

TALKS WITH NUMBER OF SENATORS

PRESIDENT CONTINUES HIS INTERVIEWS TODAY—SENATOR CAPPER SPEAKS.

SENATOR McNARY AGREES WITH THE PRESIDENT

Other Senators Who Were Called Upon to Discuss the League of Nations and the Peace Covenant Are Reluctant As to Substance of Interviews With the Executive.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 18.—President Wilson continued his conferences with Republican senators today. Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, and Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota, were the first to have talks with the President. Later in the day he had appointments with Senator McNary, of Oregon, and Senator Capper, of Kansas.

The senators who responded to the invitation of the President for discussion of the league and peace treaty were reticent over the matters discussed and refused to comment on the conferences.

SENATOR CAPPER SPEAKS.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Senator Capper, of Kansas, said after his conference with the President today that the President insists that the peace treaty and covenant be ratified without reservations. He believes the adoption of reservations by the senate would be misunderstood abroad and that it would set a precedent that other nations might follow. The President said that if all nations made reservations and set their own interpretation on the covenant the real meaning of the league would be vitiated.

Senator McNary in Accord

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Senator McNary, of Oregon, said after his conference that President Wilson presented facts which materially modified his first impressions of the Shantung settlement. McNary said that he found himself substantially in accord with the president regarding the league of nations.

OHIO MAN USES PLANE FOR BUSINESS TRIPS

WITCHITA, Kan., July 18.—Pilot of his own airplane, C. A. Kettering of Dayton, O., will attempt a flight from here to New York during daylight hours Friday. After breakfasting in Wichita he will begin the flight, made necessary, he said Thursday, by a business engagement in New York Friday evening. Mr. Kettering drove his plane from Dayton to Wichita Wednesday to attend a national tractor demonstration.

FEDERAL AID FOR NEW ALASKA RAILROAD ASKED

WASHINGTON, July 18.—A bill appropriating \$17,000,000 for the construction and equipment by the government of a railroad between Seward and Fairbanks, Alaska, was introduced Thursday by Senator New of Indiana, and referred to the territorial committee.

SEEKS LAW TO REGULATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE PAPERS

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Under a bill introduced Thursday by Senator King, Democrat of Utah, publications in foreign languages discussing the United States government, its foreign policies, flag or laws, would be barred from the mails, unless advance translations were given federal authorities.

SNOWFALLS IN ADIOS CAUSE LANDSLIDES

BUENOS AIRES, July 18.—New snowfalls on both sides of the Andes mountains have resulted in further slides of large proportions and caused a number of deaths and injuries. The blizzard is continuing, forcing people to abandon their efforts.

Regulations to Be Made Providing Use of Wine In Sacramental Rites

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, July 18.—The bureau of internal revenue has announced that regulations will be made to afford every religious organization the opportunity to obtain wine for sacramental purposes and they will be distributed under clerical supervision. Affidavits will be required for the permits for wines for such organizations.

DR. TENNEY TO SPEAK SATURDAY

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION AT ISLAND CITY

Large Attendance Greets the Ardent Workers in Their Work

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ISLAND CITY, July 17.—(Special)—The La Grande District Epworth League convention is in full swing at Island City today. The opening meeting last night was well attended and the address on the Centenary Celebration by Rev. Ira R. Aldrich was both interesting and inspiring.

The program for today and tomorrow will be taken up with Bible study classes, open discussions of league problems and inspirational addresses. The evening lectures will be given by Carl G. Doney, president of Willamette University. He is a speaker of exceptional ability and a man whose influence is being felt over the whole northwest.

Saturday afternoon Dr. Tenney, president of Gooding College will give an address after which all delegates will be taken to Riveside Park for an afternoon of recreation. All will return to Island City to hear Dr. Doney's address on his experiences as a Y. M. C. A. worker in France.

WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, July 18.—For Oregon: Fair; warmer Saturday; gentle northerly winds.

DAYLIGHT LAW IS UP AGAIN

RIDER FOR APPEAL ONCE MORE IS INCLUDED.

Agricultural Committee Against Protest of Democrats, Puts Question Up to Wilson.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Determined to again attempt the repeal of the daylight saving law, even at the risk of the Presidential veto, the Republicans of the house agricultural committee, over the objections of the Democrats, included the repealing rider in the agricultural bill.

IMMENSE EXPLOSIVE SUPPLY HELD BY U. S.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Ninety-five millions lbs. of high explosive, manufactured for war use, would be held in reserve under war department plans, the special house war investigating committee was told Thursday by Col. A. J. Stuart of the ordnance field service.

JEWELS ADVANCE IN PRICE

LONDON, (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Jewels are commanding particularly high prices in auctions here. Today a rose of 315 graded pearls brought \$207,500, and three other specimens an additional \$225,000 making the total sales for the best auction almost a record.

OFFICERS DUE FOR A GRILLING

FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THE COURT-MARTIAL OF SMITH AND MASON

Called Before the War Investigation Committee

Congressman Dallinger Says the Trial of the Two Men for Alleged Cruelties to American Prisoners in France Was Only a Joke

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The army officers composing the court-martial which tried Lieutenant "Harbo" Smith and Lieutenant Mason, formerly in charge of American military prisoners in France, where soldiers were alleged to have been beaten mercilessly, will be called before the house war investigation committee soon to explain the sentence they imposed, according to Representative Dallinger, Republican, of Massachusetts. He said that witness called will testify that "the trial of these two men was only a joke."

Smith and Mason were only dishonorably discharged, despite their brutality. When Smith arrived at Fort Jay, New York, some of his victims serving sentence there beat him "to a pulp" before guards intervened, Representative Dallinger said.

RUSSIANS GIVEN AMERICAN IDEALS

Half Million Former Prisoners are Lifting Out of Despondency

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Half a million Russians in Germany who formerly were prisoners of war have been lifted out of despondency within the last four months, partly by a course of training in American ideals, American sports and American spirit, said Major James A. Babbitt, of Philadelphia, when he returned recently from Germany on his way to the United States.

Major Babbitt is a professor in Harvard College and a member of the American Football Rules Committee. He was chief of the Bureau of Medical and Surgical Relief for the American Red Cross in Germany and visited nearly all the camps where Russian prisoners were interned.

"We found the Russian war prisoners in a state of complete lassitude, mentally and physically," he said. "They had spent four years in the neglect and misery of German internment camps. It was enough to break the strongest man's spirit. Their own country had forgotten them and no word had come from their relatives and friends. There was no future in Germany nor hope of anything better in their own country. Hundreds of thousands of Russians who had fought valiantly for the allied cause were slowly dying from depression, mental inactivity and physical malnutrition."

RESUME PARCEL POST SERVICE WITH GERMANY

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Resumption of international parcel post service with Germany, effective immediately, was announced Thursday by the post-office department. Packages up to 10 pounds will be accepted.

SENATE APPROVES ADDED RELIEF

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, July 18.—The senate again passed the sundry civil bill with the added appropriations for rehabilitation of soldiers.

APPRECIATION OF THE RED CROSS

PIROT, SERBIA, (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—One street in Pirot has been named, "America street" out of gratitude for the work of the American Red Cross in bringing food into this place for the thousands of Serbian refugees who have returned here from Bulgaria.

Forty thousand of the sixty thousand Serbians who were interned in Bulgaria in the war have passed through here to their former homes. Ten thousand others have settled in or near Pirot, close to the Bulgarian border, either through sheer exhaustion or from news that the old homes in Central Serbia have been destroyed.

One Red Cross major and an American army sergeant brought enough food into a hundred villages of the Pirot district to feed 150,000 people.

Allied Intervention Seems Necessary In Hungarian Situation

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, July 18.—The principal topic under discussion before the allied council was in regard to the intervention in Hungary, where military action seems to be the only means to end a situation dangerous for Roumania and Poland.

FATALITIES IN COAL MINE

TWENTY-ONE MEN KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION.

Rescue Parties are Digging After the Bodies Under the Wreckage—Many Are Injured.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

KIMBALL, W. Va., July 18.—Twenty-one men were killed and as many more injured in a gas explosion in the mine of the Tazewell Creek Coal company at noon today. Over a hundred men were working in the mines. Rescue parties are digging for the bodies under the wreckage.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRESSES IN ITALY

ROME, (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Vocational training has had greater progress in Italy than almost any other country according to the report after an exhaustive investigation, made by Miss E. M. Laws, of Bryn Mawr college, who was attached here to the tuberculosis commission of the American Red Cross under Dr. W. Chan White.

Miss Laws in her study, of the situation shows that illiteracy for the whole of Italy has been reduced from 75 per cent since the present, since the present Italian nation was formed in 1870, to 37 per cent today. There were nearly 4,000,000 children in the elementary schools of Italy under 12 years of age in 1913, the reports show.

NEW HUNGER DISEASE APPEARS AT PRAGUE

PRAGUE, (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—A new hunger disease is reported among the children of some of the remote districts of Czech-Slovakia. It is a form of "hunger oedema," and appears to be due primarily to the presence of too much water in the body, owing to starvation. Its presence is reported from several districts by the American Red Cross.

One of these reports, received today, says: "Great care must be taken that the food gets to the children themselves and not to their parents. It seems almost unbelievable, but the parents are frequently accused of being the worst enemies of their own children in respect to food, and in one town we were told there was no love left."

Most of the children are suffering from this strange hunger oedema and there is also a tremendous increase in the number of other diseases which are caused by starchy or sugary dieting.

LAWYERS INTERCEDE FOR FORD

SEEK TO SHIELD HIM FROM RECEIVING ADMISSION HERE—BEFORE MADE.

JUDGE OVERRULES THE OBJECTIONS OFFERED

Essence of the Controversy is Reached In the Examination of the Editorial Published in the Tribune Under the Heading "Ford is An Anarchist," In Issue of June 23, 1916.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., July 18.—The heart of Henry Ford's libel suit for a million dollars' damage against the Chicago Tribune was reached when the Tribune's attorney began questioning Ford regarding the editorial headed "Ford is An Anarchist," which was published in the Tribune on June 23, 1916.

Ford's attorneys characterized the efforts of Attorney Stevenson to get Ford to again admit that he was an "ignorant anarchist" as brutal, and particularly distressing to so modest a man as Mr. Ford.

The court advised them that Ford could expect no different treatment than any other witness.

NO RELIEF IN THE FIRE AREA

MISSOULA, Mont., July 18.—There is no improvement in the forest fire situation in Montana and Idaho.

PROSECUTION RESTS IN BISBEE KIDNAPING CASE

DOUGLAS, July 18.—The prosecution closed its case Wednesday in the preliminary hearings of Harry Walters and H. E. Woolen, charged with kidnaping growing out of the Bisbee deportations on July 12, 1917. No further evidence was presented Wednesday, County Attorney French newly appearing in Justice Jack's court and making the announcement. The hearing will be resumed Thursday.

Complaints against James Boyd and Fred Sandtner were pronounced faulty by the county attorney. It was announced that new complaints will be drawn and filed.

CARD FROM SOLDIER

Miss Ryan, head of the canteen in receipt of a card received a few days ago, from one of the boys on the troop train that passed through here some time ago. It reads: Commandant, Station, Canton Dear Friend: Your kindness to us boys when we went through yesterday will always be remembered and La Grande will remain in our minds as one of the brightest spots on our trip home. Again thanking you, I am very truly, yours.

ONE OF THE BOYS

The card got into one that was furnished by the ladies of the canteen the morning they passed thru. It is needless to say how much the canteen is appreciated among the soldiers and sailors.

WAR MOTHERS TO MEET IN SEPTEMBER

INDIANAPOLIS, July 18.—Mrs. Alice M. French, national president of the American War Mothers, has announced that the national convention of that organization will be held in Washington, D. C., September 29 to 31 inclusive.

AVIATOR BILLED BY PAIR AMERICANS

San Francisco, July 18.—Solomon Baker, pilot of a biplane, was killed Thursday during an aerial circus being held at Sausalito field. Baker was flying upside down at the time, and it is believed his life belt broke. He fell 200 feet to the ground, while his machine crashed down nearly a mile distant.

STRIKERS ORDERED TO SAN FRANCISCO

The telephone strike in San Francisco was broken Monday morning by the officers of the electrical workers and the operating unions.

Asks Permanent Ranks For Pershing and March and Sims and Benson

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, July 18.—President Wilson in a message to congress asks that permanent ranks of general in the regular army be given General Pershing and General March, chief of staff, and that permanent ranks of admiral in the navy be given to Rear Admiral Sims and to Admiral Benson, chief of operations.

TRIP TO INTAKE NEXT SUNDAY

CITY COMMISSION ASKS ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED TO GO

Desire Expressed that the Water Situation be Given Full Information

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

Sunday there will be an excursion to the intake on Beaver creek where La Grande gets abbreviated water supply. This trip has been planned by the city commissioners who urge every person interested in the perplexing problem that confronts La Grande water users to make the trip and offer any suggestions that may be prompted by a close inspection of the water plant.

The city commissioners want the best judgment to prevail in what is to be done relative to the water supply and therefore they court full and complete co-operation on the part of every citizen. This was the substance of Commissioner McKennon's statement to the Observer today and it is hoped that the invitation will cause many business and professional men and home owners to make the trip.

It is known that President Coolidge of the Ad. club has been urged to appoint a committee of business men to take a deep and continued interest in "the water problem" until it is solved. Not as a body to oppose the work of the commission, but to assist the commission in any way that it can. It is probable that Mr. Coolidge may appoint such a committee for the Sunday trip.

Engineer Kelsey, who has been retained by the city, to give a complete and exhaustive report of the water system, will be here on that date, which makes it all the more important that a good attendance of representative people take part in the work.

This evening the man who will replace the chlorination plant will arrive in La Grande and the plants will be immediately put in working order. All needed parts for the plants have arrived and one has been repaired, and the second will be ready for use as soon as the expert repairs and announces that both are working properly.

TWO GERMANS MAKE ASSAULT

ATTEMPT TO KILL AN AMERICAN OFFICER

Major George Cockrel, Provost Marshal at Coblenz, Escapes Injury in the Attack

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

COBLENZ, July 18.—Two Germans attempted last night to assassinate Major George Cockrel, provost marshal of the American forces in Germany. Major Cockrel escaped the attack unharmed. The Germans made their escape after firing several shots from behind the American officer. The major's horse is in St. Paul.

ALABAMA SENATE AGAINST SUFFRAGE

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 18.—The Alabama senate today rejected the federal woman suffrage amendment. The vote followed a debate of three hours, during which a message from President Wilson supporting the amendment was read.

CHINA CONGRESSIONS AGE DENIED ITALY

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SENATE REJECTED AMENDMENT

NOT FAVORABLE TO THE PLAN OF RENEWING TRADE WITH GERMANY

PROPOSAL WAS OFFERED BY SENATOR FALL

Author of the Proposition, Which Came in the Form of an Amendment to the Trading With the Enemy Act, Claimed that There Should Be no Further Restriction

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The senate today rejected the amendment to the sundry civil bill, designed to end the enforcement of the "Trading With the Enemy" act, which was offered by Senator Fall. Senator Fall claimed that there should be no further restrictions on trading with Germany.

MRS. HENRY HUGHES DIED AT WEISER

Deceased Was For Many Years a Resident of Grande Ronde, Was Aged Fifty-two

A telegram was received last night announcing the death of Mrs. Henry Hughes at her home in Weiser, Idaho, at the age of fifty-two years. The family were formerly residents of Grande Ronde but removed several years ago to Idaho and located at Weiser where Mr. Hughes has been conducting a hardware store and was recently elected a member of the Idaho state senate. The husband and four children are left to mourn an irreplaceable loss. Mrs. Hughes' maiden name was May Patterson. She had no relatives in this part of the country, but a sister was present at the time of her death. The bereaved husband is a brother of Ed, William and Bert Hughes, of La Grande.

RED CROSS OFFERS AID IN BALKANS

Fifteen Thousand Refugees desperately Cling to Their Mountain Farms

KAVARAR, MACEDONIA, (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Without food, without clothing, without attention, with hardly any growing crops promising relief when the harvest comes, 15,000 refugees of the district have returned and are desperately clinging to the little mountain farms which are their patrimony. Rather than abandon them they will die in the ruins and caves which today only half shield them from the elements.

To this field the Balkan Commission of the American Red Cross has sent Captain R. M. Blakely, U. S. A. Medical Corps, of New Orleans, La., with five nurses and several cartloads of supplies. Villages within a radius of fifty kilometers are now being served by the "Amerikanska" medicines are given at the dispensary, which never charges a dime for its services or for flour, clothing and other supplies from the canteen. What that means to a people who have come back from exile, after three years of deprivation of the necessities of life, to find their home in ruins can best be appreciated here on the spot.

The station here at Kavarar is but one of hundreds of similar stations in Serbia, Albania, Montenegro, Roumania, Herzegovina and Greece which the Balkan Commission of the American Red Cross has established. The towns are used for an infirmary, and empty houses for a food and clothing warehouse, and an old mill has been made into a bakery. The dispensary is crowded from morning to night. Some days 250 patients are treated. The malmed and stricken come from a radius of thirty miles. One patient was brought in on an oxcart after an unbroken journey of four days. Tuberculosis in its germinal stages, and other ill-effects follow in the wake of underfeeding and poor housing conditions. The task facing the Red Cross relief agencies is a hard one.