

DISQUE CHARGES SPRUCE PROBERS BADLY MISINFORMED

Was Framed, Says Witness

(By the United Press)
PORTLAND, Sept. 3.—General Disque testifying before the congressional probers of the spruce production scandal, declared that the subcommittee had accepted the grossest misrepresentation that ever appeared in a public record.
"Falsehoods that I can disprove," is another way he referred to the testimony of some of the witnesses at previous hearings.
His statements indicated that he had consulted lawyers regarding the possibility of taking action against the men he accused of filling the ears of the congressmen with libelous statements because they "had a grudge of some kind."
Thomas Sweeney testified that he had warned Disque that a combination was being formed to "trim the government." He said "I told him I was giving him a tip and that he was either in on the 'frame' or was being played for a sucker."

CONFERENCE OCTOBER 5-10

(By the United Press)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—That the "round table" conference between capital and labor will be held at the White House between October 5 and 10, it was announced today. President Wilson will invite about 40 delegates to attend and the president is now sending letters to the United States Chamber of Commerce, the American Federation of Labor, representatives of various agricultural associations and investment bankers asking them to submit names for his consideration.
In addition to the delegation thus chosen, President Wilson will elect others from the country at large. These invitations, it is stated, will be sent out by the president while he is on his speaking tour of the country, which began today.

No More W. S. S.

(Special to The Tidings)
PORTLAND, Sept. 3.—Monday marked the passing of the treasury department's war savings stamp organization in Oregon. The government has withdrawn its promotion of the sale of these "baby bonds" as a federal function, and state headquarters, maintained for nearly two years in Portland, has been closed. County organizations throughout the state have also been notified that there will be no further need of their effort, inasmuch as the buying of stamps is to be left in future to personal initiative and volunteer effort.

Campers on Forest Reserve Must Have Permits for Fires

(Special to The Tidings)
Portland, Sept. 3.—During the month of September campers in any of the national forests of the Pacific Coast states will have to secure permits for building camp fires. This regulation has just been promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture and the local office of the forest service was so informed recently. This is a precautionary measure taken to aid forest rangers and fire guards in keeping track of the location of camping parties in their districts and to secure the listing of those who have occasion to make camp fires. Sometimes the lookouts on the mountains detect and report fires which later turn out to be only camp fires. This plan of issuing permits for camp fires will help the rangers to tell camp fire smokers from real forest fire smokers. The woods are now as inflammable as gunpowder after these weeks of dry, hot, windy weather, and the government officials are not going to take any chance of having public timber go up in smoke and are so taking this restrictive measure until the danger is past, even though it will be some little inconvenience to the public.
Those who are contemplating camping trips during September should write or apply in person to

Mexicans Justify Shooting of American Aviator

Declare He Was Over Soil of Mexico

(By the United Press)
LAREDO, Texas, Sept. 3.—That Captain McNab was one kilometer across the Mexican border and flying over Mexican territory when shot yesterday by Mexican soldiers, was declared by General Garza, commander of the Carranzista garrison at Nuevo Laredo today.
General Garza, in a statement made public through the Mexican consul in Laredo, admitted that the shooting was done by soldiers of a Carranzista outpost.
Garza's statement declared that immediately on learning of the incident the general proceeded to the spot, near the mouth of San Isabel creek, on the Rio Grande, where the shooting occurred. Soldiers of the outpost admitted the shooting, the outpost's commander being absent at the time.
Captain McNab is resting easily and it is declared that the bullet wound in his neck is not serious.
General Garza said the soldiers stated that they had received many complaints of American aviators flying over Mexican soil and frightening livestock. He said he had protested against Americans flying over Mexico, but that his protests had repeatedly been ignored. He said it had been reported that aviators took photographs of Mexican territory.
His statement made no effort to deny the shooting but attempted to justify the attack on the grounds that the aviator's alleged flights over the border constituted a breach of international law.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—High officials doubt whether the United States will be in a position to take any action against Mexico. If it is found that Captain McNab who was shot yesterday, was flying over Mexican soil. There is no international law governing such flying but the custom in European countries prior to the outbreak of the war was to fire upon foreign aviators who crossed international boundaries without permission.
This was due to the constant fear of spies. Although having this precedent before them the officials pointed out that in the case between Mexico and the United States, it might be regarded differently because the forces of both governments are searching for bandits.

SCHOOL NOTICE
All pupils of Bellview School district will meet at the school house promptly at 8:30 a. m., September 8. The jitney will leave at that time. By order of the School Board.

Lumbermen Will Meet

Portland.—A regular meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's association will be held at the Multnomah hotel at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. More than 200 members of the association in Oregon and Washington are expected to attend, Robert S. Shaw of Astoria, president, will preside. National legislation affecting the lumber industry will be discussed at this meeting. Special attention will be given to proposed amendments to the income tax law as it applies to transfers of timber lands. The lumber industry in the northwest is being seriously handicapped at present, say prominent operators, by the exacting of the income tax law.

ONE DEAD THREE HURT; AUTO SMASH

(By the United Press)
SACRAMENTO, Sept. 3.—C. L. MacDonald, an Omaha traveling man, was killed, Mrs. Lawrence Barkovich, of San Francisco, seriously injured, and Lawrence Moran and Miss A. Andrews of San Francisco were hurt early this morning when Moran's car rashed into an auto truck.
MacDonald, whose skull was fractured, died a few moments after the accident. Moran declares that his car was running not over 20 miles an hour and that the truck had no tail light.
Frank George and family of Grass Valley, Calif., spent several days in the auto-camp last week while on their way home from an automobile trip to Portland. They made the stop here to try the mineral waters.

President Starts His Campaign for Ratification of Peace Treaty

(By the United Press)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—President Wilson leaves this evening on his 10,000 miles speaking tour of the United States in an effort to convince the people that the peace treaty should be ratified as it stands. He will attempt to solidify public opinion in favor of the treaty so that pressure will be brought to bear on the opposition senators through their home territories to change their attitude.
In the endeavor to create an irresistible demand for quick ratification of the treaty, the president, it was learned, will make only bald statements of what he considers the facts, rather than oratorical efforts.
His itinerary calls for invasion of the states of some of the principal political opponents in the senate, and most of his speeches will be delivered west of Chicago, where the administration believes antipathy toward the treaty is strongest.
Special attention will be devoted to the Pacific Coast, where the people, according to their senators, are suspicious of the Japanese and resentful of the Shantung settlement, whereby Japan gets important grants in China. In addition to his speeches on the Coast, the president will review the Pacific fleet at Seattle on September 13.
One of Wilson's principal arguments for the ratification of the treaty will be that industrial unrest and high prices cannot end until a real peace is established through ratification of the treaty. He plans to explain his reasons for committing the United States to the League of Nations plan, and in fact make a personal report to the American people on his Paris work, telling them the "whys" and wherefores.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Phelps of Mesa, Ariz., were camped at the auto-camp recently. The party left Mesa June 1, and have made the big swing around the northwest. They spent a few days in Yellowstone park and came down the coast through Washington and Oregon, and will return home by California. Mr. Wallace drives a light six Buick and Mr. Phelps a Hudson Supervis.

Car Strike to Greet Wilson

(By the United Press)
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 3.—President Wilson will find a street railway strike in progress here when he arrives tomorrow for the opening address of his tour.
One thousand street car employees struck early this morning for a new wage scale and better working conditions. No street cars are running.

Ten Died of Influenza to One in Battle

(By the United Press)
NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—The mortality rate which American life insurance companies had to meet in 1918 was about 33 per cent greater than in 1917 and 14 per cent higher than the average death rate for a score of years according to a statement made in a summary in the financial press, made public today, reviewing life insurance distributions last year by insurance organizations operating in the United States and Canada, including the transactions of the American Bureau of War Risk Insurance.
Ten persons died of influenza for each American soldier killed in battle, the report declares, placing the number of influenza deaths at half a million.
Life insurance distributions in this country and Canada in 1918 totaled \$1,115,810,000.

Austrians Are Notified That They Must Pay the Fiddler

(By the United Press)
PARIS, Sept. 3.—That the Austrians, although no longer under the monarchy, cannot escape responsibility for the conflict and must pay for its consequences, is the message that is being conveyed to Vienna by Austrian Chancellor Renner, to whom the peace treaty was handed yesterday.
At the same time he was handed the treaty Renner received the allied reply to the counter proposals of the Austrians. It rejected the Austrian plea for clemency, the allies pointing out that the war was precipitated by the ultimatum of the Austria-Hungary government to Serbia, and that the Austrian people made no effort to curb the militarist spirit dominating the Hapsburg regime.
P. J. Kooy and family of Hyland, Indiana, were campers in the free auto-camp for a few days during the past week while making a trip through the northwest. They were bound for Van Nuys, a suburb of Los Angeles, where they will spend the winter with Mrs. Kooy's sister. They had many nice things to say about the Ashland camp which they report to be the best they have found on their travels.

MURDERS WOMAN BECAUSE DOG CHASED HIS CHICKENS

(By the United Press)
SEATTLE, Sept. 3.—Because his neighbor would not keep her dog from chasing his chickens, Frederick Britz, aged 67, is in jail here, having confessed to slaying Mrs. Frank Smith after warning the woman that she would either have to move or get rid of her dog.
Britz attacked his victim last night in her kitchen, using a butcher knife. The woman's husband hearing his wife's screams, rushed into the kitchen and knocked the knife from Britz's hand after the woman had been severely slashed.
Britz recovered the knife, it is alleged, and inflicted fatal wounds on Mrs. Smith, who died later.

RADICALS IN CONTROL

(By the United Press)
BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 3.—The radical element among the 15,000 railroad shopmen here are reported to be rapidly gaining control. Despite the efforts of union leaders a general strike is anticipated here before the week is ended.
The Depew shops of the New York Central are closed, the thousand men employed there striking yesterday.
Following a meeting last night the men issued a statement saying: "We might as well starve without as within the shops."
NON-COMS TO COLLEGE
CAMP LEWIS, Sept. 3.—First Sergeant Burt E. Woody of Marion, Ky., who re-enlisted August 19, 1919, First Sergeant Anthony F. Schmitz, cavalry, and Ret. Harold L. Gage are assigned as assistants to the professor of military science at O. A. C., at Corvallis, Ore. A number of other similar details are pending.

REPORT THAT BOLSHEVIK FORCES SEEK PEACE

(By the United Press)
PARIS, Sept. 3.—A Berne dispatch today reports that an official announcement has been received there saying the Bolshevik forces on the Dniester front have asked to negotiate with the Rumanians.

New Curb Placed on Rabid Radicals

(By the United Press)
ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Added protection against the bomb thrower and carrier of concealed weapons is expected to result from an amendment to the penal law which became effective today.
The provisions of the new law are very strict. No boy under 16 is allowed to carry a sling shot, while a person who carries or possesses a bomb or bombshell, or possesses an explosive substance with intent to use it against the person or property of another is guilty of a felony.
Under the new statute, aliens are not to be given permits to carry concealed weapons. The new law defines a weapon that can be concealed as a blackjack, billy, club, sandbag, metal knuckles, bludgeon, dagger, dirk, dangerous knife, razor, stiletto, pistol or firearm of such size that it can be concealed about the person.

HITCHCOCK IN SENATE PLEADS FOR LEAGUE

(By the United Press)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Declaring that the senators who demand amendment of the peace treaty propose an insane international policy, "in which potroonery and fallacy are so mixed it is difficult to see which predominates."
Senator Hitchcock today opened the fight for unqualified ratification of the peace pact in the senate. Amendments will not only kill the treaty but will involve the United States in enormous losses and dangers, Hitchcock declared. Those demanding amendments, he said, appear unaware of the advantages to be derived by the United States through the peace settlement.
"Suppose the senate should vote in favor of the Shantung amendment or any other, what would happen?" he asked. "Inevitably one of two things, either the president would refuse to go further with the treaty, or he would submit the amendment to the nation associated with the United States in the war for consideration.
"Does anyone believe they would accept it?
"I cannot conceive that any intelligent and candid man would assume such thing possible," said Hitchcock. "America would then find herself out in the cold and isolated from the rest of the world.
"The work of ratifying the treaty would proceed without us and within a period of a few weeks, after France and Japan had ratified the treaty it would be in working order."

A car from Corvallis camped in the auto-park last week containing E. D. Tway and family of that city, and G. S. Irwin of Mesa, Ariz. Mr. Irwin had been on a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Tway, and they are taking him back to Arizona.

Business Men Looking For Improvement

(By the United Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—That the Pacific Coast will soon see practical proof of the contention that the navy can bring results for peace as well as war, and that the organization of the Pacific fleet will bring vast commercial development such as Secretary Daniels promised yesterday, is confidently expected by business men everywhere.
They point out that the first requisite to proper maintenance of the fleet as an efficient fighting unit is good harbors. The ships must have harbors for work and play, harbors for repairs, harbors for training stations and supply bases. This means harbor development.
Channels must be widened and deepened, new docking facilities must be provided and present facilities must be increased in capacity. Deepening of the channels for the navy will benefit the merchant marine as well and shipping interests generally will be quick to take advantage of this development.

Portland Gets Gun Captured By Own Sons

(By the United Press)
PORTLAND, Sept. 3.—Portland's captured German cannon awarded for the city's oversubscription to the Victory Liberty loan was wrested from the Huns by the men of the Ninety-first division in the battle of Argonne Forest where fell some of Portland's own sons. The gun ought to arrive within the next thirty days.
Robert E. Smith, director of the War Loan organization for the Twelfth Federal Reserve district, said "The War Department has advised us that Portland will get one of the guns that her own boys of the Ninety-first division so valiantly wrested from the Huns in the Argonne. Our advice are that the gun has been shipped and ought to arrive within the next thirty days barring unexpected freight delays."
LONDON.—"Wilson Peace" were the Christian names a luckless Finchley baby had to stand for through being born peace year.

BARGAIN WEEK

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The following special price will be made this week to all old Tidings semi-weekly subscribers:

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The bargain week runs until next Saturday. After that the Daily will be \$6.00 the year.

Merchants having ledger accounts with the Tidings may telephone in their subscription and the amount will be added to their October 1st bill.