

LEAGUE IS SUPPORTED BY M'CUMBER

REPUBLICAN SENATOR FROM NORTH DAKOTA FAVORS THE COVENANT.

SEVERE CHARGES MADE AGAINST THE OPPOSITION

Declared that the Plan is the Only One That Will Prevent Wars in the Future, and Asserts that the United States Would Not Be Dangerously Entangled by the Procedure.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Senator McComber, Republican, of North Dakota, declared in a speech in the senate today that the opponents to the league of nations have conducted a campaign of misrepresentation and distortion. He said that the covenant offered the only prospect of preventing future wars and declared that the United States would not be dangerously entangled by reason of its membership in the league.

MEXICAN INCIDENT CONSIDERED CLOSED

WASHINGTON, June 18.—A statement issued by General Aguilar, Carranza's confidential ambassador, says "the Mexican government considers as closed the incident brought about by the crossing of American troops into Mexico territory."

PROPOSAL IS MADE TO THE STRIKERS

CHICAGO, June 18.—The Postal Telegraph Company has sent out notice that strikers would be permitted to return "with continuity of service" up to and including June 20.

O. E. SILVERTHORN MUCH IMPRESSED BY CANADA'S PROSPECTS

O. E. Silverthorn returned yesterday on a brief trip of inspection of farm lands in the province of Alberta, Canada. Mr. Silverthorn visited the Calgary and Edmonton districts and though he was away in all but ten days he covered a great deal of the territory driving from 150 to 200 miles daily over the Alberta prairies. He made the trip with the idea of buying a tract of land, but although he was greatly pleased with what he saw, he did not find what he wanted.

The crop prospects are fine in Alberta so far this year, says Mr. Silverthorn. Both the dry farmed land and the irrigated soil are producing fine stands of grain, particularly of wheat. The soil, in his opinion, is equal to anything he has ever seen in this part of the west. What impressed Mr. Silverthorn particularly was the quality of the stock he saw on the ranges here. Not in Montana or Kansas, or in any part of the states that he has visited has he seen any better breeds of grade or registered cattle, Durham, Shorthorn, Polled Angus, or Hereford, and the same is true of the horses which the western Canadian farmers are raising. Among the Clydes, Percherons and Shires, imported, registered and grade, are some of the finest animals in the west.

In the districts visited Mr. Silverthorn found a great many settlers who formerly lived in the Palouse district in Washington. The majority of the population, in fact, he says seem to have gone to Alberta from there. Mr. Silverthorn found the long summer twilight for which the Canadian west is noted, a delightful novelty. Persons who have never seen this twilight before are surprised to see the daylight fading so long after they could only expect to expect it to be in the middle of the twilight of the day.

NAVAL BASE WAVES SURRENDER FLAG

HELSINGFORS, June 16.—The fall of Kronstadt naval base at Petrograd is imminent, according to reports received by naval circles from Riga, the capital of Estonia. The reports say that a white flag has been hoisted over the fortress several times by the Bolshevik defenders.

FISH HATCHERY TO BE LOCATED

EASTERN OREGON SPORTSMEN GET GOOD NEWS

Master Fish Warden of State and Other Government Men Coming Friday to Choose Site

At Andrews, who is secretary of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club of La Grande, has received word that the master fish warden of the state and other government men are to arrive here Friday morning for the purpose of locating a fish hatchery in this part of the state. The news came in the form of a telephone message to Mr. Andrews from C. E. Clanton, who is the master fish warden.

This will be good news to the sportsmen of Eastern Oregon, who have been exerting their influence and their efforts for some time past toward having a new hatchery located here, from which in a few years' time all the streams of this part of the state can be restocked with the best kinds of game fish. Many of the smaller streams have been practically fished out of late years since propagation at the old Minam fish hatchery was discontinued, and though the state game commission has sent quantities of seed here to be planted in the streams, the sportsmen declare that eggs have practically all been those of commercial fish.

The old Minam hatchery, which was located on the Wallowa river, near the mouth of the Minam, had to be closed up when the Wallowa river became so riled and muddy from irrigation ditches as to make the hatchery useless.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON ARE VISITING BELGIAN FRONTIER

ADINKERKE, Belgium, June 18.—President and Mrs. Wilson and party arrived from Paris today. They were met by King Albert and Queen Elizabeth and left by motor for the Belgian frontier.

MRS. SHAUPP PASSES AWAY

DEATH CLAIMED WALLOWA COUNTY LADY IN PORTLAND

Sad Finish of a Journey that Was Intended For a Pleasure Trip—Deceased Was Well Known

The Observer received the sad news this forenoon that Mrs. A. W. Schupp, wife of Attorney Schupp of Joseph, passed away last night in the Good Samaritan hospital at Portland following an operation. Mr. and Mrs. Schupp left their home several days ago to enjoy the Rose Carnival in Portland. After arriving in that city Mrs. Schupp became ill and when their appointed home coming time arrived she was forced to go to the hospital for an operation. From it the fever raged and death followed.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Knapp, parents of Mrs. Schupp, Mr. Schupp had two little children and Mrs. Schupp had two. The children were with her when she came. The remains will arrive in La Grande tomorrow morning and be interred in the cemetery here. This is one of the earliest deaths that we have received in the community. Mrs. Schupp was a well known and popular person in the community and her death is a great loss to her family and friends.

MILL OPERATIONS WILL START SOON

Gold Refining Company of Cornucopia Recently Organized—Good Reports Are Made.

A good report comes in from Cornucopia concerning the old Queen of the West mine, one of the first mines struck in the camp, and which for many years has shown great values in both gold and silver, the former predominating. In the early 80's the most beautiful gold specimens ever seen were brought in from there and at one time it was a veritable Aladdin's Cave, ore shoots near the surface being scamed with gold.

In recent years, the mine has not attracted especial attention, but has undergone development and it is now equipped with a perfectly modern ten-stamp mill and 75-ton cyanide plant, water power being used. A complete reorganization of the Queen of the West Mining Company has been perfected and the old company has given way to the Gold Reef Mining Company, incorporated under the laws of Oregon. The new company has plans arranged for active operation of the property and a resumption of mill reduction inside of the next 30 days.

The officers of the new company are: H. C. Field, president and treasurer; E. G. Amidon, vice-president and general manager; James H. Nichols, secretary.—Baker Democrat.

CIVIL CASES IN COURT TODAY

GEO. P. BRAUGHT, OF WALLOWA CO. DEFENDANT

Jury in Eaton Case Returned Verdict of Guilty Last Night, With Recommendation of Leniency

The circuit court, in session for the June term, today is in the midst of a civil case, that of Wallowa County vs. Geo. P. Braught, which is being tried by the Union County court under a change of venue. The case was commenced yesterday afternoon and today the defendant, himself, is on the witness stand. The suit is in the nature of condemnation proceedings over a road, the defendant having refused to allow the county to pass through his property.

In the case of the state vs. Eaton, which was tried yesterday and sent to the jury about 2 o'clock, a verdict of guilty was returned, with a recommendation of extreme leniency. The defendant was on trial for having obtained money under false pretenses. Sentenced to be deferred and will be imposed tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The court has a long list of cases yet ahead of it and will likely be busy on them until after the last of the month. Some important state cases have not been set for trial.

Not Necessary Here to Travel Long Distance to Become a Marine

Ralph Walter Slater ambled over from his home at Mount Tell, W. Va., to Charleston, a distance of 26 miles, to join the Marine Corps. Having successfully passed the examination he strolled over home—another 26 miles, to tell his folks good-bye. Completing his farewells, he made his way over the West Virginia mountains, back to the recruiting office.

In all, Slater walked 74 miles to become a marine. Corporal Dale Wingers, who walks he probably did not travel quite 74 miles to join the marines, has nevertheless traveled that distance since he got in. His remarkable feat in connection with the above story about the Virginian that one does not have to go 74 miles in this country to join this famous bunch of fighters and adventurers. All that is necessary, he says, is to climb the steps in the soldier's building, over Silverthorn's drug store, and call at room 11 in an overtones that there to give will be yours follows a free trip to almost anywhere they want to go.

MEXICAN CAVALRY PURSUING VILLAGE

JURON, June 18.—Unsettled and his fellow soldiers in the Galla district, in Western Chihuahua, yesterday, it is reported, General Guevara, who is said to be the chief of a column of cavalry, is pursuing the Villa column.

SENTIMENT IS OPPOSED TO SIGNING

OFFICIAL GERMANY HAS NOT YET COMMITTED ITSELF. SAY THE REPORTS.

TERMS WILL GO BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

In the Meantime, Marshal Foch Has Ordered Preparations For an Advance Eastward From the Bridgeheads—The American Forces Are in Readiness to Move.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

Weimer dispatches say that the sentiment of the German cabinet is almost wholly against signing the treaty. Official Germany has not yet definitely committed itself.

It is expected that the cabinet will lay the peace terms before the national assembly today.

SPARTACAN MOB MAKES AN ATTACK

WEIMAR, June 18.—Fifty Spartacan Communist prisoners recently released from jail, attacked the castle where members of the government live, shortly after midnight this morning. They were repulsed by a lone guard who stood by a machine gun until the mob retreated.

WILL VOTE ON WINE AND BEER

WAR TIME PROHIBITION TO COME UP IN THE HOUSE.

Question Is On Resolution Authorizing President to Modify Act—By Proclamation.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The house judiciary committee agreed to vote Saturday on the proposal by Representative Gard, Democrat, of Ohio, authorizing the President by proclamation to modify the war-time prohibition law, in so far as it relates to the manufacture and sale of beer and light wines.

FRENCH SAILORS IN A RIOT AT BREST

(By Associated Press to The Observer) BREST, June 18.—Two hundred French sailors carrying the red flag attempted to enter the naval jail yesterday to rescue imprisoned sailors. The attempt failed, with some casualties. The sailors imprisoned were from the French battleship Justice, which had arrived from the Black Sea. The situation is still considered serious. Brest has been declared out of the bounds for American soldiers and sailors.

HOUSE PASSES THE DAYLIGHT REPEAL

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The bill to repeal the daylight saving law as the last daylight in October was passed by the house today. The bill now goes to the senate.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS AT TACK BRITISH CORPS

EDMONTON, June 18.—One of the Canadian soldiers in England, who continued his journey on his trip homeward, culminated in an attack on the British police station. Several policemen were injured. The purpose of the attack was to release a Canadian soldier who had been placed in a cage.

PYRAMID LAND COMPANY OPENS OFFICES HERE

The Pyramid Land Company has recently opened offices in the Collidge building in this city, with Carl Jarrett, formerly of Middleton, Idaho, as local agent. Mr. Jarrett arrived in La Grande with his family a couple of days ago and is busy getting settled in his new home. The Pyramid Land Company is a well known concern and they anticipate doing a large business here.

Transport Carrying the President-Elect, Pessoa, Is In Peril At Sea

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, June 18.—A wireless message to the navy department announced that the French cruiser, Jeanne d'Arc, had been disabled at sea and the transport Imperator had taken off Dr. Pessoa, president elect of Brazil, and party, who were en route to the United States from Lisbon. The vessel's engines were disabled. Later dispatches say that the army transport Mongolia is towing the Jeanne d'Arc to the Azores.

WEATHER REPORT

For Oregon: Fair and warmer, with the northwesterly winds.

ARE READY TO GIVE SUPPORT

PROMPT RESPONSE TO SALVATION ARMY CAMPAIGN.

Believed That La Grande's Quota of \$1700 Will All Be Raised Before Appointed Time.

The Salvation Army Home Service campaign has begun in earnest and there is a great deal of response to letters of appeal for subscriptions sent out from headquarters yesterday. The first day's mail brought in a score of good subscriptions, and the disposition among businessmen who are being seen today and the rest of the week, is flattering to the cause.

The prompt response to the mail solicitations and the ready gifts from those seen personally makes it clear that a substantial portion of La Grande's quota of about \$1700 will be "over the hill" before the drive opens next Monday morning.

Out in the country the work is being launched today in good shape, Kamela having been the first to do its full part and is still at it.

Efforts to get the larger centers of the valley to see the importance of attacking the small job that it is and getting it over with before the campaign opens in Oregon the coming week is now under way. W. B. Sargent, county chairman, is much elated over the results in responses the first day since the mail went out.

"We are in this thing to clean it up in a hurry. We realize that we have all been giving to the home service of the Salvation Army in piecemeal system, without thought to the better methods of giving a year's subscription at one time," explained Mr. Sargent today.

Those who have subscribed up until now today, include the following: W. H. Sargent \$25, J. C. Penney Co. \$25, W. H. Bohunickamp Co. \$25, F. J. Holmes \$20, Grande-Road Meat Co. \$15, Dr. Whitfield \$10, Sommer Hotel \$10, L. P. Dunn \$5, C. R. Elchard \$5, J. G. Sanderson \$5, J. H. Pearce & Son \$5.00, Curry Press, \$5.00, W. Smith \$5.00.

ASK REMOVAL OF BURELSON

(By Associated Press to The Observer) ATLANTIC CITY, June 18.—A resolution asking President Wilson to immediately remove Postmaster General Burelson from office was adopted unanimously by the American Political Union today.

Mr. Burelson received word this morning that the General of the Postoffice had been held in Portland on June 21. He was postponed until June 28. A number from La Grande expected to attend this meeting. Mr. Helm also received advice that it will be possible to bring a referendum to La Grande early in September. The exact date of which will be announced when he returns from the Portland meeting.

HEAVY RAIN IN TEXAS

Crops in Some Sections of State Reported in Danger.

DALLAS, Tex., June 17.—Reports today from points in central, southern and eastern Texas indicate extensive rains are threatening to damage crops in some sections, particularly cotton and truck.

CROP CONDITIONS ARE VERY GRAVE

PORTLAND MAN SAYS UMATILLA WHEAT NEEDS MOISTURE

Has Not Seen Wheat So Badly Damaged by Heat and Frost in 30 Years, Says W. F. Brock

Willott F. Brock, who lives in Portland and who farms at Summerville, Looking Glass, Union county and at Wallowa, stopped over in La Grande today, en route to his farms. He brings bad news about the wheat crop in Western Umatilla county.

"I drove from Umatilla landing to La Grande," says Mr. Brock, "and examined the fields as I passed through the county.

"Never in my experience of 37 years have I seen the wheat so damaged by frost and hot weather as it is between Echo and Pendleton. The upper part of the heads are without grain. The straw is cooked and stunted. The damage appears right up to the doors of Pendleton on lands that generally produce thirty-five bushels to the acre. The same is true of the fields between Pendleton and Meacham grade. I saw only one fair crop on the west slope of the Blue mountain on the route I travelled.

"I was informed in Pendleton that from Adams to Walla Walla and from Walla Walla to Dayton the wheat is good; needs rain but has not yet suffered from cold and dry weather. But in Western Umatilla county, which for five years has been producing the bulk of the grain of that county the crop is very short. In many places the growth is too stunted to make good hay."

Mr. Brock slipped from Portland to Umatilla by the new river Steam-er Graciana, which successfully made the first trip of the season from Portland to Lewiston. A weekly schedule is to be maintained and another effort made to build a river service to the interior.

APPEAL GRANTED JOSEPH SOUTH

FRIENDS DECLARE HE HAS BEEN GRAVELY WRONGED.

Mr. South Denies Allegations and Invites He Will Fight Case Until He Gets Justice.

Police Judge Robt. Eakin, yesterday afternoon granted to Joseph South the right to appeal to the circuit court against the decision of the police court in connection with a charge of disorderly conduct on which Mr. South was tried last week. This incidentally corrects the story which appeared in the Observer Saturday to the effect that the case would not be appealed. The Observer was misinformed as to the facts of the case, for steps were then under way to have the case brought to a higher court. The city has ordered the return of the five dollars which Mr. South had deposited as his bond and which was turned in as his fine. Mr. South has a large number of friends in the city who stand stoutly by him in repelling the allegations against him and declaring that they are entirely without foundation, and they strongly express the conviction that the charge was very grossly framed his name and disgraced his home.

Mr. South is anxious to have the case heard in high court to once in order that he may remove the stigma from his name, but it is unlikely that it will come up before the circuit court. Both he and his friends are confident that when the case is properly presented there will be not the slightest blame remaining attached to him in connection with either the affair which he was fined or with the charges that have been made.

A special committee to arrange and handle the parade will be appointed by the general committee, of which Dr. O. P. Manning is chairman. Dr. Manning was chairman of the meeting last night. The parade will be arranged in divisions and each member of the committee will have charge of a certain division. Auto Races at Fair Grounds. Another important matter settled.

DISPLAY OF HOSPITALITY ON HOLIDAY

COMMITTEE DECIDES TO MAKE WHOLE ENTERTAINMENT FREE ON FOURTH

GREAT PARADE WILL BE PART OF THE PROGRAM

La Grande Will Welcome Visitors from All Over Country On Day of Celebration With Arms Open and Hands Outstretched; But Not to Receive Loose Change

La Grande is to be a genuine, honest-to-goodness hostess on the Fourth of July, displaying to the folks who come to her from over countryside on that day the same brand of old, truly rural hospitality which the city folks used to receive when they went to the country before the days of automobiles.

"Since automobiles arrived some of the country folks have rather caught on to the city style of commercializing their attractions and it is a lucky man who gets his motor car pulled out of the mud these days without having to pay for it; but when the country visits this one city, at least, on the glorious Fourth, the city is going to show them that the days have not been forgotten when the farmer's door was always open and his wife's table always set, with the ice cream freezer making a hundred revolutions a minute under the shade of one of the big trees just outside the kitchen window, and the cream cellar open as long as there was one of the visitors who could hold another drop of buttermilk—or, if they were particularly nice visitors, perhaps the more private cellar, where the dandelion wine and raspberry vinegar were stored, was open as well. Memories of those good old days still linger with many La Granders, and they are going to try to revive the spirit of the old days, at least, even if the spirits can not be brought up from their underground hiding places as of yore.

Money Is Not Wanted. In other words, everything is to be free to all the folks from the country who come to La Grande on July Fourth. There is nothing on the day's program for which their good money will be demanded—not even Rev. Billy Sunday's address—and everyone within a day's journey is invited to come and share in the enjoyment of the great celebration. This was the decision arrived at last night at the meeting of the members of the committees and other citizens, held in the city hall. La Grande wants her visitors on the Fourth to have a good time and to obtain it without the process casting them anything.

The meeting decided after some discussion that a parade will be held the morning of the Fourth. At the meeting last night it was thought that the parade was a necessary part of the program and decision to dispense with it was accordingly made. Since that meeting, however, many businessmen of the city had made known their dissatisfaction with that arrangement and they were at the meeting last night ready to point out what they wanted. They were not doing in getting it. The only objection to the parade was the difficulty of finding the time in the morning for both it and Billy Sunday. It was finally agreed that both could be enjoyed without other suffering, and so it will be. Billy Sunday emphatically expressed himself to the extent that he would be no celebrator without a parade and he wanted to be on record as being "not in favor of advertising a celebration as a thing not having got." This sentiment was endorsed by other speakers who followed, and with the emotion that one be arranged was put it carried unanimously.

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