

OBJECTION RAISED TO PEACE PLAN

RESOLUTION AGAINST UNITED STATES ENTERING A LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

DEPRECATES AID IN SETTLING DISPUTES

The Document Also Proclaims That There Should Be No Change in International Law as to Freedom of the Seas Involving Restricted Navy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(United Press)—A resolution declaring it to be the sense of congress that the United States should not enter a league of nations, and against requiring America to aid in the settlement of European disputes, was introduced in the house today by Representative Husted of New York. The resolution also declares that the government should not consent to any change in international law relating to the freedom of the seas which would restrict the navy from protecting American interests.

FIGHTING ALCOHOL

Canteens in France Increase Supply of Sweets.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—(By Mail)—Planning to fight alcohol with sugar, the Y. M. C. A. in France has, according to medical experts, secured the best ammunition to use in a battle against the more or less well-known Denon.

Heavy drinkers don't care for sugar and heavy consumers of sweets usually pass up "booze." So, by plying the soldiers with candy, chocolate and cookies, the Y. M. C. A. expects to reduce the consumption of alcohol very materially.

Red Triangle canteens will cut down on variety of stock and concentrate on sweets. Existing contracts for candy, jam and other sweets will be increased. It is figured that a man can get sick stuffing candy, but not intoxicated.

BELGIANS IN ENGLAND ARE GOING BACK HOME

LONDON, Nov. 29.—(United Press)—There are 150,000 Belgian refugees in England, mostly in the London area.

The question of their repatriation is being carefully thought out. The reconstruction committee, which has left London for Bruges, will work in consultation with the minister for the interior.

It is planned to send the railwaymen and their families back first, so they can repair and rebuild the railroads, thus facilitating transportation of refugees who return later. In many cases men will return to Belgium some time in advance of their families in order to help build their new homes and make things ready for their women and children.

Many Belgian children who arrived here at a tender age cannot remember any home other than England, and they speak English better than their native tongue. It is quite a common thing for Belgian parents to make use of their offspring as interpreters in the courts, at the doctors', and recently, even to translate the posters which are dotted over England regarding precautions against "flu."

England has done her best for the comfort and protection of Belgians as a whole, but they will carry back a little less.

It is a far cry back to those heart-breaking days of 1914 and 1915, when the pious groups of Belgians first arrived here, clutching tiny packages that held all their worldly goods, dazed and bewildered by the suddenness of their flight.

GRANDE RONDE LEADS

Local District of Spokane Loan Bank Exceeds in Business Volume.

As has been frequently stated the Spokane Federal Loan Bank is the leader among the twelve districts in the United States and the Grande Ronde Federal association which comprises the twelve adjacent to La Grande is the most important association in the Spokane district, as respect to amount of business done with the bank institution in Spokane.

Late News

HELD BY BANDITS

Reported That \$5000 Ransom Is Demanded For Release.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 14.—(United Press)—It is reported that Mexican bandits are holding Edward Thompson, an American banker. A ransom of \$5000 is demanded for his release.

ADDRESS SEPARATE NOTE

Each Separate Nation Has Say as to Wilhelm and Holland.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14.—(United Press)—The allies have separately addressed notes to Holland regarding the presence of former Kaiser Wilhelm there, according to a dispatch to the Hague.

RESIGNATIONS REPORT

Basle, Dec. 14.—(United Press)—Hesse and Barth, members of the German government, have resigned, it is reported.

SELF REPORTED OUT

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—(United Press)—The Tageblatt says it understands that Foreign Secretary Solf has resigned.

CONFERENCE WILL OPEN

Important Gathering M. E. Church Workers the Coming Week.

The Centenary Training conference of the La Grande district will be held on December 18th and 19th. The conference opens Wednesday evening, December 18th, with an address by Bishop R. J. Cooke and Dr. H. H. Frost will give a great stereoscopic lecture on American Democracy.

The conference will have three sessions on Thursday, beginning at 8:30 a. m., 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Dr. C. E. Powell, Herbert Johnson, John Chirgwin and George Meeklenburg will appear on the program. Dr. C. E. Powell will give a stereoscopic lecture Thursday evening. The general public is invited.

EARLY PEACE IS NOW ASKED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(United Press)—Germany has asked that the peace negotiations start as quickly as possible, due to famine in Germany. The communication comes through the Swiss government. It asked the state department as to the place and date of the forthcoming negotiations. The Swiss, pressing the inquiry, requested a prompt reply.

Armistice Prolonged

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 14.—(United Press)—The armistice has been prolonged to January 17th, subject to a further extension, according to a dispatch from Treves.

(The allied armistice commission is now in session at Treves. Marshal Foch is presiding.)

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas: Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States and president of the American Red Cross, has summoned every citizen of this country to the comradeship of universal membership in the Red Cross.

And whereas: Membership in the American Red Cross is an evidence of loyalty.

And whereas: The American Red Cross is on the eve of the greatest year's work in its history, applying aid and material encouragement to American soldiers on duty in France, Russia, Siberia and in this country; taking care of the dependents of soldiers in this country by means of home service; aiding in the reconstruction of Europe by assisting the repatriated citizens; assisting returned soldiers to positions; providing help and encouragement to wounded soldiers; and in other ways assisting the world to recover from the ravages of the war.

And whereas: It is desired that every adult citizen become a member of the American Red Cross that all may feel they have a living part in the work of the society.

Now Therefore: I, J. D. McKennon, mayor of the city of La Grande, Oregon, state of Oregon, do hereby proclaim that the week of December 16-22 be devoted to the purpose of securing membership in the American Red Cross and do urge every citizen to join the Red Cross and to assist in promoting universal membership in that organization.

Given under my hand this 14th day of December, 1918.

J. D. McKennon, Mayor.

JOHN COLLECK, City Recorder.

OUTBURST OF WELCOME IN PARIS

TREMENDOUS CROWDS GREET AMERICAN PRESIDENT IN THE CAPITAL OF FRANCE

HONORS PAID TO CLEMENCEAU AND PERSHING

First Speech on Foreign Soil Declared That Germany Must Be Rebuked for Acts of Terror and Spoilation and Must Be Justly Punished.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—(United Press)—President Wilson arrived in Paris at 10:01 o'clock this morning. Booming guns throughout the city told of his arrival. Tremendous crowds lined the entire way from the railway station to the Prince Murat palace, the first foreign home of an American president.

President and Mrs. Poincaré greeted the Wilsons at the station platform. The two presidents rode in one carriage and their wives in another. The presidential party received a tremendous ovation from the vast throng along the way. They were preceded by mounted guards, and a great cry, "Vive Wilson" was raised.

The crowds were thickly sprinkled with doughboys and poilus who shouted and whistled. The demonstration increased as the procession advanced. Wilson and Poincaré were continually acknowledging the wild outburst of the enthusiastic greetings, while their wives smiled and smiled.

President Clemenceau and General Pershing were also honored. Besides the crowds in the streets, great masses filled windows and every vantage point, including the roofs. Doughboys clunk to trices and mounted captured German guns.

Wilson's Main Object.

President Wilson's whole effort will be directed at obtaining a "just and lasting peace" on the fundamental contentions for a league of nations to insure a square deal to all peoples concerned; freedom of the seas established through a league of nations, thus making it unnecessary for America to build a navy big enough to insure her against the arbitrary action of any nation.

The just claims against Germany for her crimes must be ascertained and then the possibility of payment and method of collection must be determined. The final peace conference must be public; all the peace delegates should sit as representatives of a new world and not as the masters of any nation.

Germany Must Be Rebuked.

President Wilson, in the first address ever made by an American executive on foreign soil, declared that the peace conference must "rebuke Germany's acts of terror and spoilation."

He stated that the world must be made aware that "such acts cannot be ventured upon without certainty of just punishment."

He spoke in reply to President Poincaré's address of welcome at the official luncheon at the Palais de Elysee.

WOULD MAKE MANILA GREATEST FREE PORT

MANILA, Nov. 13.—(United Press, by mail)—That Manila may enjoy all the commercial advantages to which her geographical position entitles her in the trade of the far east, the Philippine legislature will be asked to declare her a free port. This recommendation has been made by the bureau of commerce and industry and will probably be embodied in the annual message of the governor general, Francis Burton Harrison.

Hong Kong and Singapore, the only free ports in the far east, although not so advantageously situated as Manila, owe much of their prosperity to the vast bulk of commerce that enters freely and without tariff restrictions, the bureau states. With Manila a free port, the Philippines could compete favorably and strongly with the other commercial centers lying at the gate of China. At present, Manila cannot be used as a base for the transshipment of goods, as the customs regulations cause expensive delay to the movement of commerce.

Within 1000 miles of Manila are all the important commercial centers of the far east. The bureau holds that Manila, as a free port, would become the greatest distributing center of them all.

"JIMMY" BANNON DEAD

Well Known Travelling Man Expires at Home in Pendleton

James E. Bannon, a very well known traveling man, died at his home in Pendleton yesterday after an illness of four days. He has covered this territory regularly for a number of years and was in La Grande in apparently good health only a few days ago.

The deceased was forty years of age and leaves wife and four young children, the youngest a babe of eighteen months. One sister survives—Mrs. R. C. Dravener, of Brooklyn, New York.

"Jimmy" Bannon was a very popular salesman and his visits to this section will be missed. He was a member of the Catholic church and of the Pendleton lodge of Elks. The funeral will be held in Portland, which was Mrs. Bannon's former home.

WEATHER FORECAST

Dec. 14.—Rain.

PRESIDENT'S HOME IN PARIS

PRINCE MURAT'S HOME TO BE OCCUPIED.

Elegant Premises Are Meticulously Described by Margaret Robe.

By Margaret Robe.

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Waxed and garlanded by the united hands of the poilu and the doughboys, Prince Murat's sumptuous residence at 28 Rue Monceau is now ready as the first foreign home of a president of the United States.

All of the wonderful paintings and priceless tapestries which were removed during the bombardment of Paris, have now been restored. When the first lay of the land becomes the temporary chateauc, the will enjoy the magnificent surroundings of the days of Louis.

The private apartments of President and Mrs. Wilson are on the second floor. They are reached by an impressive white marble staircase from a white-marble entrance hall. The walls along the staircase are of varicolored marble, except the top landing, which is a vast sheet of mirror.

Opening off the central hall comes, first, a small private study. It contains a charming inlaid desk where the president will work—if he can, facing wonderful paintings of Cupid and Psyche, almost filling the entire wall above the book cases.

Next comes a large library, decorated in crimson damask. In it are many paintings and busts of Napoleon.

Adjoining the library is the president's sleeping apartment, which is also filled with innumerable relics, engravings and paintings of the famous emperor. The most striking feature of this room is the wonderful empire bed. All of the furniture consists of exquisite examples of the empire period, broken by the barbarism of a real American desk telephone on the empire stand near the bed.

Scarcely perceptible panels in the walls of sage green brocade at both ends of the bed, lead with the old alluring secrecy and charm characteristic of all well-regulated French palaces, into Mrs. Wilson's apartment, where Madame La Presidente will make herself at home in the midst of soft, French gray walls, gray satin hangings, brocade cupids and garlands of golden hue.

The colorings throughout are of the gold and gray. The bed has a panel of fairy-like fillets lace as a background to the canopy at the head. Easy chairs and chaise longue of brocade invite relaxation from social strain. A perfectly appointed table stands between two pointed windows, which overlook the beautiful park that surrounds the house to the extent of a city block. This is the heart of Paris.

Of the presidential bedrooms are large dressing rooms and bath rooms. The president's is done in ivory; his wife's in French gray. These, happily, are all in the 1918 period of comfort, luxuriance and sanitation.

There are unique collections of porcelains, bronzes, prints and paintings in the charming boudoir. Small family salons and a dining room on the same floor. The general color scheme is crimson. The walls are of brocade and the carpets are velvet.

The hall room, grand salon, huge state dining room and kitchen are all of regal proportions. The third floor is reserved for other members of the family suite, besides bed chambers, it contains offices and various work rooms.

YANKEES ARE ACROSS THE RHINE

ENTRANCE INTO GERMANY AT GRAY DAWN OF THE MORNING YESTERDAY.

ONE OF THE STRONGEST FORTRESSES OCCUPIED

German Guards Remained to Surrender to the Forces of Occupation. Huge Stores of Ammunition—Four Bridges and Two Ferries Used for the Crossing.

WITH THE AMERICANS ACROSS THE RHINE, Dec. 13.—(By courier to Nanty)—American troops crossed the Rhine at 8 o'clock this morning in the half light which resulted from the lowering clouds, and a drizzling rain. Four bridges and two ferries were utilized along a front of fifty miles in the crossing. The Americans have occupied Ehrenbreitstein, one of the strongest fortresses in the world. German guards remained to surrender huge stores of ammunition to the army of occupation.

DIED AT ELGIN.

Mrs. John Wisdom, Bride of a Few Months, Passes Away.

Mrs. John Wisdom, nee Edna Garrett, died at 11 o'clock Monday morning, December 9, as the result of an attack of influenza and complications following the "discharge." The young lady, a bride of only a few months, and her husband came in from the Indian creek district to spend Thanksgiving at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Garrett, and a day or two following both were stricken with influenza. Soon other members of the family became ill, all were on the road to recovery, except Mrs. Wisdom, whose condition grew worse. Despite all efforts she passed away Monday night—Elgin Recorder.

SCULPTOR WINS HONORS

Writes Esquias Opera While in the Trenches.

Attilio Selva is one of the youngest Italian sculptors. Like Cesare Battisti, Nazario Sauro, Minister Salvatore Barzilai and others who have taken leading parts in the war, he is an Italian from Italia Irredenta, having first seen the light of day in Trieste. He was taken in Rome, where he had as masters the greatest Italian sculptors, among them Ettore Ximenes, designer of the beautiful bronze monument to Giovanni da Veracanto, first European navigator to sail into New York harbor. The strong face of the bold Venetian looks out in effigy upon the Statue of Liberty and New York bay from its pedestal in Battery park, New York, where it was erected as a gift from the Italians of the city in 1910.

Attilio Selva is a classic sculptor. His lines reproduce the reality breathing life and solemn majesty.

Last month Selva obtained a few weeks' leave from the general staff and organized a season of his most exquisite operas, some of which he had written in the trenches during the last years, for the national exhibition of modern art in Rome.

MAKE OUR OWN MAPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(By United Press)—America should be independent of the rest of the world in the matter of maps and shipping charts, as a matter of national security, the navy hydrographic office advises in its annual report today.

A position of independence, says the report, "will assure to us great advantages in the features of national security, efficiency due to working under an individual and homogeneous system, undivided responsibility for the safe navigation of our shipping, both naval and commercial, and correction of the leading nation in the world being dependent upon other nations for nautical information."

The report shows that in the last year, the service has been devoted to that the hydrographic office has been about to

STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—(United Press)—The steamer Schome sank in the bay today following a collision with the General Frisbie, due to a heavy fog. Thirteen hundred sailors and marines from Mare Island were on board the Frisbie.

The Frisbie delivered her passengers at Oakland, returning to Vallejo with a big hole in her side.

LA GRANDE HAS 1904 PUPILS.

The school census recently completed by School Clerk Charles Reynolds shows a total of 1904 pupils within the district of legal school age. This is in comparison with a total of 1810, which was the total school population last year.

MRS. McKENNON IMPROVES

Mrs. J. D. McKennon, whose condition has been regarded with some apprehension the past few days, is reported as doing very nicely having a restful night last night.

DR. HALL PROMOTED

Is Made Assistant to Chief Surgeon in Reconstruction Hospital.

The many friends in La Grande of Dr. M. K. Hall will be pleased to know that he has been substantially advanced at the Letterman reconstruction hospital in San Francisco, having been made assistant to the chief surgeon. In this capacity he is kept continuously busy, and that, of course, is entirely satisfactory to the doctor because that is what he is there for. The Letterman hospital is one of the most important military institutions on the Pacific coast.

TWO CARS OF TRACTORS

L. C. Smith has received two carsloads of the Fordson tractors which he is unloading today. He has also received a carload shipment of Dodge cars.

MANY TO HAVE RELEASE SOON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(United Press)—Fifteen thousand will be discharged daily in this country, General March announced today, and the number will be doubled soon. Eight hundred and twenty-four thousand at home and 140,000 abroad have been designated for an early discharge.

MORE MATERIAL RECEIVED

Five Boxes of Knitting Reach Red Cross Headquarters.

The Red Cross has received five boxes of knitting which will make 415 sweaters, and 170 pairs of socks, and is expecting two more boxes soon.

Twenty-eight sweaters have been sent from the 5th to the 10th month, and the Red Cross would be very much pleased to have them turned in as soon as possible, as they are being called for at headquarters.

MEXICANS NEED JOBS

A new supply of clerical labor for the southern states is available, according to Dr. Joseph T. Ware, federal employment director for Tennessee, among the educated Mexicans living along the Rio Grande. These men have fled their own country because of the disturbances there in recent years, and many of them have exhausted their resources.

Living in the various cities of the Mexican border are many thousands of Mexicans, says Dr. Ware, "of the middle and higher classes who are refugees from their own country on account of political conditions. They are highly so. Most of them are unemployed, partly because their knowledge of English is limited and partly because they do not know how to get in touch with the business men who might be glad to utilize their services."

Among them are to be found accountants, bookkeepers, clerks, timekeepers and former government employees. In addition to these occupations these people could be used in the higher manual occupations and as foremen, where cases of Mexican laborers are employed. With our business men taking more and more interest in foreign trade, particularly with the Spanish-speaking countries, comes an increasing demand for clerks who can speak and write the Spanish language, and among these people are many who could qualify for such positions.

ACCOMPANIED SON'S REMAINS

Elba York arrived in La Grande with the remains of his son, Herbert, who died in the service at Vancouver barracks. The interment was in the Sumnerville cemetery. While the young man's relatives were former residents of this section he did not enter the service as a recruit from Union county.

A PAVED ROAD TO HOT LAKE

PROVISION BY STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR NINE MILES HARD SURFACE

UP TO UNION COUNTY TO FIX PRELIMINARIES

This Will Include Securing the Right-of-Way and Other Necessary Steps—State Engineer Asks Local Officials to Hurry Up the Arrangements.

The state highway commission has approved the appropriation of \$166,500 of the six-million dollar road fund for the purpose of hard surfacing the state highway between La Grande and Hot Lake, a distance of nine miles. It is up to the local authorities to provide the preliminaries, such as securing the right-of-way and making the other arrangements and detailed essentials in conformity with the good roads program.

Nah Has Received Attention. It was about two months ago that Judge J. Phy received from the state engineer a request for an outline of the needs of Union county in regard to improved highway, under the provisions of the \$6,000,000 fund for that purpose. The request was for the probable requirements for the year 1919. This was submitted to the county court and the plan as formulated by that body placed a request for the improvement that has been sanctioned as well as for improvement of post roads from Union to Medical Springs; from Hilgald to Starkey; from Hilgald to Kamela, and from Medical Springs to Telocaset. The post road improvement between Union and Telocaset and Elgin and Minam is already under way.

Judge Phy and the members of the court have been assiduously at work since that time, and the La Grande-Hot Lake hard surfacing proposition has been approved. Requests Early Preparation. The state engineer called up Judge Phy today and asked to have all the preliminaries attended to at the earliest possible date in order to have everything in readiness for the hard surfacing. The preliminary expense is to be borne locally, but the expense of the hard surfacing and bed is provided by the state from the fund voted two years ago.

Gets Share in Benefits.

Not as a matter of criticism, but in its historical aspect, it may be observed that Union county is in line for its share of the six-million dollar fund, although the vote in this county gave a majority against the proposed measure. It was said at the time that this county would be unlikely to receive its proportion of the fund.

All that is necessary is to take care of the preliminary part and the \$166,500 from the state is available.

IT TOOK A REAL POKE TO MAKE HIM SMILE

PARIS, Nov. 21.—(United Press, by mail)—The grandson of "Sitting Bull," the famous Indian chief of America, was an interesting convalescent in base hospital No. 46. He had enlisted in the early days of the war, had gone over the top and had worked havoc among the Huns before he was wounded.

Nurses and doctors caring for him tried in vain to get more than a grunt out of him in response to questions while the other men in the ward called him "Gloomy Gus" because he never cracked a smile.

The Red Cross representative in the hospital, becoming interested, tried his hand at "cheering up" the Indian. Gifts of cigarettes and chocolate were received but without a change in expression.

"Don't you ever smile?" demanded of the Indian one day, and for the first time Sitting Bull's grandson grinned.

"Sure," he replied, "When I kill a boche."