

WOULD BE A BLACK PAGE IN HISTORY

SENATOR NORRIS, OF NEBRASKA, SPEAKS AGAINST THE PEACE TREATY

SECRET CONCESSIONS MADE TO JAPAN

Agreement That the Shantung Peninsula Should Be Turned Over to the Japanese for Certain Considerations—Wilson Will Not Be Asked to Go Before Committee

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Senator Norris, of Nebraska, Republican, charged in the senate today that Japan had secretly secured pledges from Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia early in 1917 that in the peace settlement the Shantung peninsula should be turned over to Japan for certain considerations. He produced alleged copies of the diplomatic correspondence. Senator Norris said that ratification of the peace treaty with this agreement carried out would write the blackest page in the nation's history.

Will Not Call on Wilson

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Administration quarters have received the intimation that the president will not be asked to appear before the senate foreign relations committee for discussion of the peace treaty, and a majority of the committee are apparently hostile to the suggestion that the committee confer with him as a body at the White House. This might cause the president to begin a tour of the country earlier than had been planned.

Underwood Defends League

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Senator Underwood, of Alabama, characterized the league of nations as a practical step toward world peace involving no sacrifice of national sovereignty.

The foreign relations committee began reading and discussing the treaty and consideration of the league covenant. The reading will require several days.

China Robbed, Says Lodge

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Senator Lodge charged in the senate today that the "Shantung settlement" was a price paid for Japan's signature to the league of nations, with the robbing of China as a consideration. There is not a statute of limitations which runs against a great wrong like that," Lodge declared.

SEEKING UPLIFT FOR THE JAPANESE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

TOKIO, July 15.—After extensive conferences with Japanese religious workers and other persons interested in uplifting the moral tone of the Japanese people as well as increasing their material prosperity and happiness, the home minister has drawn up a program to meet the growing problems of the times in Japan, including the spread of dissatisfaction among the workers.

The project includes propagation of popular education and observance of ancestor worship; cultivation of public morality and devotion to the national welfare, and a careful selection of new ideas from abroad together with their proper assimilation by the young people of the empire.

LUSITANIA DAMAGE SUITS DISMISSED

NEW YORK, July 15.—A final decree dismissing all damage suits against the Cunard Steamship company as the result of the torpedoing of the Lusitania and having any similar suits which might be brought in the future, was signed Monday by Judge Julius M. Mayer. A total of 64 claims, totaling between \$2,000,000 and \$6,000,000, had been brought against the company.

By his decree Judge Mayer intimated that the claimants might be reimbursed for their pecuniary losses through indemnities collected by the United States from the German government.

FIRST TEST CASE OF WARTIME DRY ACT

CHICAGO, July 15.—The first test case under wartime prohibition to be filed in this federal district was commenced Monday by Charles F. Cline, United States district attorney against the Stenson Brewing company, a Chicago concern. The suit charges that the company manufactured beer containing more than one-half of one per cent alcohol after May 1 and sold beer of the same high formula after July 1, the acts constituting violations of the food conservation and prohibition acts.

CONVENTION AT ISLAND CITY

DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE IN
THREE DAY SESSION

Meeting Begins Thursday, July 17
—Interesting Program Has
Been Arranged

The La Grande district Epworth League convention will be held at Island City beginning the evening of July 17 and continuing the 18th, 19th and 20th. An interesting program has been arranged of inspirational addresses, special music, departmental work, recreation and the usual business sessions.

The evening addresses will be given by Dr. Carl Doney of the Willamette University. His address Saturday evening will be a lecture on the work in France which he experienced while there as a Y. M. C. A. worker.

Dr. C. W. Tenney, president of Gooding College at Gooding, Idaho, will speak Saturday afternoon and preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All visiting delegates will be entertained at the homes. The morning program begins at 9:00 and the evening session at 8 and address at 8:30 o'clock. A community basket dinner is planned for Sunday at the Odd Fellows Hall. Everyone bring their baskets and enjoy an old fashioned basket dinner. A cordial invitation is extended to all and especially the young people to come and enjoy the convention.

PETITIONERS DENIED DRY REFERENDUM

LINCOLN, Neb., July 15.—Petitioners requesting a referendum vote next year on the action of the Nebraska legislature in ratifying the federal prohibition amendment were rejected when presented to Secretary of State D. M. Amsberry on Monday. The secretary said he refused to allow the petitions to be filed on the ground that the legislature's action in ratifying the prohibitory amendment was not subject to the submission to a vote under the state's referendum law.

GOVERNMENT TO AID CATTLE RAISERS

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The government is preparing to render financial aid to cattle producers of the country to stimulate beef production. Senator Kendrick, Wyoming, after a conference with the war finance corporation and the federal reserve board, announced that the corporation would soon issue a statement that it was prepared to make loans on proper security to corporations and individuals for the purpose of increasing beef exports.

Governor Harding, of the board, told Senator Kendrick he would urge banks in the cattle growing districts of the west to help stockmen temporarily in need of financial assistance.

ENCOURAGE JAPANESE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

TOKIO, July 15.—A committee to encourage post-graduate study on the part of Japanese students in American scientific institutions has been formed here. That Japanese medical students should go to the United States instead of Germany is one of the ideas behind the project.

Dr. R. B. Toulser, head of St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio, and one Red Cross commissioner to Siberia is one of the originators of the plan. The American committee to handle the question has already been formed.

Weather Forecast

PORTLAND, July 15.—For Oregon, fair; continued warm; gentle westerly winds.

CAPTAIN WENT DOWN WITH SHIP

BRAVE SEA COMMANDER STAYED AT POST IN EFFORT TO
SAVE CREW

TRAGEDY IN NORTH SEA BY MINE EXPLOSION

American Mine Sweeper Richard H. Buckley Goes Down With One Officer and Six Enlisted Men Killed—Some of the Crew Were Trapped Below the Decks

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 15.—One officer and six enlisted men were killed in the destruction of the American mine sweeper Richard H. Buckley by the explosion of a mine in the North Sea on July 12. Two other officers were injured and two of them and sixteen men were rescued. The vessel sank in six minutes after being struck.

Commander Frank King remained on the bridge directing the efforts to save the crew and went down with the ship. Some of the crew were trapped below the decks.

VENIZELLOS FORMING LEAGUE OF BALKANS

BERLIN, July 15.—Premier Venizelos, of Greece, has taken the initiative for the formation of a new Balkan league, according to a dispatch to the Tagblatt from Vienna.

It does not seem possible, the message adds, for Roumania to join such a movement.

NEW PLAN TO REDUCE PRICES

MANY KILLED IN ITALIAN
STRIKE TROUBLE

Residents of Sicily Demand Food
Dealers to Cut Living Costs
One-half

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ROME, July 15.—Strike disorders occurred in several places in Italy yesterday. At Lucera eight persons were killed and thirty were wounded. Near Genoa two anarchists were killed in a fight with carabinieri. A general strike began at Galtanifer, Sicily. The people marched through the streets crying "Viva Soviet" and forced dealers in food stuffs and other necessities to reduce their prices fifty per cent.

SENDING GERMANS TO THE FATHERLAND

SYDNEY, Australia, June 6.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.)—Count Felix von Luckner, commander of the German raider Seeadler, which sank 25 merchant vessels in the South Atlantic in 1917, has been sent back to England to be repatriated to Germany. On the same vessel also were sent Lieutenant Kirchens, von Luckner's second-in-command, on the Seeadler and others of that raider's crew.

Dr. E. Schultz, who was governor of German Samoa, when it was captured by New Zealand troops, also has been sent from Sydney to be repatriated, together with Dr. G. S. Sorenson, formerly agricultural director in German Samoa. Von Luckner has had a romantic career. Before the war he deserted from a Russian vessel on which he had run away to sea. Then he worked in a south Australian hotel and later was a newspaper vendor in Melbourne.

Having raided merchantmen in the Seeadler, he was captured in the Fiji Islands and while in internment at Auckland, New Zealand, escaped, captured a lumber coaster and headed for the Cook Islands, but their vessel was overtaken and recaptured by an armed New Zealand vessel. Since then von Luckner has been kept in confinement at Wellington, New Zealand.

AMERICANS OPEN TRADE WITH ENEMY

WASHINGTON, July 15.—General licenses covering import and export trading with Germany were issued late Monday by the war-trade division of the state department with the approval of Acting Secretary Polk. Except in certain limited cases provided under the treaty of peace, trading between the United States and Germany may be commenced at once.

Trading with Germany is expected to begin at once, three ships in Germany having been loaded in American ports and awaiting the issuance of the blanket license order. The shipping board has announced that it stood ready to establish steamship lines between American Atlantic and Gulf ports and Hamburg and Bremen as soon as cargoes are at the docks.

GREAT WASTE IS THE CHARGE

NORTHWESTERN SPRUCE COST
TOO MUCH MONEY

Reckless Expenditure of Public
Funds in Securing Material for
Airplanes for the War

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Allegations of waste in the expenditure of public funds have been submitted by the House Finance Committee in a report on the war department's investigation of expenditures in the war department in connection with its inquiry into the development of the army aviation program during the war. The charges which are mainly in the form of affidavits obtained during an investigation which the Journal has been conducting for more than a year relate chiefly to the getting out of spruce timber for use in airplane construction, the construction of government railways into the spruce forests and other air service activities in Pacific Coast states.

The charge is made that the government was subjected under a cost-plus system to a cost of practically \$600 per thousand feet for spruce timber and that private concerns were obtaining the same kind of spruce for from \$120 to \$175 per thousand feet.

Some of the affidavits assert that certain of the companies that were awarded contracts for railroad construction and the production of spruce timber had no practical logging experience or knowledge, that waste resulted from the building by these companies of camps in inaccessible localities, that some of these camps had to be abandoned and that there was great waste of food supplies through improper care. Other affidavits alleged that some miles of two-inch plank road were built into forests and never used, and that while spruce timber was felled in certain camps none of this timber was brought out from those particular camps.

BIG FEED IS ON TONIGHT

LAIRGE QUANTITY OF FISH AL-
READY IN

Large Crowd of Wing, Fin and
Fleetfoot Members Will Sur-
round the Banquet Board

If there were such a thing as "self determination" for the tiny tribe there would be no banquet of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club, such as will take place at the Foley this evening. But—early today the most skillful as well as many who are more novices at the game betook themselves to the streams and already a large quantity of fish have arrived for the big feed this evening.

The prizes that have been offered for special feats in the anglers' art will be awarded at the time of the banquet and verified reports will also be received of the day's events.

WILSON ACKNOWLEDGES GIFT

DUBLIN, July 15.—Michael Buckley, of Clon, who recently presented to President Wilson a number of Irish blackthorn sticks, has received a letter in which the President expressed his appreciation of the donor's thoughtfulness and says that he will prize the sticks as very Irish souvenirs.

HENRY FORD MADE FRANK ADMISSION

KNOWS NOTHING OF HISTORY
WHICH HE CLAIMS IS "BUNK
AND TRADITION"

NO PERSONAL USE FOR MUSIC AND OTHER ARTS

Creator of the "Tin Lizzie" Paid a
Publicity Man for Writing His
Pacifist Literature, Much of
Which He Scattered Broadcast
But Never Read

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., July 15.—Henry Ford made many frank admissions answering the questions of the Tribune's attorneys. Ford admitted his ignorance of history and said that more than ever he considered it "bunk" and growing out of tradition; nor had he any personal use for music and other forms of art.

He reaffirmed his belief that the profession of the soldier is that of a murderer, nor would he except General Pershing or General Grant. Ford said his present view was for the fullest preparedness unless a league of nations is formed, and if the last war does not result in such a league he favors another great war without delay to clear up the situation so universal peace may be had.

It developed that a publicity man, Theodore D. Layne, wrote practically all of Ford's pacifist literature. Much of it was scattered broadcast without Ford having read it. He accepted full responsibility for it, however.

BISHOP FAVORS PEACE LEAGUE

CHURCH DIGNITARY OF NE-
BRASKA A CHAMPION

Declares That Leadership Was Never
So Desperately Needed as at
the Present

NEW YORK, July 15.—Chairman of the senators who seek modifications in the league of nations covenant as "pacific paltriness," the Right Rev. Charles David Wilham, D. D., Episcopal bishop of Nebraska, delivered a vigorous defense of the league covenant from the pulpit of St. Paul's chapel, Columbia university, Sunday afternoon.

The bishop declared that never had leadership been so desperately needed in the United States as it is at present, and that never in its history had there been such an appalling derelict of leadership.

The address was concluded with a plea for "industrial democracy," in which the bishop said England was 50 years ahead of the United States.

WOMEN VOTERS IN THE MAJORITY

BERLIN, July 15.—Fifty-four per cent of the voters in the last National Assembly election were women. The total number of qualified voters was 37,000,000 as against 14,000,000 in the last reichstag elections.

Young women proved more ardent than youths of the same age. Both wings of the Socialists polled 45 per cent of the total vote.

UKRAINIANS DEFY POLES; WILL FIGHT

VIENNA, July 15.—The Ukrainians will never give in to the Poles who are advancing into their country, according to a message received here from M. Tennyk, premier of the Ukrainian government of General Palutka. He added that the Ukrainians would not join a Russian federation.

"Overrun by Poles, Germans, Poles and Bolsheviks," the fate of the Ukraine is worse than that of Belgium," the premier's message said. "We are also fighting an epidemic of war. We have liberty if it takes 20 years."

NEED \$25,000,000 TO HELP THE WOUNDED

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Appropriations of at least \$25,000,000 will be needed this year for rehabilitating and educating wounded soldiers, sailors and marines, the house appropriations committee was told Monday by James P. Munroe, vice chairman of the federal board for vocational education. The committee was holding hearings on the sundry civil bill, which President Wilson vetoed Saturday because it limited funds for assisting the wounded service men.

TROOP TRAIN GOES THROUGH

MEN ARE SERVED WITH HAM
AND EGG BREAKFAST

Capt. Elliott in Charge—Walter
Dean and Estel Wright, Local
Boys, are With the Train

One hundred and fifty men enjoyed a delicious breakfast provided by the ladies of the canten. They were served ham, eggs, hot biscuits, jelly and coffee, and the way they got away with it was not slow by any means. They had been six days on the road, and this was the first hot meal they had had since they left New York. The canten could not praise the ladies of the canten enough for their splendid work. The train was made up of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana men, all casualties of the Aero division.

There were two La Grande men among them, Walter Dean of La Grande, and Estel Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wright of Fruitdale.

The train was commanded by Captain John Elliott, nephew of Mrs. A. T. Hill of this city. Captain Elliott is well known here, especially among the college people, having been a student at the University of Oregon at the time war was declared.

The men were taken in groups to the Silver Grill, Sommer hotel, and Elk's Temple. Upon their arrival back to the coaches, they were given cherries by the canten ladies, which once more made them express their sincere appreciation for the ladies of the canten.

Last but not least, was the Salvation Army, which of course is always on the job. As soon as the men were dismissed, they were met by women from the Salvation Army with ice cream cones, which "sure hit the spot," as one fellow said. They too deserve much credit for their splendid cooperation and their very able assistance.

WAR BRIDES CARED FOR

(Correspondence of the Associated Press)

ST. NAZAIRE, France, (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—French idea of American soldiers on their way from France to their new homes in America, are entertained in the Hostess House here until they and their husbands are ready to go on board a steamer. There are, eighty-one of these newly-made American wives here, each taken care of in this temporary home for brides.

The work of caring for them is conducted by the Young Women's Christian Association with five workers under the charge of Miss Mary Fay. The house was opened May 1, and is located in a grove of trees outside the limits of the men's camp.

The wives many of whom had never been more than twenty miles from their homes before are met at the station with an automobile and taken to the Hostess House, where they are given a thorough physical inspection, teeth examined and any necessary work to be done on them is here done. After this they are given the opportunity to bathe, change their clothing and are assigned a bed in one of the spick and span dormitories. Their life from then on until the time they board the boat is chiefly occupied in learning the English language, sewing and exercises and recreations of various kinds in the mornings and with their husbands in the afternoon.

Ten days is the average time each girl spends in this camp. From it she is taken directly to the boat where she meets her husband, having been transferred from his organization to a camp company as fast as they can take the same boat back. That the movement is doing everything in its power to bring the life while still in the army a happy one is very evident.

A month ago it was estimated that accommodations for fifty-five would be ample for the camp. That was less than a month ago. Today there are accommodations for one hundred and twenty and more barracks are

HOUSE IS IN TURMOIL ON PROHIBITION BILL

QUESTION OF ENFORCEMENT OF
DRY PERIOD PRECIPITATES A STORM

MAN FROM MASSACHUSETTS OFFERS UNKIND REMARKS

Declares That Congressmen Have
Stored Away Enough Whiskey to
Last Them For Ten Years—Speech
Attacked By a Democratic Member
From Lone Star State

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The prohibition enforcement bill has again created a storm center in the house. Speaker Gillette ruled that Gallivan, Democrat, of Massachusetts, had not transgressed the rules of the house in declaring that he had heard that congressmen had stored away enough whiskey to last them for ten years.

Balton, of Texas, Democrat, attacked Gallivan's speech.

TRAIN HITS AUTO AND KILLS FIVE

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, July 15.—Mrs. George Virgil and three of her children and a minister named Kennedy, all of Gaze, Ia., were killed Sunday when an Illinois Central railroad train struck the automobile in which they were riding. The accident occurred near Gaze. Mrs. Virgil's husband who was driving the car, escaped uninjured. Three other children of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil were injured, two of them seriously.

AVIATOR WANTS TO FLY OVER PACIFIC

CALGARY, Alta., July 15.—Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, America's greatest "ace," who has been resting here, yesterday announced that his ambition was to be the first man to make the flight across the Pacific from California to Hawaii and thence to Japan.

WOULD PUNISH THE FOOD PROFITEERS

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Investigation of the cost of living by a special committee of six representatives, appointed by Speaker Gillette, was proposed in a resolution introduced Monday by Representative Johnson, Democrat, Mississippi. The committee would be required to recommend to congress "the proper course to pursue in order that the high cost of food may be reduced and those who are guilty of profiteering may be punished."

CARRANZA SOLDIERS HOLD LITTLE TOWN

MARFA, Texas, July 15.—The population of the little town of Marfa, Texas, has been held in a state of alarm by a band of armed Mexicans since 6 o'clock Sunday night, according to reliable advice received here Monday. Advice to military headquarters here were that the Mexican Carranza soldiers.

San Antonio is about 60 miles southeast of Marfa, Tex., and 15 miles south of the border. According to the story brought here, the armed men who numbered more than 70, surrounded the town suddenly late Sunday.

They gathered all the residents in a group in the center of the town and confiscated all the livestock found in the neighborhood. Monday afternoon all the male inhabitants of the town were segregated, and soon afterwards the armed band withdrew, taking these men and livestock. Their destination is not known.

Brought fifty or more married men and their wives. And now that the force of supply troops are going through the last it is reported that the Carranza House may be searched for the troops. Like the enlisted troops, they have been stationed in one place or another their time over here and have had the opportunity to win and win some dainty French girls.