essentials and nonessentials is likely to prove a knotty problem for the Federal Reserve Board, if it should be the body delegated to perform that function. Great care must be taken not to hamper general business in such a way that it will be unable to earn enough to meet the heavy taxation which will be necessary for war purposes. There is unquestionably a great deal in the shape of public improvements not absolutely necessary and which can very profitably wait, and there are others so interlocked with the success of war industries that their immediate construction, even at an abnormal cost, would place them in the essential class.

It is said that a great many corporations have applied to Secretary McAdoo or the Federal Reserve banks for approval of pending issues.

The proposal to license new issues of securities is looked upon favorably by financiers in general as a very necessary step under present conditions. It was pointed out that as far as the railroads were concerned, being now under Government control, the matter would be very much simplified; and that as far as the issuing of new securities for public utilities is concerned, they are really under what amounts to a licensing system at present, as they cannot put out new issues without the permission of the Public Service Commissions of their respective

For more than two years past the British Government has exercised supervision over corporate financing, so that no new issues have been permitted unless more or less directly connected with the war industries. In his annual report to Congress, the Secretary of the Treasury has said in connection with this subject of new capital flotations:

The Government must, if necessary, absorb the supply of new capital available for investment in the United States during the period of the war. This, in turn, makes it essential that unnecessary capital expenditures should be avoided in public and private enterprises. Some form of regulation of new capital expenditures should be provided. The subject is having deep study, and I hope to be able to submit some suggestions during the session of Congress which will be of a constructive as well as of a regulatory nature. It may also become necessary to concert some constructive measures through which essential credits may be provided for those industries and enterprises in the country essential to the efficient and successful conduct of the war.

### Complaints on Three-Year Operating Income Basis

It is said that some of those who were most enthusiastic over the provision made by the President's railroad preclamation, namely, operating income based on the average operating income for the three years ended June 30, 1917, are not quite so enthusiastic now,

Some of the officials of the more prosperous roads complain that the period on which the basis is to be computed contained a few months when earnings were away below the normal. At the same time, they are perfectly aware that it also contained many months when the earnings were far above the normal.

Then a number of the weaker roads are complaining because during all, or nearly all, ofl the three-year period they were in the hands of receivers, thus giving them an abnormally low average, which they conider unjust. It is, however, a well-known fact that many railroads in the past have had their most prosperous periods during receiverships.

Speaking of the effect of this three-year-basis on the dividends of his road, a high official of a well-known system said some days ago that its present earnings were equal to 15 to 18 per cent on the common and under the guarantee of three years' net as proposed it would equal 10 per cent on the common after paying the preferred dividends, and this without taking into consideration a very handsome "income from other sources"-which, by the way, is a very substantial item with many roads, especially some of the well-known coal-carrying roads.

### Another New Issue Meets Success

Harris, Forbes & Co., through their representative here, announce that the recent issue of \$10,500,000 two-year 7 per cent gold bonds of the Toledo Traction, Light and Power Company are being sold rapidly. As part of the proceeds of this issue was to retire \$8,699,000 bonds of the company maturing February 1, 1918, he says that virtually all of these have been extended, not only those held by private investors, but to their surprise those held by banks as well. It was thought that most of the banks holding these maturing bonds were in a condition where they would need cash for the maturing bonds, but such has not proved to be the case. This leaves only about \$1,800,000 of the two-year notes to be offered to the public.

### Favorable Outlook for Utility Securities

Investment houses specializing in public utilities report that the new issues of public utility securities offered since the close of the Liberty Loan campaign have been, as a whole, well received. A representative of Bonbright & Co. comments: "The sales made have demonstrated that there is money available for investment at attractive rates. Prices are so low that the return available is far in excess of what investors were satisfied to receive a year ago, and in many cases, if not all, the increase in the yield is more than what the average investor will Jay as an income tax based on the new schedule of rates. As this situation is more and more appreciated by investors it seems probable that the buying demand for this class of securities will increase."

### One Reason for Decline of Liberty 4s

One reason given for the continued selling of Liberty Loan 4 per cent bonds is said to be the inability of the holders to continue the weekly or monthly payments, and as a rule the financial institutions have been obliged to sell the bonds in order to protect themselves. Many of these institutions have notified these delinquents that if payments are not made on the overdue installments within a given time the bonds will be sold for what they will bring on the open market and the difference between that price and par will be deducted from the payments already

Complaints are freely made by seasoned bond salesmen of the intensive methods pursued by amateurs during the last Liberty Loan campaign. and which it was predicted at the time would produce the results which have deen described, namely, a number of subscribers being urged to undertake more than they were in a position to pay for. Expert bond salesmen also saw how such methods would react in the next campaign by damping the enthusiasm of the investor, who, because of his losses, will refuse to be caught again. Some have suggested the idea of a central clearing house where these deferred payments could be handled with little friction, but it is doubtful if such a plan is feasible.

### It Pays to Advertise

The principal of one of the largest investment houses in the city, in speaking about the probable date of the next Liberty Loan yesterday, expressed surprise that the Government was not carrying out a big advertising campaign urging the purchase of cortificates of indebtedness, which, he remarked, have only to be brought prominently to the people's attention in order to effect large purchases.

Last year, he claimed, that with a little advertising more than \$600,000,000 worth were sold in a very brief period, and he said that he stood this year, up to the present, sales had not reached \$2,000,000. He signified his intention of advertising them on his own account.

Speaking of advertising, the manager of a large investment and inking concern in the central part of the city said he always made it a point to have a personal reply to every response to an advertisement.

"One time," he ermarked, "when I was manager for a large Chicago house, I got a reply to an 'ad' from a man away up in the Michigan peninsula. I had a salesman go after it at once. When he arrived at peninsula. I had a salesman go arrow modest apartment house. He rang the dell and in reply to his question through the tube a female voice said: Yee, Mr. So-and-So lives here, but he is instanc, not dangerous, he spends his time answering all the advertisements in the papers.

## GOSSIP OF THE STREET GROWERS OF TOBACCO TILT WITH PACKERS

OF NEW SECURITY ISSUES Latter Complain of Condition of New Crop on Delivery at Warehouses

> LANCASTER, Jan. 14.—Trouble is threatened between the Lancaster County leaf tobacco growers and the local pack ers because of the condition in which : good deal of the new crop is being de livered at the warehouse. It has re-sulted in the Lancister Leaf Tobact Board of Trade issuing an appeal on warning to the growers, and individus sackers are giving notice to grower whose crops they have bought not to leliver tobacco with soft ribs.
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> The packers declare that most of the

The packers declare that most of the crop is not yet it for stripping, as it has not cured sufficiently, and if delivered now the result will be fat stems, which is nothing less than damaged goods. So far most of the 1917 tebacco delivered has been frosted crops and the sound tobacco delivered has been artificially dampened in tobacco shed cellars. ficially dampened in tobacco shed cellars. The growers want to get the tobacco off their hands and receive their pay. Early in the season they were given to understand that an early delivery would be welcome, and they were even advised to deliver as soon as a wagon or truck lead was stripped. It was the intention of the packers to spread delivery over as long a period as possible, in order to escape congestion at the warchouses, where labor was scarce. It is felt by the trade that on account of the very high prices paid for the new crop the growers should deliver it in the very best condition and more carefully stripped than usual.

Less than 5 per cent of the new crop

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Less than 5 per cent of the new crop remains unsold and the helders are asking as much as thirty-five cents a pound. Last week thirty-two cents was offered for a crop and refused, the owner saying he intended stripping before selling, no matter how much was offered.

Recently a considerable number of small cigar factories have closed because they could only be operated at a loss, even when tobacco could be had.

### PENNSYLVANIA BANKS SHOW BIG INCREASES

Their Total Assets Gain Nearly \$160,000,000

HARRISBURG, Jan. 14.-Reports of the trust companies, State banks and vicinity. On the stage will be seated saving institutions under the super-

come a familiar subject in the "movie pictorial review and was the center of attraction in the recent hero and bazaar New York and in an exhibition to the oldiers at Camp Upton, Yaphank, L. I. The hull of the famous tank still bears The hull of the famous tank still bears the marks of many machine gun bullets, although it was overhauled and repaired in England before the British War Office sent it to this country. Shrapnel does not make any dents in the tank's hide, according to Captain Richard Haigh, who commands the tank and the

The latest adaptation of this famous tank is to aid in the recruiting drives of the British and Canadian recruiting ulssion in this country. The mission is after British subjects in this country, and among other classes of men they want, in particular, are men who are skilled mechanics to man these tanks. So the Britannia will leave New York on January 25 for a tour of the United

On the tour the tank will be manned by a crew of British soldiers, all of are wounded veterans. Captain Haigh himself has been wounded twice and is a veteran in tank warfare and has been under fire many times.

Among the trades needed in the tank

service are acetylene weiders, black-smiths, boilermakers, coppersmiths, draftsmen, fitters And turners, painters (camouflage), tank drivers, traction drivers, wheelers and electricians. Applicants are required to produce cer-tificates from employers as to proficiency in their particular trade. On reaching

England they will undergo a trade test, and if proficient will be posted to the tank corps. If they fall to pass the trade test they will be required to serve in any branch of the army to which they may

### MUST SUPPLY WATER

McConnellsburg Company Ordered to Maintain Adequate Service

HARRISBURG, Jan. 14 .- The McCon HARRISBURG, Jan. 14.—TheMcConnellsburg Water Company, whose service had been complained of before the
Public Service Commission by the
county of Fulton and the borough of
McConnellsburg has been formally ordered to furnish the borough with "a
sufficient supply of water for fire purposes" and the public with an adequate
supply of pure water. It is given six
months in which to comply with these
orders. The complaints alleged that the
water had contained typhoid and other
germs and that the contract with the
borotics for fire service had been vio-



P. P. HARRY G. HANLINE He is major of Philadelphia Battalion, Pennsylvania Re-serves, P. O. S. of A., which put 2200 men into active service in two days' time.

### WASHINGTON CAMPS ON WASHINGTON'S BIRTH

Preparations for Big Rally at Academy of Music, With National Speakers

With the Trust Companies mittee, of which Past State President

for these visitations and the general membership to attend each one of the raillies. Camp 571, at Mutual Hall, Indiana and Richmond streets, had the officers installed by the former district president. William A. Jong, assisted by Brother Albert J. Blackman, This is the first time in the history of 571 that the new officers were all of the younger members of the camp. They rank in age from sixteen to twenty years and are: Past president, William O. Karasahi, R. Moore; master of forms, A. A. Sutherland: R. Moore; master of forms, A. A. Sutherland: ascretary. J. R. Williams: tressurer A. M. Dames: conductor, S. Pog. Inspector, William A. Kremer: guard, H. J. Smith, trustee, S. R. Allen, assistant recording secretary. Charles F. Heller, After the installation addresses were delivered by District President Wesnal and others.

Nearly 50 per cent of the brothers of Camp 571 are between the ages of sixteen and thirty years. The camb has a whose names have been placed on the honor roll by the enlistment committee, who deserve presses of the camp are Brothers C. S. Barlow, S. E. Allen, A. M. Dames, William A. Indiana and the camb and the activities of the assembly and the camp and thirty years. The camb has a shope of the brothers and the committee, who deserve presses of the camp are Brothers C. S. Barlow, S. E. Allen, A. M. Dames, William A. Jones, R. F. Parlow, A. A. Sutherland, R. Moore, H. J. Smith, J. R. Williams and William O. Karasch.

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J. Smith. J. R. Williams and William O. Karasch.

Camp 187, meeting at 1611 Columbia avenue, unfurled a service flag in honor of its members in the service of the country. An honor oil was also given to the camp upon which will be inscribed the names of those in the service, comprising over 20 per cent of the membership. Those of recent records are: Carl G. Noll. Willard T. Jones. George W. Heintze, P. B. Wickersham and William J. Geller.

Camp 452 dedicated a splendid new hall in the city of Easton with State Vice President John W. Horrer, State Scretary Charles Brumm Heims. State Treasurer Irwin, S. Smith and State Chaplain Harry Daniels officiating. State Chaplain Harry Daniels officiating. State Chaplain Daniels made the chief address after the dedication exercises and held the 300 to 400 persons present spellbound as he related current history in connection with the principles of the P. O. S. A. He said he was annaed and enthused by the ritual of the order, and believed that it would stand the test of time.

Camp 542 can well be proud of its hall. believed that it would stand the test of time.

Camp 642 can well be proud of its hall, which consists of four floors, the first three floors being in six fine apartments and the top floor for lodge meetings. This camp started twenty-seven years ago with twelve members and today number on its rolls 700 of Easton's solid citizens.

Letters have been received at State camp headquarters from hundreds of the enlisted brethren and from officers of the various camps, praising the order for remembering the boys at Chrisimas time with generously equipped comfort wits.

Auto Burns on Paoli Road WEST CH STER, Jan. 14.—A large motorcar, the property of Thomas Haines, of this place, was destroyed by fire which caused the gasoline tank to explode, on the Paoli Road near the Samuel Downing farm, East Goshen. Occupants of the car had a narrow

# NORTHWESTERN'S

How a Live Assembly in the A. O. M. P. Proposes to Lead the Pace

Northwestern Assembly bad a good dzed attendance last Friday evening when Master Artisan R. P. Nicholas renquished the rains of his office to laster Artisan-elect Andrew J. Nichous, his brother by relation. This is the trat time such an incident has occurred a this assembly and probably in the rder, and it was with a deep sense o attlication that Deputy Elivour ubbs conducted the installation, which semed to be more impressive than ever-ofore. The newly elected officers were ected with hearty applicance and made

the installation under direction of Cap tain Crouch and First Sergeant Olson and another rehearsal will be held this Supreme Chaplain Burgin and the other

ingenents for the largest, as well a most interesting, patriotic raily on ashington's Birthday ever attempted the Patriotic Sons of America circles a Philadelphia, The raily will be held in the Academy of Music. The committee, of which Past State President Samuel C. Wells is chairman, and H. V. MacFadyen, the commander-in-chief of the commander-in-chief of the commander-in-chief of when admission tickets were forwarded on the admission tickets were forwarded on the admission tickets were forwarded on the stage will be seated on

The new appointments were Chaptain, Reary past president of Camp No. 50; John Hanion, president of Philadelphia Past Presidents Association; Walter S. Smack, fluancial secterary of Camp No. 746; Samuel K. Stinger, orderly-in-chief of Camp No. 317; State President Gabriel H. Moyer, Camp No. 192; Hon. A. W. Johnson, of Lewisburg; L. F. Strees, secretary of the Puneral Benefit Association; Walter Charles L. Packer, Inchest of Camp No. 317. State Medical corps, and Walter Charles L. Packer, Inchest of Camp No. 317. The new chair officers were called on for Camp No. 101, and Charles L. Packer, treasurer of Camp No. 317. The new chair officers were called on for a good word, Master Artisan Tatem outling his ambitions and desires for the continue of Camp No. 317. Camp No. 317, 1617 North Broad street; Theseday seening, January 22, Camp No. 403. Fifth and Huntingdon streets; Philadelphia-Bucks District, Friday sevening, January 25, Camp No. 359, Tacony. The members of these districts are urged to crowd the camp rooms for these visitations and the general members of interest philadelphia should be proved the camp rooms for these visitations and the general members of members of the samuel of the

Fidelity Assembly will hold an open meeting and smoker after the business season in Parkway Building tonisht, when the M. E. officers will be heartly received and enjoyed.

The official staff goes to Union Assembly on Thursday evening.

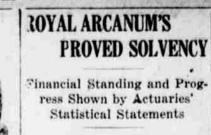
Snartan Assembly's meeting tomorrow night should be invoiced by this volume in few words of genuine fraternal substance by Dentity William C. Hyde:

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"A recently with a solid I trust you have all made a vestoutien to attend the meeting during 1618. Such a resolution faithfully kept would be the tonic most received by Snartan.

Trust would be the tonic most received by Snartan, and are willing to share our joys with all Arrange faithful, efficient officers, who give their time to further assembly interest, and surely they deserve all the oncouragement you can give them by your presence. Dentity bears and the first the solid lack of time, for it is always the busy man who finds time for something size."

WASHINGTON Jan. 14.—Announcement of the approval of an increase of the capital of the Freedom Nations, and of Freedom Par. from \$100,000 to 125 ph 15 made by the office of the capital forms of the office of the capital forms of the office of the capital forms of the office of the o



In reviewing the condition of the toyal Arcanum, Grand Orator William Stokinger makes this statement: "The numbers of the order should feel greatly neouraged by the improved condition conting from the revised schedule of ates in effect since December 1, 1916. The organization's receipts exceeded the

lisbursements in nearly every month y more than \$100,000 and netting for he reserve fund the sum of \$1,000,000 for the year, with all approved death claims paid. In some months the intrease in receipts far exceeded others for the year and in one particular in stance the receipts exceeded the paynents by nearly \$250,000.

nents by nearly \$250,000.

"Arcanians should not allow themselves a become unduly depressed by the reports of an attempt to place the order in requireship hands. The previous efforts of the enemies of the Royai Arcanum in using the New England, courts for their ever departs to shake faith in the organization have been ousted and their claims proved woundless. The organization, with its \$6.000,000 in cash, bends and hens, is stronger francially today than it ever was, and back it his is a sworn actuarial statement by four of the world's best accountants that the order is on a sound, solver! basis of 100.8 per cent.

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WILLIAM W. PECK He is the new master artisan of

Isaac C. Underdown Assembly, Artisans' Order Mutual Pro-

THE MACCABEES

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., Jan. 14.—The use of the frozen Susquehama River for transportation between this city and Renovo has caused a renewal of the agitation for a river highway between the two points. Those who have traveled over the lee from Renovo here or westward from this city are loud in their praises for the picturesque scenery along the route, and even those who felt the construction of the road along the river from here to Renovo was out of the question have been thoroughly converted to the river highway.

Dr. C. L. Fullmer, of Renovo, in his

question have been thorough covered to the river highway.

Dr. C. L. Fullmer, of Renovo, in his motorcar traveled from his office in Renovo over the ice on the river to the Lock Haven bridge in fifty-eiht minutes, naking the trip abou as quickly as a railroad train. After his arrival in this city Doctor Fullmer, A. C. Candor and other enthusiasts for a river highway sent a telegram to J. Denny O'Neil. State Highway Commissioner, informing him of the uses to which the ice-bound river is being put, the quick time made between the two points, and urged him to come to this city and make the trip

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RESOURCES
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cent gives the actual financial condition of November 30, 1917, which in all probability will be greatly increased by the December report:

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# HIGH PRICES CUT BUILDING

Allentown Operations Decrease 50 Per Cent in Number, 40 in Value

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 14.—Owing to the high cost of labor and material there was a decrease in building operations of more than 50 per cent in number of buildings and 40 per cent in value of investment last year, according to the annual report of Frank R. Minner, building inspector.

In 1916 there were erected 756 buildings at a cost of \$2,178,585, while the record for 1917 is 372 buildings at a cost of \$1,367,907, a loss of \$10,678. The permits called for 244 new buildings and 122 alteration operations. Of the 372 buildings 159 were of one story 194 two story, fourteen three story and six four story. The estimated value of the new buildings was \$1,271,030 and of the alterations \$96,877.

George B. Schenk, fifty-five years old, compositor in the employ of Philadel-hia newspapers for more than thirty ears, died, after a long l'iness, on Esc-

# THE H TANK TO ALD HERR IN RECRUITING We "Land Monter" Will B. Seen Here Late This Worth In making disposite that he can always to the control of the companion of the control of the c Consumers

Due to the continued shortage of the domestic coal supply, we may be unable, while the extreme cold weather lasts, fully to meet the demand for gas.

There is danger of some burners going out when the gas demand is heaviest, and gas coming on again

Be sure that all burners not in use are shut off.

Do not go to sleep with any gas

If any burner will not light, be sure to close the gas cock before you leave it.

Do not keep a burner lighted unless someone is in the room.

If you smell gas, examine and shut off all burner cocks. Do not, under any circumstances, search for a gas leak with a candle or match.

The United Gas I