

MILITARY FOR PEACE REJECTED

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PLAN ADVOCATED BY FRENCH
IS DEFEATED.

WORLD LEAGUE DRAFT READY FOR ADOPTION

Japanese Delegation Presented an
Amendment Providing That Racial
Discrimination Should Not Be Tol-
erated in the Immigration Laws.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The bourgeoisie
proposition for an interallied military
force to enforce peace was defeated by
an overwhelming vote at the meeting
of the society of nations commission.
The French and Czech-Slovak
were the only representatives voting
in the affirmative.

The draft of the society of nations
plan was then unanimously adopted
as a whole. The final draft consists
of twenty-six articles.

President Wilson will personally
read the draft to a plenary meeting of
the peace conference today. The
conference will not be asked to finally
adopt it at this time.

The Japanese delegation presented
an amendment providing that racial
discrimination should not be tolerated
in immigration laws.

Several delegates urged that this
would open such a large question that
great delay might ensue, and the mat-
ter was dropped without a vote.

BRITAIN TO CLAIM INDEMNITY

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The British
delegates at the peace conference have
been definitely instructed to claim an
indemnity which will include the cost
of the war as well as the damage ac-
tually caused, it was announced in
the house of commons Thursday by An-
drew Bonar Law, government leader,
in reply to a question.

A commission is now considering
the amount to be claimed, the method
by which payment should be made,
and means of enforcing the payment.
Mr. Bonar Law added.

ITALIANS SEIZE HUGE SUM

Troops Remove \$304,950,000 From
Bank in Vienna.

VIENNA, Feb. 14.—Italian troops
and bankers today began removing
from a bank here bank notes, bonds
and securities valued at \$304,950,000
(\$304,950,000), which originally
belonged to the city of Trieste.
The money was brought here for
safekeeping during the war. Military
trucks were backed up in front of
the bank, the entrances of which
were guarded by squads of Italian
soldiers. Crowds of curious onlook-
ers watched the treasure being re-
moved.

The Italians are seeking to re-
cover several valuable paintings and
treasures removed from Venetia.

SWAPPING RESERVATIONS

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 14.—
Utah is "dickering" with Arizona
for a swap of land. Arizona appears
to favor the trade, and if the deal is
consummated it will necessitate the
first change in state lines, and in-
cidentally the first revision of maps of
the United States for almost a quar-
ter of a century. Utah would swap
the Kaibab Indian reservation for the
Piate reservation, thus making the San
Juan river the boundary line between
the states.

CELEBRATION FOR SOLDIERS MEETS SETBACK BY STORM

"And," says Jack O'Neil, the popu-
lar traveling passenger agent for the
O. R., "suppose this storm is what it
seems to be, how can La Grande people
tell when the Oregon troops trains
will reach this city?"

The question, opened up the situa-
tion for which the big meeting was
held last night to plan a great re-
sounding welcome for the overseas
lads who are on the way home.
Mr. O'Neil is very anxious to help
in this celebration, but he feels the
matter quibbles in the face of the
storm which the committee had there is no
certainty as to the hour of the train
arriving, hence it would be folly to at-

Poland's Premier Is Alarmed Over Propaganda Spread By The Germans In That Country

WARSAW, Feb. 14.—Bolshevik
forces have occupied Zeliva between
Bialystok and Brest Litovsk. They
have attempted to advance through the
Polish lines, using uniforms of Polish
soldiers, but those who tried this fail-
ed and 100 have been brought to War-
saw in motor trucks. The Bolshevik
forces are estimated to number be-
tween two and twenty divisions, but it
is believed the actual figures will
show that the latter estimate is more
correct.

General Bartelmys is attempting to
arrange an armistice between the

Ukrainians and Poles. The former are
willing to negotiate, provided they are
given the Drobyczek oil fields, pend-
ing decision by the peace conference.
Premier Paderewski is alarmed over
the German situation in Posen. He
said:
"The Germans are counting on the
United States and foreign press to
spread the impression that the Poles
are incapable of self-government."
Refugees bringing in Russian rubles
find that the value of their money is
very low and the exchange rate has
dropped 20 per cent.

WILSON TALKS WAR RENEWAL

VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE
WOULD BE THE CAUSE

It Is Said in Case of Absolute Nec-
essity President Would Not Hesitate
to Call on the Army.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—Non-execution
by Germany of the terms of the armis-
tice, President Wilson is understood
to have declared in conversation Wed-
nesday, would be an incident of such
a nature as to justify the resumption
of war. It is said that the president
asserted he would not hesitate in that
case to order the American army to
take up arms again.

On the other hand, it was said that
President Wilson regards resumption
of hostilities as a grave eventuality to
which he would agree only on the
most absolutely essential considera-
tions and not for any secondary mo-
tive.

Will Renew Armistice.

The supreme war council has de-
cided that the armistice with Germany
will be renewed on February 17 for a
very brief period with the allies re-
serving the right to suspend it at any
time in the event of Germany's fail-
ure to carry out new clauses or those
which have hitherto not been exe-
cuted. It is stated the terms will pro-
vide that the Germans must cease hos-
tilities against the Poles and maintain
their forces within fixed limits.

Will Draft New Terms.

During the brief period of the re-
newed armistice a special commission
will draft the conditions of an armis-
tice which will last till the signing of
the peace treaty. These conditions
which the supreme war council is re-
ported to have approved in a rough
form Wednesday afternoon have in
view, it is said, the demobilization of
the German army and the disarmament
of the enemy under the super-
vision of the allies. These terms, it is
understood, will be communicated to
Germany so that the national assembly
at Weimar will have time to discuss
them until the present armistice ex-
pires.

Urges Precautions Against Huns.

Premier Clemenceau made an im-
pressive speech at Wednesday's sit-
ting of the council, showing the neces-
sity of taking all desirable precautions
against Germany.

At the afternoon sitting President
Wilson is said to have taken the same
viewpoint, affirming that all the allies
were agreed on that point, and that
differences which cropped up during
previous discussions bore on the most
necessary guarantees.

Berry Ferris, of New York, repre-
senting the International New Ser-
vice, was a business visitor in this
city yesterday and today.

MAN FROM IDAHO IS RELEASED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Infor-
mation regarding Americans held
prisoner in Germany was made pub-
lic Wednesday by the war depart-
ment as follows:
Reported released from German
prison camps and to have arrived in
France:

Enlisted men of the army—Rein-
hold Heider, Susan, Tex.; Arthur R.
Kieck, South Monroe, Wash.; John
A. Evans, Clay Springs, Ariz.; P. J.
Covert, Thatcher, Ida.; Lester W.
Stid, Walnut, Ia.

Reported released from Camp
Dulmen and to have sailed from Rot-
terdam, Holland: Private Joe Cul-
ly, Ottumwa, Ia.

ANARCHISTS TO BE DEPORTED

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 14.—Further
proaching of anarchistic doctrines
by aliens in Butte will result in
steps to deport them as undesirable,
it was said here Wednesday by
Charles K. Andrews, Inspector in
charge of the United States immi-
gration office. This was corroborated
by United States District Attorney
E. C. Day. Federal authorities
have been studying the Butte indus-
trial situation.

IDAHO FIGHTERS RETURN

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Among the
boys of the Sunset division debark-
ing Thursday morning from the Lev-
athan were the following Idaho
fighters. Cornelius Jones, Malad
City; Llewellyn Roubideaux, Black
foot; Ray A. Martin, Boise; Bryan
E. Rogers, Buhl; Ulysses G. Hand,
Idaho Falls; Gordon L. McEllan,
Naupaa; Frederick E. Smook, North
Twin Falls; Joe DePhillips, Pocatello;
John E. Bench, Preston; Charles
Helfrecht, Twin Falls; Carroll C.
Conant, Weiser. They are in Camp
Merritt.

The Rocky Mountain club made
special efforts to make the welcome
of the western fighters a fitting one.

WAR COST FIGURED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The to-
tal cost of the war to all belligerents,
including the central powers, was
placed at \$193,000,000,000 by Sec-
retary Baker in an address here at the
American Woman's "victory dinner."

This estimate, the secretary said,
was based on figures just compiled by
the war college.

287,332 TROOPS EMBARK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—From the
signing of the armistice to February 8,
287,332 American troops in France and
Great Britain had embarked for the
United States, while up to February 10
67,474 officers and 1,060,116 men had
been demobilized in this country.

Total arrivals of overseas troops up
to February 7 were 215,749.

WILL "LEARN" HUBBY

DELAWARE, O., Feb. 14.—"He
went to Columbus and got drunk, came
home and burned up our marriage li-
cense," was the story told the probate
court by Mrs. Frances Stencell, as she
asked if she could get a duplicate of
the document.

"Do I want a divorce? No, I'll get
me a club or a gun and I'll 'learn'
that gentleman something the next
time he comes home drunk." She
looked like she meant it.

BOOZE "COMES TO GRIEF"

JOPLIN, Mo., Feb. 14.—Seven
hundred gallons of whiskey, valued
at approximately \$5,000, came to
grief in a local freight yard at
Miami, Oklahoma. The booze, con-
signed to Sherman, Texas, was found
by the sheriff in twenty twelve
gas tanks. He was unable to tell
who had shipped the stuff.

HOGS EAT PURE

LIVE OAK, Cal., Feb. 14.—Jacob
Young, shearer in hand and astride a
ladder in his prize orchard, slipped
and fell backward, his foot catching
in a crotch of a prune tree. He was
unable to release himself before hogs
came up and swallowed his wallet
containing \$50 in paper money.

The choir of the First M. E. church
will sing at the regular service to-
night at 7:30 for October.

COAST IS ISOLATED BY STORM

WIRE SERVICE OUT OF COMMIS-
SION FROM ROCKY MOUN-
TAINS WESTWARD.

STRICKEN AREA FROM OKLAHOMA TO CANADA

No Let Up in the High Winds and
Blinding Snow Which Broke Over
the Middle West Wednesday Night
—News Reports Are Curtailed on
Account of Storm.

The storm in the Rocky mountain
section and eastward as reported in
yesterday's Observer seems to be
continuing without apparent relief.
Practically all wires are down and
the news service today from outside
points is accordingly curtailed.

The scope of the storm and its
consequences will be seen from the
following report sent out from Den-
ver since yesterday:

Only by relaying messages through
Canada to the Pacific coast, thence to
San Francisco, and thence to Den-
ver, were the Rocky mountain states
able to keep in touch with the east-
ern half of the United States and
the outside world Thursday. Storms
extending from Oklahoma to Cana-
da paralyzed wire communication,
both by telephone and telegraph, and
trains from the east were several
hours late.

The storm broke Wednesday night
and it was not until the middle of
the forenoon Thursday that commu-
nication was established by way of
San Francisco and Canada. Condi-
tions grew worse during the after-
noon, and Lexington, Neb., became
the eastern terminus for direct com-
munication, the Lexington-Columbus
wires breaking about 3 o'clock in the
afternoon.

Private Messages Impossible
Brokerage offices were seriously
handicapped, private messages were
impossible, and the news services
were compelled to rely on intermit-
tent communication for vital dis-
patches from the peace conference
and the east.

Throughout Kansas and Nebraska
blizzard conditions were reported,
with a wind sometimes reaching a ve-
locity of 40 miles an hour, produc-
ing conditions which prevented line-
men from repairing the service.
Further east the snow turned to
sleet and rain, and wires were re-
ported down in all directions.

Conditions Grow Worse.

"Conditions were worse Thursday
night than they were this morning,"
Charles M. Jett, traffic chief of the
Postal Telegraph company, said. "We
had connections as far east as Col-
umbus, Neb., up to 3 p. m., but at
that time everything went down at
Lexington, 135 miles west of Colum-
bus. Late reports from Omaha, Neb.,
said that a heavy wet snow was fall-
ing, and it was impossible to get line-
men out to repair the lines. Wire
conditions are so poor through the
storm country that the Postal has
been compelled to send messages for
delivery east by mail to Kansas City
over the Union Pacific, whose lines
are still open."

Wire Chief Renner of the Moun-
tain States Telephone & Telegraph
company said:

Unable to Repair Lines.
"Conditions are unchanged from
Thursday morning. The storm is so
bad we are unable to get line men
out to repair the lines, according to
round-about reports from the storm
district."

J. H. Colby, division traffic super-
visor for the Western Union Tele-
graph company, said:

"Conditions are worse than we at
first thought. No wire service is
available direct to the storm center.
We have a wire to Kansas City by
way of Dallas, and one to Chicago, by
way of North and South Dakota and
up to St. Paul, but it is working bad-
ly. Late reports from the storm re-
gion show that the storm is growing
worse. It seems to be confined to
a strip 50 miles wide from Oklahoma
to the Canadian line. All details
from the stricken section are lacking
because there is no direct communi-
cation."

The storm in its severity struck in
Nebraska, around Hastings and west
of there, while in Kansas it seemed
to spread its fury around Eliza and
Newton, Kan., where the Union Pa-
cific line to Kansas City and the
main line of the Santa Fe ran into
blizzard conditions.

Eight Union County Boys Who Went Away Together Got Home Together Today

The first lot of discharged sol-
diers in any considerable "bunch"
reached La Grande from Camp Lew-
is today. A number of the Wallawa
county boys arrived in La Grande by
the early morning train and went
on to their respective homes. The
noon train brought eight, all of
whom are from Union county. They
are: Lynn Bohlenkamp, Ed Hart-
man, Fred Grout and Victor Eckley,
of La Grande; Wade F. Shelton,
of Union; George Cross, Herbert Fox
and Elmer Martin, of Elgin. These
eight young men all left La Grande
together and for the past seven
months have been together all the
time and have finally been granted
honorable discharge and all have
reached home together. They were
members of Co. G, 62nd Infantry.

They left La Grande with the re-
cruits for Camp Lewis on July 22,
1918. After several months train-
ing on the coast they were sent to
Camp Mills, N. Y., from whence
they were expected to proceed to
France as a combat unit. They
were on the transport President
Grant just two days, but instead of
going to France they were sent to
Camp Lee, Va., the flash of the peace
signaling having put an end to the trip
overseas.

They were kept at Camp Lee most
of the winter season, and were sent
from that place to Camp Lewis for
demobilization the latter part of
January.

All the members of the group are
looking fine and are glad to be back
home.

IRRIGATION PLAN IS ENDORSED

POCATELLO, Feb. 14.—An en-
thusiastic meeting of the Pocatello
Commercial club Tuesday has en-
dorsed the great irrigation scheme
to take water from Snake river for
more than 1,000,000 acres from Di-
blis to Pocatello. Former Senator
E. L. Thomas of Blighman county
and Charles H. Harris, register of
the land office, addressed the meet-
ing, as well as Theodore Turner, J.
T. Young, W. P. Havenhorst, C. H.
Southworth, chief engineer of the
Fort Hall project, explained details
of the plan and endorsed its feasi-
bility.

HAINES SOLDIER HOME FROM FRANCE

First Sergeant L. I. N. Goodin, who
has just returned from France, has ar-
rived in La Grande and is visiting his
brother, L. W. Goodin. He is on his
way to visit his parents at Haines.
Sergeant Goodin served in France with
the 127th heavy field artillery, and
landed at Newport News, on his re-
turn to the States, January 7th.

NOW MATTER OF HISTORY

JUNCTION CITY, Kans., Feb. 14.—
The famous "Camp Funston zone,"
the first and said to be the only one
of its kind in connection with an army
camp, has "silently folded its tents"
and gone its way.

More than 100,000 men have been
trained here, and all of them have pat-
ronized the zone, which boasted every
kind of shop except a millinery shop,
along its broad street. Anything al-
most a soldier wanted to buy could be
had. When camp officials notified the
shop owners that after February 1
but 10,000 men would be located
here, they decided it was time to
move.

MARKET FOR CATTLE

SEATTLE, Feb. 14.—The Hol-
stein-Friesian Association of Amer-
ica has an order for 15,000 head of
dairy cows to be shipped to France,
according to George A. Gue, a promi-
nent cattleman of this state. Bel-
gium also has orders in for a large
number of thoroughbred cattle.

CANNED OYSTERS FATAL

HAVANNA, Ill., Feb. 14.—H. T.
Wheeler, of Forest City, and his
son Charles died from ptomaine poi-
soning caused by eating canned oys-
ters at a birthday celebration. The
son had just returned from the
army.

COLORADO ADDS BILLION

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 12.—Colorado
has added more than a billion dollars
to the wealth of the nation since gold
was discovered in this state a half
century ago, according to a report just
issued by the state mineralogist. Of
this amount \$825,000,000 was in gold
and \$465,000,000 silver.

AGITATORS IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—Several
deportation cases now are pending
here. R. P. Bonham, inspector in
charge of the Portland office of the
United States immigration service,
declared today. Among them is that
of Miss Kathleen O'Donnell, a na-
tive of Ireland, who is alleged to
have raised funds for the Sinn Fein
movement among labor unions and
other organizations on the Pacific
coast.

A general invitation to all the
young people of the city and dis-
trict is extended by the Social com-
mittee of the Y. M. C. A. to the Val-
entine social which will be held at
the "B" this evening. Elaborate
plans for the evening's entertainment
have been made by the committee for
charge of the program and a regular
ed. session good time is promised
everyone. Interesting games will be
played and there will be a brief pro-
gram, with refreshments served at
the close. A charge of ten cents ad-
mission will be made.

PLANS MADE FOR SECOND PARIS TRIP

PRESIDENT TO LEAVE FRENCH
CAPITAL TODAY AND SAIL
TOMORROW.

PLANNING TO RETURN ON THE 15TH OF MARCH

President Says He Accepts the Sug-
gestion That After His Return to
Paris a Great Public Meeting Be
Arranged to Celebrate Conclusion
of Work.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—In a written reply
to a declaration of the French Asso-
ciation on the society of nations, which
recently called upon him, President
Wilson makes known formally for the
first time his intention to return to
France after going to Washington for
the closing session of the American
congress.

In his reply, the president says that
he accepts the suggestion that after
his return to Paris a great public
meeting be arranged in celebration of
the conclusion of the work of the peace
conference.

Arrangements will be completed for
President Wilson's prospective depar-
ture from Paris today and his embar-
cation at Brest tomorrow. It is known
that he is planning to return to France
on March 15th. There is some belief
in official circles that the peace con-
ference will be able to complete its
work by June.

"HUCKLEBERRY FINN" DIES

Man Who Claimed Place in Mark
Twain's Story 90 Years Old.

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 14.—B. F.
Finn, who claimed to be the original
"Huckleberry Finn" of Mark Twain's
stories, died Monday at his home in
Belknap Bridge on the Upper Mc-
Kenzie river, 45 miles east of Eu-
gene. He was about 90 years old
and had lived in the mountains of
Lane county for 30 or 40 years.

Men who are acquainted with per-
sons and scenes connected with the
stories written by the great humorist
deny that Finn is the original "Huck-
leberry Finn," but for many years
he contended that he was, and has
recounted many incidents of early
days on the Mississippi river that ap-
pear to coincide with those related
by Mark Twain.

FOR AERIAL TRANSPORT

SPOKANE, Feb. 14.—Leasing of
1000 acres of park property as a loca-
tion for hangars and training grounds
of a locally organized aviation com-
pany was announced at the office of
the city park board Thursday. Offi-
cers of the company announced plans
for trial flights between Spokane and
Lewiston, Ida., and Spokane and Ta-
coma within a month.

Regular airplane passenger service
with planes capable of carrying 12 to
14 passengers and making the trip in
4½ hours is contemplated between
Spokane and Seattle within 18 months,
it was declared. The lease extends for
three years.

Max P. Bishop, an old newspaper
man from Montana, stopped in La
Grande today on his way to Southern
Idaho.

County Wide Organiza- tion Perfected to Greet Home Coming Soldiers

Imbued with the spirit of greet-
ing returned soldiers in a way that no
one can mistake their appreciation
of the great part the boys played in
making the world safe by winning
the war in Europe Union county citi-
zens met last night at the city hall
for the purpose of perfecting an or-
ganization that will remain perma-
nent until the last soldier "boy" is
home.

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