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Tonight and Thursday, Rain;  
Warmer Tonight.  
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## LEAGUE OF NATIONS TALK ALL TWADDLE

Senator Knox Alleges Matter Has No Place in the Peace Conference.

## PROPOSES CURB POWER

(By Associated Press.)  
Extraordinary War Power of Wilson is Made Target of Resolution—Privilege Should be Abrogated—Action Delayed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Declaring that the widest diversity of opinion exists regarding the formation of the proposed league of nations and also concerning the real definition of the popular expression, "freedom of the seas," Senator Knox, republican of Pennsylvania, and former secretary of state during the administration of President Taft, today vehemently urged the postponement of these irrelevant questions until after the peace conference. Knox declared that the only function of the peace conference is to settle disputed issues with the enemy, and that revision of the marine laws, governing ocean travel, and the problem of a league of nations are issues concerning the allies themselves and neutral powers, and by no means should be complicated with the "simple demands" of the peace treaty. Instead of a league of nations, Senator Knox suggested a "definite entente, provided it be a small, natural one, that could bring only limited obligations."

The foreign relations committee delayed action on the Knox resolution until Saturday, regarding the senate in favor of postponement, and calling for the withdrawal of all the United States forces from Europe, and also for abrogation of President Wilson's extraordinary war powers.

PARIS, December 18.—The United States peace commission today gave out the statement, that President Wilson, up to this moment, has not expressed himself in favor of any of the various propositions advanced as regards a league of nations.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Paris newspapers variously place the probable date of the opening of the peace conference from January 19 to 15. Interviews of Premier Clemenceau and General Foch with President Wilson are reported to have been very satisfactory.

ALLEGES NOT GUILTY.  
PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—Henry Lemler, a Klamath county rancher on trial for alleged violation of the espionage act, testified today that the charges brought against him were the result of a neighborhood quarrel over pasture. The witness denied that he had urged Francis Brotherton, a Klamath boy, to resist the draft. The case goes to the jury this afternoon.

TOO MANY HOGS.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—An embargo has been placed on the loading of hogs for this city, as there is a badly congested condition in the stock yards at present.

## COPY OF PLAINDEALER ISSUED JUNE 5, 1875

A copy of the Plaindealer dated June 5, 1875, was brought to this office today by Mrs. T. W. Newland, of Ten Mile, who has carefully preserved this copy for more than 43 years. This copy is about two years older than the one kept by Miss Fitchford last week. Scanning the columns of this old newspaper, which at that time boasted of being the only publication in Douglas and Curry Counties and official organ for the same, many names familiar to Roseburg and Douglas county people of the present day are found, only the old generation has passed off the scene of action or turned the business over to the sons and daughters.

One local item says: "The Coos Bay road was sold Tuesday last to J. Miller of San Francisco. We understand the price to be near \$100,000."

"The only inducement we see to start a spelling match in Roseburg is for some young lady to announce herself as a prize."

"Mutton sheep \$1.50 per head."

"Born, to the wife of Louis Langenberg, June 3, a son."

In the market report wheat is quoted at 55 cents; wool, 23 cents; oats, 30 cents; barley, 35 cents; flour, \$2; chickens, 43 per dozen; butter 20c; eggs 12 1/2 cents; bacon 10 cents.

"A very pleasant time was had at the residence of A. H. Woodruff, in Garden Bottom, last Friday. Mr. Woodruff was 61 years old and the event was celebrated by a birthday dinner and quilting party."

In the Lodge announcements of

this old paper is found notices of Laurel Lodge A. F. and A. M., and Philatitan Lodge, I. O. O. F., J. G. Fullerton, Noble Grand. There was also a Good Templars lodge which met Friday evenings and had an invitation out for visitors to attend.

The Hon. Jesse Barker was referred to as having met with an accident, but getting along fine, and indicating that the editor was mortal and found it necessary to eat occasionally was a local thanking Mrs. A. R. Flint for "some nice cherries sent us this week."

A nearly full column of poetry in the first column of the front page indicates that it must have been the "closed season" for poets at that time, and one of the leading articles of the issue is a front page story of an overland journey across the plains in 1858, written by O. H. F. The author deals with the fact of two tragedies occurring during the long, weary trip from the Missouri River to the coast.

## LIST TEACHERS TAKING STATE EXAMINATIONS

At the examination for state certificates being held today by County Superintendent O. C. Brown, at the high school building, the following teachers are present:

Grace H. Bossen, Elkton.  
Myrtle Edgerton, Reedsport, Ore.  
Crystal Houser, Reedsport.  
Clara Anderson, Melrose.  
Glenwood Young, Roseburg.  
Helen McInturf, Oakland.  
Louise Simpson, Sutherlin.  
Mary E. McDermott, Tillam.  
Kittie Marsters, Roseburg.  
W. A. Smith, Elkton.  
C. A. Campbell, Sutherlin.  
Mrs. Eather Orman, Oakland.  
Fenn M. Scott, Reedsport.  
Mary Brenner, Roseburg.  
Sybil Farnsworth, Edenbow.  
Elizabeth Hewitt, Roseburg.  
Nellie Smith, Roseburg.  
Clara Moley, Cleveland.  
Rova Weber, Roseburg.  
Mrs. Starr Brumby, Deal, Oregon.  
Mrs. Pearl Ritchy, Pral.  
Mrs. G. N. Riddle, Canyonville.  
Iris Way, Myrtle Creek.  
Elizabeth Hoffman, Sulph. Springs.  
Gladys Miller, Peel.  
Bernice Riggs, Roseburg.  
Mrs. L. D. Macnab, Roseburg.

## PREMIER WILL SEE WILSON IN LONDON

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 18.—Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour have changed their plan in regard to going to Paris Friday to meet President Wilson, as the American executive will probably come to London directly after Christmas. The president is expected here December 26.

## OREGON DRUG CLERKS GET REPRESENTATION

(By Associated Press.)  
SALEM, Dec. 28.—Concurring in the wishes of the Oregon Drug Clerks Association, who clamored for representation on the State Board of Pharmacy, Governor Withycombe has appointed Edwin Hatch, of Portland, to membership.

## WILSON DENIES STORY IN CHICAGO TRIBUNE

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Dec. 18.—President Wilson today denied a statement printed in the Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune, alleging that the president approved the plan formulated by the league to enforce peace for the league of nations. While President Wilson is said to believe a league necessary, he has approved no plans.

## MRS. F. A. McCALL EXPIRES

Mrs. Ray Wright received word today of the death of Mrs. F. A. McCall, a former resident of this vicinity, which occurred at the Pacific hospital, Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. McCall were for many years residents of this city and the announcement of the latter's death comes as a complete surprise to her many friends. The information received here says the deceased passed away on the 14th of the present month and was about 68 years of age.

Ed Singleton and wife arrived on this afternoon's train from Dole to remain over until tomorrow looking after business matters and visiting with friends.

## TROOPS TO BE HELD FRANCE TWO YEARS

Secretary Daniels Believes That Problem May Require Army Longer Overseas.

## BIG NAVY IS DEPLORED

Hopes Peace Conference Terms Will Prohibit Building Greater Navies—New States Want Recognition of United States.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 18.—At least a year and possibly two years will elapse, before the United States can expect the return of normal peace conditions, is what Secretary Daniels, of the navy department, told a conference of state governors here today. Addressing the conference, Secretary Daniels also said: "We will be fortunate, indeed, if conditions abroad can be adjusted so as to make demobilization of the army and navy possible at so early a date." The statements indicated that the secretary does not expect it to be possible to bring troops back within a short time, and that they will be required in Europe for a long time to hold in check any Bolshevik tendencies that may develop. The secretary alleged that the navy must be increased so as to enable the United States to help maintain an international police force, but he said that he hoped the peace conference will put an end to competitive big navy building.

LISBON, Dec. 18.—Documents found on persons arrested in connection with the murder of President Paes, last Saturday night, show that the plot was extensive and well laid. The participants drew lots to see who would be chosen to shoot Portugal's president.

NEW STATES WANT UNITY.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Polish government has proposed a treaty that will be signed by Poland, Bohemia and Jugoslavia, according to a dispatch reaching here. The treaty would include military, railway and commercial agreements, closely uniting the group of new states to the entente alliance. It is also reported that Hungary wants to get in on the alliance.

COPENHAGEN HEARS REPORT.  
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—The Polish government has declared itself ready to conclude a military and political alliance with the entente powers, according to a dispatch in the Cologne Gazette. The dispatches allege that the town council of Karlsbad has memorialized the president of the United States, asking that the government recognize Karlsbad as an independent republic under American supremacy.

DISSATISFIED WITH LINES.  
PARIS, Dec. 18.—Much interest here attaches to the conference that President Wilson will have with King Victor Emmanuel, who is expected to arrive in Paris tomorrow. Investigations by Col. House respecting the possible extent of territory which should go to Italy on the principle of racial or linguistic determination, do not fully accord with ideas of the Italian government, which feels that the lines should prospect greater areas.

FIRE ON PRISONERS.  
ZURICH, Dec. 17.—German soldiers occupying Graz are reported to have fired on Russian prisoners who refused to work, killing six and wounding seven of the men. The incident occurred since the armistice with the allies was signed.

MAC EUSEN INTERRED.  
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—Von Mackensen, commander of the German forces in Roumania has been interred by the German government at the request of the allies, according to reports reaching Copenhagen.

FIGHT GOVERNMENT CONTROL.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Over 25 wireless stations in Mexico were under government control during the war, Edward Nally, vice-president of the Marconi wireless company of America, told the house merchant marine committee today, while testifying in opposition to the bill proposing government monopoly of the radio stations in the United States.

## POTATOES MADE ONE CHINAMANA RICH MAN

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 18.—Recently, there sailed in through the Golden Gate a great trans-Pacific liner carrying as a passenger a Chinese who was part owner of the vessel. The purpose of this visit to this country was to attend a meeting of the stockholders of the China Mail Steamship Company. Twenty years ago this same Chinese came through the Golden Gate, an emigrant from

China, as a steerage passenger, hoping for a chance to secure employment as a laborer.

Ng Jim Kai is his name. Twenty years ago he found work as a gardener in the Sacramento Valley. After four years he had saved enough money to lease a tract of land. He specialized on potatoes. Year by year his acreage increased. Finally a market short on potatoes found him long on the commodity. Ng Jim Kai became rich in a season.

He is 64 years old and both in Hong Kong and Canton, China, are counted a score of great corporations in which he is one of the controlling figures.

## CAR OF SHORTHORNS ARRIVES HERE TODAY

A carload of purebred stock was received at the stock yards in Roseburg today from Carlton, Oregon. This is the shipment that was purchased a few weeks ago by C. W. Rose, F. P. Miller and Jacob Jones, of Roseburg, and C. O. Garrett, of Glendale. The shipment is in charge of Mr. Haradon's herdsmen and arrived at the stock yards about 1:30 p. m. Two of the cows have calved since the purchase was made and for this reason the shipment consists of twenty head rather than eighteen head purchased.

## SPANISH "FLU" AT ITS HIGHEST STAGE

The influenza situation has today reached its worst, six bodies lying in the morgue, all dead since late yesterday afternoon, and every bay industry is crippled by labor shortage, the result of men kept from work by the disease, says Coos Bay Record. Coroner Fred Wilson suffering from influenza since last Monday, but working on day and night to handle the many dead, was today forced to give up, having been attacked with pneumonia. In the Coos Bay shipyard 83 employees are down with the disease. At Kruse & Hanks 60—it is said—are unable to work. Logging camps are experiencing an acute shortage, also. From Bandon George Colburn has volunteered to come here to act in Coroner Fred Wilson's place until the latter is recovered. New cases are numerous and violent.

## ROSEBURG WARMER THAN SACRAMENTO

Weather conditions here are very similar to those of most places along the coast line, even as far south as San Francisco. According to Observer Wm. Bell, of the local U. S. weather bureau here, Roseburg was four degrees warmer a 5 o'clock this morning than Sacramento, while Red Bluff reports just the same temperature as Baker, and the warmest Los Angeles. Even Billings, Montana, usually cold, when there is a chance for anything of that sort, was two degrees warmer than Baker City. The high pressure lying over the plateau country to the east of the mountains is causing this cold spell, but indications this morning are that a change will take place today and tonight, lower air currents forcing their way in and changing the situation, so that Thursday it may be just right for a good rain here. The temperatures for various points as reported to Observer Wm. Bell this morning are:

Valdez.....34	Spokane.....28
Tacoma.....30	Baker.....20
Marshfield.....34	Sacramento.....32
Holena, Mont.....14	Roseburg.....35
Billings, Mont.....12	Red Bluff.....36
Pocatello, Idaho.....18	Los Angeles.....32
Boise, Idaho.....24	San Diego.....48
Fresno, Cal.....38	

## FARM BUREAU PLANS A CHICKEN CAMPAIGN

The farm bureau, through their community committees, are planning to put on a campaign for the early hatching of chickens. It is recognized by all progressive poultrymen that the pullets hatched early in the season, say February 5 to April 1, are the most profitable layers, as chickens hatched at the time of year usually begin laying the first of October and continue to lay during the entire winter when eggs are a high price. It is planned to hold meetings in all of the communities in the county during the early part of the coming year at which time this matter will be given prominent attention. G. W. Burt, who was recently elected president of the Farm Bureau, formerly the Douglas County Agricultural Council, is one of the leading poultrymen in Douglas county, and has volunteered his services for the campaign.

## FINLAND DESIRES TO BE RECOGNIZED

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Nov. 21.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) General Mannerheim, the Finnish leader who has consented to become regent of the new coalition government of Finland, and the other supporters of the government, sustained by the White Guards, are extremely anxious to have the Entente powers and the United States recognize the new Finnish government.

The necessity for such recognition at once is urged on the ground that the peasants feel under great obligations to Germany for interfering and establishing order in Finland and cannot be induced to transfer their allegiance to the enemies of Germany unless steps are taken that will convince them that the Entente powers have a real interest in Finland's welfare.

General Mannerheim has been in

## STUBBORN WOUNDS HEALED HOT WATER

The Men Recline in Bath Tubs Sometimes for Weeks Taking Treatment.

## AMUSEMENTS ARE GIVEN

Pictures Shows Provide for Those Here Making a Most Gallant Fight for Their Life.—The Girls Wanted to be Kissed.

(The Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Nov. 20.—A moving picture audience in bath tubs through which warm water flows, is the entertainment oddity provided in film shows by the American Y. M. C. A. at the hospital under the shadows of King's College, Cambridge, where wounded men from France are being treated. In one ward certain of the patients, who have had very serious septic wounds are having the water treatment.

To look at these men you might think they were lying comfortably in bed, propped up with pillows. They are really sitting in bath tubs in water to their waists. A constant stream of water with a temperature of ninety-eight is kept running thru the tub, purifying and cleansing the wounds, which have no other dressing. A kind of magnified lap-board covers the top of the tub, and is in turn covered by a long, bright patch quilt. And there the men sit on air cushions, leaning against air pillows, day and night, sometimes for weeks at a time. Only the most serious case are put into these baths, men who otherwise have little chance of recovery and none without the amputation of a limb. But never yet has a case so treated, been lost.

"It's beastly uncomfortable the first week," said the record case of the ward, a British Tommy who was for eleven weeks in the bath. "Your legs ache, and you have the water rash. But in a week, at the most, you get over that, and then it is more comfortable than being in bed. In fact, after they put you back in bed you can't sleep for a while, it's so hard."

The American Y. M. C. A. has been sending these men "movies" twice a week. A screen has been arranged, at one end of the hut and there all the screen favorites play their parts while the men sit comfortably in their warm tubs. And when the show is over, all they have to do is to turn out the lights and go to sleep.

London for several days conferring with A. J. Balfour, British Foreign Secretary. He intends to go to Paris to discuss the Finnish situation with Colonel E. M. House and French officials. He desires also to meet Herbert C. Hoover, the American Food Administrator and talk over the provisioning of Finland whose bread supplies are about exhausted.

Sweden and Denmark have consented to let Finland have a limited amount of grain, but this supply will not reach Finland in time to prevent the suspension of bread rations in the larger cities of Finland for some time.

According to dispatches received by General Mannerheim virtually all the German troops have now left Finland. There were less than two thousand Germans there a week ago, and as these have been moving out whenever ships were available, the General says Finland is now doubtless entirely free from German soldiers.

The Russian Reds are threatening the Finnish border and the political situation in Finland is so troubled that a recurrence of the war between reds and whites which devastated the country last winter is feared unless the government is able to obtain adequate food supplies to relieve the distress which is now becoming widespread.

Russian political refugees have escaped into Finland in large numbers. It would be almost certain death for many of these if they were forced to return to Russia. Consequently the Finnish government has permitted them to remain in spite of the shortage of foodstuffs, thus imposing an additional tax on its limited supply of grain.

General Mannerheim led the Finnish White Guards in their fight against the Finnish Red Guards last winter, but retired from the command the White Guards accepted the support of German troops. He was not in sympathy with Germany's movement to trench itself in Finland, and was summoned back to Finland from Sweden after it became clear that Germany must withdraw as a result of its defeat on the western front.

An election is to be held next February to elect a new Finnish senate, which will pass on the form of government Finland is to have. At present it is a constitutional monarchy, conforming to the laws under which it was governed when a part of Sweden, before it was annexed to Russia. It is really a grand duchy, but as there is no grand duke to approve its legislation, and as its laws require such approval, General Mannerheim will, if he becomes regent as is now proposed, act instead of a grand duke, pending establishment of a legal government to replace the constitutional monarchy.

WAR MACHINERY IN  
MOTION SIX MINUTES

(The Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Nov. 20.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—It required only six minutes to inform the British empire that England was at war on the night of August 4, 1914, says Lord Harcourt, who was then Colonial Secretary.

"On that unforgettable night," he said to the Empire Parliamentary Association, "I was in the Cabinet room, Downing street, with a few colleagues. Our eyes were on the clock, our thoughts on one subject only; but there was a feeble effort to direct our conversation to other matters. We were waiting for a reply, which we knew full well, would never come, to our Ultimatum to Berlin."

"When Big Ben struck 11:30—midnight in Berlin—we left the room knowing that the British Empire was at war."

"I crossed to the Colonial Office to send a war telegram to the whole of the British Empire. I asked the official in charge of that duty how long it would take. He said 'about six minutes.'"

"I asked him to return to my room when he had done his work. In seven minutes he was back and before morning I received an acknowledgment of my telegram from every single Colonial Protectorate, and even Israel in the Pacific."

"So the grim machinery of war began revolving in perfect order and with perfect preparation because, more than two years previously, an individual war-book had been prepared by the Colonial Committee of Defense for every single Protectorate and islet. It was at that moment locked in the safe of each Governor or Commissioner and they knew at once what to do."

## WANTED THEIRS.

MANCHESTER, ENGL., Nov. 18.—Describing the celebration of peace in London the "Guardian's" London correspondent writes: "Another incident was that a very large plain American officer, with two short plain American officers, marched up from Trafalgar Square to Leicester Square, kissing every girl they met, the leader shouting, 'Next, please!' Before they got to the square, they had a following of a dozen unknissed girls drawing their attention to the fact."

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PROGRESSING WELL

Union County Reports Eight Thousand Were Enrolled at Midnight Monday.

## 14,000 ARE AT WORK

Expected by Army of Solicitors in State that Drive Will Be Completed by December 23rd.—Everybody Asked.

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—Reports on the Red Cross membership drive throughout the state are coming in, indicating good work, but the goal is universal membership, which does make this the most strenuous of all the drives, inasmuch as it means that the solicitors must, if possible, interview every adult in Oregon. The first county to report was Union, E. B. Kiddle, telegraphing that 8,000 were enrolled by one minute after midnight, December 16, the minute the drive opened. The war chest arrangement which obtains in Union County is held responsible for this quick work.

Schools for children who were made mental and physical wrecks by the constant bombing of their cities; schools were men who have lost their hands or feet or eyes may learn remunerative trades; canteens where American soldiers may be able to find comfort until such time as they come back—all these will be provided by the dollars which come in for membership in this drive, also the Red Cross is spending a million dollars a month in caring for the families of American fighting men.

The American people and the American spirit are behind the Red Cross and the popularity of the organization is attested by the buttons and flags which have been displayed this week. Everyone who wears the button is a member and is playing a part in the relief work of the Red Cross. The Red Cross service flags in the windows are a badge of honor. Each day thousands of people are enrolled and by the end of the drive, December 23, the man or woman who is not decorated with a button or the house which does not carry the service flag in the window will be the exception in Oregon.

It is not money but membership the drive seeks. No one will be asked for \$2.00, nor plural memberships. The membership carries dues of one dollar a year and this is all that the solicitors request. Those individuals with a button will not be asked a second time. The button brings immunity.

If the drive could obtain 80 members a minute for three days, Oregon will establish a record. The campaign was launched at a speed which developed better than 80 members a minute the first day, but as the first rush subsided, he "mopping up" becomes harder. The 14,000 men and women who are sacrificing their time for Christmas shopping to perform this service, however, are determined to see the work through to the finish.

## FRENCH FIGHT SHY OF ALL GASSED COIN

(The Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Nov. 30.—Gassed money has made its way to Paris to be spent since the small townspeople refuse to take it in trade. A Young Men's Christian Association secretary in a village protests when an aged woman storekeeper refused the jet black coins he offered, briefly explaining "No good."

"But", insisted the Red Triangle man. "Those coins are perfectly good. They were new and shiny when I put them in my pocket. I have been through a gas attack and the fumes have turned them black. See—"

And he took out his knife and scraped until the bright metal was revealed.

"Non," replied madame, still unconvinced. "Ce n'est pas bon." And she went on to explain, that after a coin had been gassed, she did not want to have anything to do with it.

Finally the man who had made the purchase was obliged to borrow enough from a fellow-worker to pay for what he had bought.

It is bad enough to go through the danger and discomfort of a gas attack without having perfectly good money ruined," mused the Y. M. C. A. man. "This matter ought to be held against the Boches when the final settlement comes. It is the worst of all their crimes."

Mrs. Knaffle Pickens and family will arrive here this evening to pass the Xmas holidays at the home of Attorney and Mrs. O. P. Coshaw.