### WAR DEBT BEING PAID OFF RAPIDLY

WEALTH INCREASE HUGE

Many New Sources of Revenue In U. S., Especially In Local Affairs; Must Limit Excess

compiled, just about \$40,0000,000,000.

Of this approximately one-third road system. was paid from current revenues. On August 31, 1919, the national debt was just under \$27,000,000,000. Since then it has been rapidly reduced, until at the end of 1926 it was roundly \$19,000,000,000. Refunding operations have greatly reduced the interest, and further reductions are cer tain. Another ten years will see this enormous obligation reduced to almost inconsequence.

. Conversely, state and city debts have been growing fast, state debts being about three times what they were when the war began, and still increasing.

New Sources

Many new sources of revenue have been tapped; some of the most important producers of revenue have actually come into existence during

For instance, special taxes on the manufacture and use of automobiles, and on gasoline sales, now produce more revenue, state and national, than the federal government cost before the war. Gasoline taxes in 1926 were over \$200,000,000, and many states have this year increased the tax. It ranges in different states from one to five cents per gallon. Motorists have never seriously objected to it, as substantially all of it went to road building. But with the tendency to make the tax burdensome, there is increasing protest. Some friends of good roads fear that too vigorous squeezing of the goose that lays the golden egg may ultimately kill the bird.

The Chicago health commissioner says that kissing sometimes kills babies. It also has been known to cause homicide among the adult population.

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NORTH DAKOTA WANTS ROADS LIKE ILLINOIS

Boosters Urge Passage of Lav Organizing Department Like This State's

North Dakota hard road enthusiasts are working for the passage of a law in that state organizing the stute highway department and centralizing control of highways, as in Illinois. It is recognized a compre STATE EMPLOYMENT hensive system of road improvements is possible only under state control.

The enormous wealth and national The state legislature is reported as income of the United States has made favorable to a bill patterned after possible in the last ten years a fiscal the law in Illinois and in effect since accomplishment without parallel. Our Governor Small became chief execupart in the World war cost, according tive, reorganizing the highway deto figures that President Harding had partment and giving it greater and more definite power over the primary

The measure now before the state legislature provides for a primary road system of not to exceed 7,500 miles, to be designated and located exclusively by the state department.

NEW RULES MADE FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS

Secretary of State Announces These as In Effect April First, This Year

Announcement has been made from the office of the secretary of state that Hon. Louis L. Emmerson has prescribed certain rules and regulations governing the conduct of brok- now bred, raised, butchered, and The new rules became effective April instructor and cadet pupils of the nancial stability of mortgage bank- something worth while.

ers and underwriters of bond issues; | URGE INCREASE IN to make certain that the bond issue will be clearly within the limits prescribed by law; to require that funds necessary to complete building projects will be provided and maintained; to require specific guarantee of the house of issue or the underwriter of the completion of the building under construction; and accuracy in circulars and advertising matter relating to bond issues.

AGENCIES AIDING

Help Women and Girls Seeking Work In Large Cities, Says Director

Girls and women before leaving rural communities for the larger centers of population in the state to seek employment will find it to their interest to register with the Free Employment Service of the Department of Labor, at Springfield, Ill., Director George B. Arnold announces. This service is without cost.

With Free Employment offices in thirteen of the leading cities of the state, many desirable positions either in domestic service or clerical or office positions are available. The women's departments are in charge of women specially trained in the work, who are well acquainted with the communities which they serve.

Under the direction of the Department of Public Welfare hogs are ers and dealers in real estate bonds. hams and bacon cured by the meat 1, not to be retroactive. The purpose St. Charles School. In addition to the of these regulations is to require fi- saving made the boys are taught

NORMAL SCHOOL FUND

More Money Is Needed In Thi Department of Education, Says Expert

\$400,000 in the appropriation to the five normal schools of the state was urged as a necessity if the schools are to meet the present-day demands, when the presidents of the five general assembly up to date.

schools called upon Governor Small in his office recently. In addition to the five presidents, a committee from the official board, A. M. Shelton, director of the state department of registration and education, five senators from the district in which the schools increase of approximately are located and the fifteen house members were present. Bills for the money needed to conduct the institutions have not been introduced in the

Over in Spain they are planning to put armor on the horses used in bull fights. In order to make it a square deal why not put some armor on the bull, too?

According to experts of the University of Illinois the St. Charles State School for Boys has saved the sum of \$4,671 during the past year by butchering their own hogs. Previous to the present administration pork was purchased on contract.

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