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PRESIDENTS REJECT WILSON'S PROPOSAL

ARMY BILL GIVEN VETO

PRESIDENT DISAPPROVES OF EXEMPTING RETIRED OFFICERS FROM DUTY

BALANCE OF BILL IS CALLED WISELY GENEROUS

Whole Army Reorganization Set Back By Veto—Message Covering the Subject Sent to Congress This Morning—New Bill Introduced Immediately with Objections Gone.

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Wilson sent a special message to congress vetoing the army appropriation bill which was passed last night. He objected to the provision exempting retired officers from discipline and duty under the articles of war. Mr. Wilson declared such an exemption is unconstitutional. The message said: "With genuine reluctance the President returns the bill which wisely and generously provides a national defense. The existing articles of war undoubtedly are archaic and have not undergone a revision for over a hundred years. Therefore the President more keenly regrets he is unable to give his approval of this revision of the articles of war."

He declared retired officers are not mere pensioners and he upholds the President's right to summon them to duty in emergencies.

The veto holds up a \$267,000,000 appropriation and delays the general military reorganization.

An hour after the veto was received Chairman Hay of the house military committee again introduced a bill, eliminating reference to articles of war. A bitter conference fight is expected on the new bill.

HAISTEN'S AD. OMITTED
One of Regular Ads Left Out of Picnic Program

In the official program for the O-W. Employees Picnic yesterday F. D. Haisten, one of the regular advertisers in the program, was omitted. The Observer job department got out the program and in the rush this ad was left out. This mention is made for Mr. Haisten has had regular space in each and every program of the three picnics that have been held by the employees, and it was no fault of his that the ad did not appear in this issue of the official program.

MANY APPLICATIONS

Landoffice Officials Face Big Run of Business

Business at the United States land office in La Grande continues to show a healthy increase and steadiness.

The following homesteads were allowed today: Stephen H. Lofton, Trester; Ivey Hewitt, Richland; Chas. R. McAnulty, Imnaha; Russell E. Walls, Wallawa; Ella G. McBroom, Pilot Rock; Marshall van Bibber, Monument.

The following applications were filed: William R. Pearson, homestead, North Powder; Geo. S. Smith, Monument, additional homestead; Wesley W. Slaughter, Ritter, additional homestead; Jesse E. Johns, Trester, additional homestead; Chester J. Evans, Ribaldin, homestead; Andrew Ryan, Beech Creek, additional homestead.

Final homestead proofs issued are: Asa P. Craig, Enterprise; Lee Parks, Enterprise; Albert Hartshorn, Joseph; G. Edmon Long, Enterprise; John S. Shensley, Ritter.

North Powder Couple Marry.

North Powder, Ore., Aug. 17.—Jas. Dalton, wealthy rancher and stockman of North Powder, and Mrs. Rose Springer of the same place were united in marriage at St. Anthony, Idaho, August 14. Both the bride and groom are well known people of this section, especially Mr. Dalton, who came here in his early boyhood from Tennessee, and by industry and business ability has become one of our foremost citizens. He is a self-made man in every respect and stands high in the esteem of the community, as does his wife. They have just completed a honeymoon trip to Yellowstone park and have returned here to receive the congratulations of their many friends. Their trip through the park was made in company with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Monday, also of this place.

RECRUIT, 44, IS READY TO SERVE

CAPTAIN CLARK SIGNS MAN ON VERGE OF LIMIT.

Oldest Recruit to Leave Station Here Off for Clackamas This Evening.

Young men are not alone in their desire to enlist in the Oregon national guard regiment now at the border. True, Captain Clark, recruiting officer for Eastern Oregon, has signed up young men principally, until today, and then he encountered a man on the verge of the 45-year limit. Hubert J. Bryan, whose relatives reside in Idaho but who has made his home in La Grande, today applied for enlistment papers and got them. He is 44 years old, one year under the age limit. Mr. Bryan has a companion recruit in the person of Guy Hartsough, at one time of Montana but now of La Grande and who has relatives in Elgin. Mr. Hartsough is 21.

Both these recruits will go to Clackamas tonight for their outfits and then be ready for border service. At noon today Archie D. Reynolds of Kansas City, Kas., aged 20, applied for enlistment papers and was put through the necessary paces. He will likely go down this evening with the other two men.

LAD OF 14 IS HIT BY BROTHER

SLEEP WALKER AT CAMP SHOT AT BY BROTHER

St. Helens Doctor Will Likely Amputate Wounded Leg

St. Helens, Ore., Aug. 18.—Chauncey Smith accidentally shot his brother Walter, 14, last night. The boys were camping. Walter walked in his sleep and Chauncey challenged a supposed prowler. There was no reply and he fired a shot gun in the direction of the noise. He hit his brother's right leg.

Despite the horror of the shock Chauncey kept his nerve and tied the arteries and rushed Walter here.

Doctors probably will amputate the leg.

PROPOSES NEW CALENDAR.

Spokane Minister Claims to Have Perfected Schedule.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 18.—"Why not adopt a new calendar?" asks the Rev. H. P. Hames, a Spokane minister.

And to show that it is not an idle question, Mr. Hames has figured it out carefully, and proposes that on January 1, 1922, the world (by common consent of the inhabitants) adopt the one he has made up. His unique proposal calls for 13 months of 28 days each, the unlucky one to be termed "Holiday" and to be sandwiched in between June and July. That would accommodate 364 days of the year. The extra or 365th day is not counted in any month, but precedes the first day of January as New Year's day.

He also has arranged to take care of the extra day on leap year. He would have this fall in the new month of Holiday, between Saturday, Holyday 14th, and Sunday, Holyday 15th, and he proposes to call it Leap Year day and treat it just as New Year's is treated. Under the Hames perpetual calendar system each month would begin on Sunday and end on Saturday.

Some of the advantages which he ascribes to the system are:

Each month has the same number of days—like a school month.

The same date in each month falls on the same day of the week.

A printed civil calendar for each month will not be necessary, as the days of each month are identical with those of the first month.

The calendar is good for all time to come, and, like Bill Nye's Railway guide, "will be just as good two years ago as it was next spring."

Holidays, anniversaries, etc., are easily fixed or transferred.

It will facilitate business calculations. A month will mean 28 and not 29, 30 or 31 days. Wages by the week, fortnight and month are readily adjusted without even referring to the calendar, which is easily committed to memory.

This calendar could, by general consent, be adopted Sunday, January 1st, 1922, without disturbing in the least the present calendar.

Repairing Bridge

A small bridge span in the Grandy lane which was out of order is being repaired. Rain yesterday stopped proceedings but Bridge Superintendent Davis declares the work will be ready in a short time when travel over it may resume.

BROTHERHOODS, ON OTHER HAND AGREE TO ACCEPT IT

JOINT CONFERENCE OF MANAGERS SET FOR TOMORROW—BROTHERHOODS AGREE AT LATE HOUR TO ACCEPT WILSON'S PROPOSALS—RAILROAD OFFICIALS HOSTILE TO WILSON'S ADVANCES—LIKELIHOOD OF STRIKE AGAIN SERIOUS ONE.

Washington, Aug. 18.—A national strike, halting every railroad, loomed again this afternoon. The presidents called to Washington left the White House after a conference with President Wilson determined not to accept President Wilson's proposal. They meet him again tomorrow in a joint conference with railway managers.

At the same time that the presidents refused the peace plan, the Brotherhoods announced the Brotherhood Committees had voted to accept the proposition.

Washington, Aug. 18.—It is learned on reliable authority President Wilson plans to summon the Boards of Directors of the country's biggest railroads if the railway presidents persist in refusal to accept his strike settlement plan.

Washington, D. C., August 18.—The first bit of news to break from the strike situation with the beginning of Friday, was that the Brotherhoods had asked President Wilson to modify the proposition he made last evening.

The proposition President Wilson made yesterday proposed:

An eight-hour day as a basis for wage computation; regular pay at the eight-hour rate for overtime; reference of all collateral issues to a small commission on which the employees, railroads and public would be represented.

The president, addressing the employees' general committee yesterday evening, declared he believed in the eight-hour day principle, and thought the majority of Americans held a similar view. He admitted he is at a loss about settlement of the collateral issues.

Cabinet Meeting Postponed. President Wilson was up early this morning preparing an appeal to the railroad presidents who he was to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon, that hour having been chosen during the morning. He cancelled the cabinet session.

Presidents Are Hostile.

This morning more presidents arrived to join those who came yesterday and last night, and hostility toward the President's proposal to the railroads has developed. The presidents are determined, it is indicated, to support the railway managers' refusal to accept Wilson's proposals.

There is every indication that if the railroad presidents sustain the managers, the President will appeal finally to the financial powers controlling the roads. It is his purpose to deal with the ultimate authority before giving up.

Nobody can say what will be effect of an appeal such the United States' President, speaking in the nation's name, can make. From obtainable information it appears the railroads are unalterably opposed to granting an eight-hour day without arbitration, but are ready to arbitrate anything in almost any form of arbitration on which the employees and their committee may agree.

On account of the situation growing serious, congress began paying more attention yesterday and there are many indications of intervention to prevent a nation-wide tie-up.

The general expectation is that the railroad officials after a conference with the president will ask several days to consider their course. A score arriving last night immediately met with the managers. There developed further indications that the chiefs will back the managers in their attitude adopted toward the President's proposals. It is said they went over the situation thoroughly and agree entirely with what the committee has done.

Two plans are being considered for the make-up of the proposed commission in case the President's plan is accepted. The first provides for the appointment of all three members if that size commission is suggested by the president. The other is for the president to select one member, the managers one and the employees one.

Ballot Is Slow. At noon the trainmen had failed to complete balloting on Wilson's proposals and adjourned until 2:30.

At 2 o'clock the railroad presidents began arriving at the White House. A few walked, some came in automobiles and others in taxi-cabs.

Luther Leaguers in Convention. Eagle Grove, Aug. 18.—Nearly

WEDDING ENDS A JAIL SENTENCE

PROF. ANDERSON OF BAKER REMOVES CRIMINAL CHARGE.

Because He Married Woman Preferring Charges, Baker Man Is Freed From Cell.

Baker, Aug. 18.—With Rev. A. R. Willett officiating and Sheriff Anderson and a taxi driver acting as witnesses, Prof. Anderson, an elderly Baker county man, and Mrs. Hannah McCann were married at the latter's home yesterday, fulfilling the promise made to District Attorney Godwin, the marriage automatically removing the statutory charges against the professor who is well known here.

The latter after securing his license yesterday morning and starting for the home of the bride-to-be for the ceremony, expressed doubt to the sheriff as to whether or not Mrs. McCann would marry him. "Oh, that will be all right," answered the sheriff. "But," parried Anderson, "if she refuses, you will have to throw her in jail the same as you did me."

The district attorney notified Anderson after he was jailed, that marriage would relieve matters and the prisoner promptly complied, the woman being willing.

FUGITIVE MAD MAN RETAKEN

FELLOW CLASSED AS DANGEROUS LUNATIC RATIONAL

Contention That Smith Was Dangerous Denied By Prisoner Himself

Portland, Aug. 18.—Patrolman Smith has arrested John Thompson, a lunatic escaped from the Salem asylum recently. He was placed in the county jail awaiting arrival of asylum officers.

Thompson appeared rational and denied the report he was a dangerous lunatic. He said he fled from the madhouse to see his sons and denied he intended to kill his wife. He said: "If I intended to kill her I could easily go to Milwaukee and do so."

Spokane Expects Militia.

Spokane, Aug. 18.—Under the new national guard law Spokane will be made headquarters either of an entire regiment of infantry or of a battalion of field artillery, it is announced by Adjutant General Maurice Thompson.

"I have worked out and submitted to the war department a tentative schedule of Washington national guard organizations, based upon the requirements of the new army bill, which provides that Washington must have 5600 men by the end of five years," he said. "The organization recommended provides for the following units: Three regiments of infantry, one regiment (six batteries) of field artillery, 14 companies of coast artillery, one squadron (four troops) of cavalry, two companies of engineers, one field company of signal corps, one field hospital, one ambulance company. We now have one regiment of infantry, nine companies of coast artillery, one troop of cavalry and the signal corps. Spokane should have either infantry or artillery units exclusively, as a different type of armory construction is desirable for each branch of the service. Whether the war department decides to assign light or heavy field artillery to this state is not settled yet. If heavy howitzers are decided upon the field batteries should be located in western Washington, as the howitzers are auxiliary to coast defenses, being used to defend the coast artillery from attacks on the land side. In this event Spokane will be made an infantry headquarters. If light field artillery is assigned to this state, however, Spokane probably will be called upon to provide a battalion of three batteries of 190 men each."

Working on Track. Sprinklers and Rain Assist Materially in Making Course Good.

Splendid results have attended the efforts to shape up the fair grounds track for the September races. The surface had been loosened under the direction of Jack McCarthy, and sprinkling had been conducted day and night when the recent rains began, and these downpours have had a very beneficial effect on the course. Harrowing and floating is now under way and the track will be ready for the ponies and nags to step on long before the meet opens.

HUGHES SPEAKS OFTEN.

Rear-Platform Addresses Made in California Tour Today.

Dixon, Cal., Aug. 18.—Mr. Hughes emphasized the necessity of co-operation and unity among Americans to make the United States a foremost nation when he spoke from the rear platform at Woodland, Davis and Sisson enroute to San Francisco.

He voiced a desire to serve the American people to the best of his ability.

COUNTY CHAIRMAN HOME.

Hears Hughes' Speech in Portland Is Enthused Over Results.

J. H. Peare, county chairman of the Republican County Central committee returned last evening from Portland where he and other county chairmen of the state occupied special seats at the Hughes speech.

Mr. Peare is much impressed with the satisfaction expressed everywhere at the outcome of the Presidential candidate's visit. He declared today Portland gave Hughes an ovation that was remarkable, and that there was a decided tone of contentment among state leaders over the atmosphere left by the Presidential Republican standard bearer.

ISLANDS BILL PASSES

Greater Independence Provided Philippine Islands by Measure

Washington, Aug. 18.—The house voted 24 to 27 today in passing the Philippine bill. It provides increased independence. The bill already has passed the senate, and is ready for Wilson's signature.

ALLIES TAKE FLEURY FORT

FRENCH RECAPTURE STRONG-HOLD WITH CURTAIN FIRE SCHEME

BRITISH GAIN TRENCH SOUTH OF MARTINPUCH

Berlin Statement Admits British Victory at One Point But Otherwise Says Teuton Forces Are Holding Their Own, Even Gaining at Certain Places—Italians Halted.

London, Aug. 18.—It is announced French have recaptured Fleury. Curtain fire prevented Germans reinforcing to save it but there was bloody street fighting before the Germans withdrew.

French advanced near Thiaumont and British have made extended gains northwest of Bazentin-LePetit and found trenches crowded with corpses. English repulsed counters near Maunoeuch.

Petrograd has claimed Russians are approaching the mountain summits near Koromez, Hungary and have captured Lysiec and Stary southwest of Stanislaw.

Teutons Generally Successful

Berlin, Aug. 18.—It is admitted the British have seized the German front line south of Martinpuch, but elsewhere the attacks were repulsed. A drawn battle exists northeast of Hardcourt.

Turks have reinforced Bothmer and repulsed Russian attacks. Germans have progressed in the Carpathians.

A delayed Vienna announcement said Austrians are advancing in southwestern Bukovina and repulsed six massed attacks northeast of Stanislaw. All Italian assaults were defeated, Berlin says.

Censor Not Fool You Take Him To Be

BY HAL O'FLAHERTY.

London, Aug. 1.—(By Mail)—"The censor is not the d— fool you take him to be." The above line was penned by a British censor upon a letter from an officer at the front to his wife, in which an ingenious code was discovered. It meant to disclose to the anxious wife just where her husband was fighting, but it was spoiled by the censor and an order was issued by the war office prohibiting such practices. Before the officer, who wrote the code letter, left for the front, he secured two maps showing the entire British fighting line. The maps were identical. One he took with his wife and the other he left with him. Thereafter, each time he wrote a letter, he placed the stationery on his map, stuck a pin through it directly over Paris, another directly over Brussels and a third at the point where the letter he was writing would superimpose it on her map adjusting the extreme pinholes over Paris and Brussels and her husbands whereabouts would be indicated by the middle hole. This is but one of a score of codes and secret signals discovered by the censors recently. England does not censor the relatives of men at the front for wanting to know the locality in which they are fighting and perhaps dying, but such disclosures became a menace. No one knows how extensive Germany's espionage system may be, and England is taking no chances. Another code system used by a certain officer was more elaborate than the one pointed out by the censor, with his "damn fool" notation. It was arranged by the officer with his wife, just before he sailed for France, and consisted of two charts of the battle line, one of which he retained while the wife kept the other. Each map was laid out in blocks an inch square; each square could be identified by combinations of letters indicating each line of square from left to right. Down the left hand side was another row of letters. In writing home, the officer would say: "Give my regards to L. A. Smith." Being a fictitious name, the wife would know it as a key to her secret code. Putting her finger on the "A" line of the squares on her chart, she would follow along under the "L" squares, in which was her husband's position at the front. It is improbable that any information contained in these code letters has ever reached the Germans, but there is a possibility of such a mishance and England is losing no opportunity to defeat a spy system that has made Englishmen gasp.