

PRESIDENT TALKS WITH SENATORS

COLT, OF RHODE ISLAND, ANNOUNCES SUPPORT OF THE LEAGUE PRINCIPLES

NATION MUST SEE WORK THROUGH TO THE END

Senate Adopts Borah's Resolution Calling for American Peace Commission's Alleged Protest Against Shantung Provision in the Peace Treaty.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 17.—President Wilson today began conferences with Republican senators. He first called Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, who is a supporter of the peace treaty and covenant. Senator Colt, of Rhode Island, and Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, were invited to call later.

Colt Supports League
Senator Colt, who had not previously made known his position on the league, announced in a speech in the senate his support of the principle embodied in league, but withheld judgment regarding certain reservations. Senator Colt said:

"The nation must at least see the great undertaking upon which we embarked on entering the war through to the end, which can be done by becoming a member of the league."

He did not believe that the league would create a super-state or subvert the American constitution, but said that the Monroe doctrine must be clearly safeguarded and that domestic questions should be left for national action.

"Not to try the experiment of a league of nations would leave the world in the same condition of international anarchy as it was before the war," Senator Colt said.

Borah Resolution Adopted

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The senate adopted the resolution of Senator Borah, of Idaho, asking that the president, "if not incompatible with the public interest," send the senate a copy of the American peace commission's alleged protest against the Shantung provision in the treaty.

Can Explain Shantung

WASHINGTON, July 17.—After seeing the president Senator Colt said that he thought the Shantung settlement could be made much clearer. He thought that the president could make a complete exposition of the situation that would be a satisfactory explanation. He said that Japan had made certain concessions in return for what it had received, and that the influence of the league on Japan should be considered.

BOLSHEVISM IS PERIL

Red Cross Worker From Siberia Warns People of United States.

NEW YORK, July 17.—That Bolshevism "threatens to undo all that has been accomplished by the overthrow of Germany," and that it may be described as "murder, robbery, loot, tyranny and chaos," was the declaration of Col. R. B. Teusler, Red Cross commissioner to Siberia, here last night on the eve of his return to Vladivostok after a special trip to the United States.

"All who have any sympathy with Bolshevism must understand that as practiced in Russia and as preached in the United States, the doctrines are as far apart as black and white," said Colonel Teusler.

HUNGRY SOLDIERS SELLS WAR CROSSES

NEW YORK, July 17.—American distinguished service crosses and the French war crosses won by American soldiers in France are obtainable in New York pawnshops for the insignificant sum of 50¢.

Several pawnshop proprietors explained the emblems had been sold by soldiers who felt the pangs of hunger, but were too proud to beg.

NEW KIND OF PEACH

Discovery in California Comes While Other Varieties Have Gone.

PORTERVILLE, Cal., July 17.—A new peach, ripening in October, and of a salmon tint, has been accidentally propagated here by C. A. Witt, an orange grower. The chief virtue of the new fruit is the fact that it comes on when other varieties have gone. Mr. Witt plans to start an experimental orchard of the new variety at once.

BIG STRIKE IS ON IN BOSTON

EIGHT THOUSAND STREET CAR MEN QUIT WORK

Walkout Out Is a Protest Against the War Labor Board's Delay in Announcing Award

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

BOSTON, July 17.—Car service on the street, sub-way and elevated lines here and in twelve adjacent cities and towns is tied up by a strike of eight thousand employes of the Boston Elevated Railway system. The strike is a protest against the war labor board's delay in announcing the award in the wage dispute. The company's employes demand an eight hour day and seventy-three and a half cents per hour.

SELL MANY TICKETS FOR DANCE TONIGHT

Many tickets have been disposed of for the big dance at Zuber hall this evening. The affair is under the auspices of the Central Labor Council of La Grande, and being the first event of this kind to be held under the direction of the consolidated Union labor advocates in this city, it is expected to bring out a record crowd of those who enjoy dancing. Cool weather is predicted for tonight, and the committees in charge assure the best of music and everything else that tends to provide a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The dance is not alone for Union members, but the public in general is cordially invited.

PERSHING HONORS BRITONS

Awards Distinguished Service Medals to English Officials.

LONDON, July 17.—General Pershing, the American commander in chief, who is in London to participate in the Victory parade Saturday, went to the British war office yesterday and presented distinguished service medals to a number of prominent British governmental officers. Those who received the medals were Viscount Miller, secretary for the colonies; Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war; Viscount Peel (Baron Weir), director general of aircraft production; Baron Inverforth (Andrew Weir), former minister of munitions, and Felix Cassel, judge advocate general.

In presenting the medals, General Pershing said they were a token of the appreciation of the American government for services rendered by the recipients.

LA GRANDE MUSICIANS WILL FORM LOCAL ORGANIZATION

The necessary papers have been received from international headquarters for the purpose of organizing a musicians' union among La Grande talent. This move has been in prospect for several weeks, but nothing definite could be done until receipt of the papers. Local musicians back the movement, and soon another local Union will be affiliated with the Central Labor Council of this city, making about 16 crafts represented in all.

MEXICAN MEDIATION IN COSTA RICO REJECTED

SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, July 16.—Mexico has offered to mediate in the Costa Rica difficulty caused by the revolutionary movement from the Nicaraguan border against the government of President Tinoco, but both Costa Rica and Nicaragua have declined the mediation, according to advice received here.

It is understood that President Tinoco has expressed himself in favor of the friendly intervention of Salvador.

TRANS-SEA FREIGHT TIED UP BY STRIKE

NEW YORK, July 17.—Failure of coastwise steamers to leave port on schedule time, owing to the strike of the firemen, oilers and water-tenders, has resulted in a great accumulation of freight on the piers of the lines affected. It was estimated that 300 vessels engaged in coastwise trade were tied up here by the strike. Capt. Frank N. Ferris, managing agent of the United States shipping board, prepared lists which showed that 168 vessels were tied up, although he declared that 76 of this number were awaiting the piers.

Of the nearly 600 ships in port, 101 were steamships owned by American corporations, 126 by the United States shipping board, 71 British and 33 Norwegian or Swedish.

FAVORS ONE BIG UNION

WINNIPEG, July 17.—The Winnipeg voted almost unanimously in favor of one big union Tuesday.

SAVES TOWN OF JACKSONVILLE

MEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE RESCUE.

Destruction of Old Forestland of Southern Oregon Forested in Critical Time.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

MEDFORD, Or., July 17.—Jacksonville, the oldest settlement of Southern Oregon, was saved from complete destruction by fire yesterday only by the timely arrival of aid from Medford, the fire department sending a motor hose cart when the Jacksonville hose burst in a close place. The loss is \$10,000. Four houses and one barn were destroyed and a dozen houses were scorched.

MAY TRADE WITH SOVIETS.

LONDON, July 17.—Germany is believed to have sent a mission to establish trade relations with the soviet.

FOR RELIEF OF THE WOUNDED

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The house again passed the sundry civil appropriation bill amended to provide four million dollars instead of six million for the rehabilitation of the wounded soldiers.

GENERAL HARRIS CLAIMS DRAFT RECORDS ARE SAFE

Documents Weight 9000 Tons and Will Take 1000 Clerks a Year to Classify

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Exhibiting specimens taken from boxes of draft records alleged to have been exposed to damage through neglect in storing them, Maj. Gen. Peter G. Harris, adjutant general of the army, told the house special investigating committee Wednesday that this branch of its inquiry was "wholly unnecessary." He pointed out that "not a spot of mildew nor a drop of water" could be found on a single page.

It was brought out that 500 tons of draft records have been received in Washington and that more than 1000 clerks will be needed to classify them working for a year.

PERSONNEL OF AIR SERVICE TO BE REDUCED

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Under Secretary Baker's order that all emergency and temporary army officers must be discharged before September 30, the commissioned personnel of the army air service will be reduced to 224 officers, said an official statement Wednesday by the air service. A number of these officers must be detached to administrative duties, there will not be enough to complete the air squadrons of airplanes, it was said.

Weather Forecast.

PORTLAND, July 17.—For Oregon, fair in the western portion; fair and colder in the eastern portion; light northwesterly winds.

CONFERENCE IS UNDER WAY

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PHONE WORKERS AND OFFICIALS

Committee of Strikers Representatives Leaves California for the National Capital

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The strike conference committee of the telephone operators and electrical workers has resumed negotiations with the telephone company to learn the details of the strike settlement as has been reported to have been reached yesterday at Washington. D. C. A committee of the two strikers representatives left for Washington today for a further conference with the wire control board and the postmaster general.

PUNY HUN STATE DECLARES REPUBLIC

GOBLENZ, July 17.—A republic has been proclaimed in Birkenfeld, in the allied area of occupation. A provisional government was formed Monday and complete separation from Oldenburg proclaimed.

Birkenfeld is a small principality of Germany enclosed by Rhenish Prussia although belonging to Oldenburg. It has an area of 194 square miles and a population of about 45,000. The principal city and capital is Birkenfeld, 25 miles east-southeast of Treves.

The American area of occupation includes Treves. Birkenfeld is in the French area to the south of the Americans.

Seven Ice Houses Burned.

DENVER, Colo., July 17.—Seven ice houses, containing \$50,000 worth of ice, were destroyed by fire here last night. The loss to the buildings was estimated at \$30,000. The fire spread so rapidly it was feared an entire block of residences might be swept and inhabitants moved their belongings into the street.

U. S. ARMADA IS READY TO SAIL

GIGANTIC FLOCK OF WAR VESSELS ASSEMBLED.

Pacific Fleet Includes 175 Ships, Maned By Crews Totalling 35,000 Officers and Men.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Approximately 175 ships, with an aggregate tonnage of more than 500,000, will constitute the newly organized Pacific fleet, it was said yesterday at the navy department. At full strength the armada will be manned by about 34,000 men and 1800 commissioned officers, but the personnel will be about 30 per cent below strength when the fleet begins its history making voyage from Hampton Roads next Saturday.

Included in the fleet will be these ships:

Dreadnaughts—New Mexico, Wyoming, Arkansas, Mississippi, Idaho, Arizona, Texas and New York.

Pre-Dreadnaughts—Vermont, Nebraska, Georgia, Rhode Island, Virginia and New Jersey.

Cruisers—Seattle, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Tacoma, Marblehead, Machias, Vicksburg, Montana, North Carolina and Pueblo.

There will be 108 destroyers of the new 1000-ton flush deck type built after the United States entered the war. They will be divided into two squadrons, with the scout cruisers Birmingham and Salem as flagships and with the Melville, Prairie, Buffalo and Black Hawk as tenders.

In the fleet also will be 14 submarines of the S-type, with the Savannah as tender. The mine detachment will consist of the cruiser, Baltimore as flagship, the mine layer Arctostol and the mine sweepers Otolan, Partridge, Redwing, Seagull, Thrush, Tanager, Whipperwill, Lapwing, Tern, Bittern, Sandpiper and Vireo.

MAIL BOUND FOR GERMANY.

NEW YORK, July 17.—The first consignment of mail for Germany since America entered the war will leave here next Tuesday on the steamship United States. The United States will land at Christians, Norway, and from there the mail will be transported to Denmark and thence into Germany.

Only first and second class and registered mail will be handled for the present, officials said. Several thousand letters already have been received. There will be no censorship on German mail.

FIX PRICE OF PRUNES.

SAN JOSE, Cal., July 17.—A basic price of 1 1/2 cents a pound was fixed for Santa Clara valley prunes here yesterday by the California Prune and Apicot Growers' association, exceeding the maximum price of last season by 4¢.

PLANS A LONG FLIGHT

Gabriele d'Annunzio Will Attempt a Trip to Far East.

ROME, July 17.—Gabriele d'Annunzio, poet and aviator, has arranged to attempt a flight from Rome to Tokio and return. The trip will last a month, and the aviator purposes to cover about 20,000 miles. The route will lay through Asia Minor, India, Touking and China to Japan. D'Annunzio has arranged for stations along the route where he can replenish his supplies.

RHENISH PROVINCE NO LONGER OPPOSED

BASLE, July 17.—According to the Cologne Volkszeitung, a rumor is in circulation in the Rhenish provinces that the central government of Germany is no longer opposed to the creation of an independent Rhenish state, provided this state remains attached to the German empire.

IS STRONG ON TEMPERANCE

HENRY FORD AN ADVOCATE OF PROHIBITION.

Declares That the Use of Beer and Wine Made Germans and French Suspicious of Each Other.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., July 17.—Henry Ford, when questioned about an article written by John Reed about him, called "Industry's Miracle Maker," said that Reed's information came from someone else than from him. The article said he opposed the use of alcohol's drinks and Reed pointed out that the Germans thrived on beer and the French on wine.

"Yes, and I think that was one of the causes of the war," Ford said today.

"How?" asked an attorney.

"It made them suspicious of each other," Ford answered.

AIRMAN DIDN'T MAKE FLIGHT

ST. JOHN, July 17.—Frederick Raynham again failed to depart on a trans-Atlantic flight. His machine rose thirty feet and then crashed to the ground wrecked. No one was injured.

FIRST HAIR CUT AND SHAVE IN 48 YEARS

MONTREAL, July 17.—J. A. Chollet's hair and beard of nearly half a century's growth fell to the floor of a barber shop here Wednesday when the veteran of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 discharged the vow of 48 years ago never to have his hair cut until Alsace-Lorraine was redeemed from the Prussians. Mr. Chollet left the shop with a close cropped head and an imperial after the style of Napoleon III.

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NOMINATE ROOSEVELT

Will Be Republican Candidate for State Assembly in New York.

MINEOLA, N. Y., July 17.—Without announcing the platform upon which he will go before the people of Nashua county, as a candidate for the state assembly, Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt has accepted the Republican nomination in a brief address to the Republican town committee of North Hempstead and Oyster Bay.

CROP OUTLOOK RATED AS FAIR

WHEAT EXCEEDS ESTIMATES IN PLACES

General Condition of Spring Grain is Poor—All Crops Not Irrigated in Need of Rain

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PORTLAND, July 17.—Conditions in Oregon have been favorable for fruit during the past week, according to the weekly summary issued by the weather bureau. The week as a whole was warm and dry. The temperature was variable but on several days exceeded ninety degrees over a large part of the state. On the 14th, temperatures of 100 degrees or higher occurred at many places. Precipitation was confined to a few local showers. They were heavy in a few localities but covered small areas. Farm work progressed without interruption.

Harvest of rye is complete in most sections. Harvest of winter wheat is in progress over a large part of the state. In some sections the yield is better than expected. Spring wheat is still growing in the Willamette valley but needs rain. In other sections, except where irrigated, it is generally very poor; in some localities it is a complete failure. Winter oats are yielding well in western counties. Spring oats are fair to good in western counties and poor in other sections. Harvest of barley is approaching completion. In some sections, the yield is variable, being generally good west of the Cascades and poor elsewhere. The warm weather has been favorable to corn but rain is needed. It is laid by in Josephine county and is tussling in Douglas county. Sweet corn is ready for use in Malheur county.

Apples are newly gone in Umatilla county. Loganberries are abundant, but need rain. Evergreen blackberries are promising. Irrigated alfalfa has been benefited by the warm weather and is doing well. The first crop is being harvested in the more elevated districts, while in a few southern localities the second crop has been cut. Cutting of wild hay continues, the yield being generally below normal. Low ranges are deteriorating. Some stock is being fed but in most places sufficient pasturage is being found.

Potatoes still are thriving in the northwestern counties, but need rain. In other sections, where not irrigated, they are suffering from drought. The warm weather has been beneficial to gardens but where not irrigated, all modern need rain.

The former employes has experienced a recurrence of her heart affection. Both the former emperor and his wife remained in their apartments Tuesday.

Doctor Foster, the personal physician of the former emperor, was called to the castle late Monday and remained there all night. It is probable that the recent ill health is responsible for the illness of the Hohenzollerns.

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TIMBER IS BURNING IN NORTHWEST

SERIOUS SITUATION IN NORTHERN IDAHO AND WESTERN MONTANA

LARGE STOCK LOSS AND HUMAN LIVES ENDANGERED

Secretary Lane Authorizes Expenditure of Money for Fighting the Flames which Have Been Raging the Past Four Weeks in the Thunder Mountain Country

SPOKANE, July 17.—The forest fire situation in western Montana and northern Idaho is most serious. Thousands of sheep have perished and human lives are threatened.

Money to Fight Fire

BOISE, July 17.—Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, has authorized the expenditure of \$40,000 out of the general land office's appropriation of \$500,000 for use in fighting the forest fires which have been raging for almost four weeks in the Yellow Pine district of the Thunder Mountain country.

R. A. Holley of the general land office at Salt Lake has been asked by Governor D. W. Davis to direct the fight. Mr. Holley has wired the Salt Lake office for permission to remain in Boise and take charge of these fires which will be organized there and in the Loon Valley country and sent into the Yellow Pine district.

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HUNGARIAN CRISIS LOOMS

Army Commander Imprisoned and Bela Kun Believed Ready to Flee

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