

PEACE PLAN IS UPHELD BY McNARY

OREGON SENATOR WOULD ACCEPT TREATY WITHOUT VITAL CHANGES

MOSER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OPPOSES THE COVENANT

Says is Bad Enough but That the Other Features of the Treaty are Worse and That Its Adoption Would Embroil the United States With Countries of Europe

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Supporting the league of nations in a speech in the senate today Senator McNary, of Oregon, urged that it be accepted without such "amendments and reservations as would alter the splendid purposes of the covenant or weaken it so far as it affects our duties."

McNary said the senate could adopt certain reservations in the form of interpretations but should not endanger the covenant by reservations vitally affecting its important features.

Article Ten, Senator McNary says is "the pillar section of the League and must not be impaired."

Opposed by Moser
WASHINGTON, July 22.—Senator Moser, Republican, of New Hampshire, opposed the treaty saying that the league covenant is bad enough but the other features of the treaty are worse. He said the league and peace treaty would embroil the United States in European troubles.

PACKERS' EMPLOYEES STOP STRIKE; AWAIT ARBITRATION ACTION

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
CHICAGO, July 22.—Ten thousand employees of the five big Chicago packers, who have been on strike several days, returned to work Monday morning, after the employees had complied with the demand of the men that all police and special guards be withdrawn from the various plants.

The men announced that they will demand an increase of 30 per cent in wages, through Federal Judge Samuel Alschuler, who is acting as arbitrator between the packers and their employees. The men, it is said, have agreed to abide by the decision of Judge Alschuler. Eighty thousand stockyard employees are involved in the demand for higher wages, including the men working at the packing plants at Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Omaha, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Denver and other cities.

FOREST FIRES IN NORTH END OF THE COUNTY

Numerous forest fires of some size have been burning in the north end of the county, around Elgin and Palmer Junction, during the past few days, but none of them has proved very dangerous. One fire in the timber holdings of the Grande Ronde Lumber Company near Palmer Junction a few days ago caused the company a loss of about \$2,000 in standing timber, but the fire in this section was today reported to be well under control. Other fires around Elgin, where there is much timber belonging to the George Palmer Lumber Company, of this place, have not yet been attacked upon the Palmer Company's holdings. All available men at Elgin have been out fighting the fires for several days.

NO PROSECUTIONS FOR AMERICAN DEAD

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The American ambassador to Mexico, Henry Fletcher, told the house committee today that fifty Americans have been killed in Mexico in the last three years without a single prosecution being made by the Mexican authorities.

FEDERAL PRISONERS GO ON A STRIKE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LEWENWORTH, July 22.—Twenty-five hundred federal prisoners have gone on a strike. They are asking for shorter working hours and more food.

SERBIANS LIVE IN CHICKEN COUPS

BELGRADE, June 24.—(Associated Press Correspondence).—In northern Serbia many families, wealthy before the war, have been found by officers of the American Relief Administration and the American Red Cross living in stables and chicken coups. Their homes have been destroyed by the advancing or retreating armies. Their beds were heaps of straw covered with burlap. It was all that remained as furniture in their once pretentious estates. They were penniless and had no clothing except what they wore.

The condition of the Serbian peasants is beyond description. A large proportion are homeless. Most families have been deprived of their wage-earners by death. The mother is now obliged to support herself and children on what she can produce on a farm stripped of its machinery and tools. Most of the small stores of seed for next spring's sowing were removed by the enemy.

The Red Cross hospitals are crowded with mothers carrying emaciated children, old men with the infirmities of their years, old women bent and misshapen, and young men broken by war. The soup kitchens tell the same story.

PUTTING CART BEFORE HORSE

SENATE COMMITTEE DECLINES PRESIDENT'S REQUEST.

Claims That Until Treaty is Ratified There is No Power Over Any of Its Provisions.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Responding to the President's request that it approve the provisional appointment of an American representative on the reparations commission to be created under the peace treaty, the senate foreign relations committee declared that until the treaty is ratified "no power exists" to carry out its provisions.

Supreme Court Denies a Rehearing in the Fuller Damage Case

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SALEM, July 22.—The supreme court today denied the petition for a rehearing in the case of Grace F. Fuller, administratrix of the Walter Francis Fuller estate, against the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company in Union county.

WILL MAKE ADVANCE AGAINST BUDAPEST

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
VIENNA, July 22.—General Franchet d'Esperey commander of the allied forces in the near east, announced that he is preparing to advance upon Budapest with one hundred and fifty thousand troops.

PHONE OPERATORS CALLED OFF STRIKE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—The central strike committee of the telephone strikers, controlling all locals in California, have called off the strike.

RELEASE IS REFUSED BY BOLSHIEVINKI

STOCKHOLM, July 21.—The Bolshieviki government at Petrograd has refused to release five members of the Swedish legation there, recently arrested. The Swedish foreign office believes that representatives of other nations have probably been arrested.

FRANK J. LA FRIENDE ENLISTS IN U. S. MARINES

Frank Jennings La Friender of Sheridan, Wyoming, was for some time has been visiting friends in La Grande, Oregon, is another one to take up the great offer that Sergeant Wingard is at this present time offering to all the young men of the country. He will be transferred to Mare Island, Cal., where he will undergo the regular recruit training and from there he will be transferred to the Naval Mechanical School at Great Lakes, Ill., where he will take a course in mechanical work, after that will be sent to the Great Marine fields at Miami, Florida. This offer is open to all young men at the present time and can be taken up at once and see Sergeant Wingard at Room 26, Sommer Bldg., La Grande, Oregon.

HOUSE HAS FINISHED DRY BILL

DESCRIBED AS DRASTIC ENOUGH TO INVITE VETO BY THE PRESIDENT

FINALLY PASSED BY A VOTE OF 287 TO 103

House Also Passes Minimum Wage Bill For All Government Employees Except Those Engaged in the Postal Service—Measures Will No Go to the Senate For Action.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The prohibition enforcement bill, which is described by members of the opposition as being drastic to invite the Presidential veto, finally passed the house by a vote of 287 to 103.

The house also passed a bill providing for a minimum wage of \$3.00 per day for all government employees except those in the postal service. The bill now goes to the senate.

NATIONAL RABBIT SHOW

SEATTLE, July 22.—Under auspices of the Seattle Rabbit association, attempt will be made to hold a national rabbit show in Seattle during November. A considerable fund already has been raised to advance the interests of the show.

CAPT. T. E. MAY LOCATING HERE

WILL BE WITH SECURITY LAND AND SAVINGS COMPANY

Mr. May Recently Received Discharge from 91st Division—Is Well Known as College Athlete

Mr. T. E. May, who recently received his discharge as a captain in the 252nd Regiment of the 91st Division, has accepted a position with J. E. Poy and Chas. H. Reynolds of the Security Land & Savings Co., and for the time being will help with the detail work in the office. Captain May is no stranger in La Grande, as he has visited here several times during the past five years, and he is widely known throughout the state as an athlete, having been Captain of both foot-ball and basketball teams during his time spent at O. A. C. He was also student manager and athletic coach at that institution for some time before entering the service. Mr. May and Mr. Reynolds were room mates at college.

AUTOGRAPH OF SPANISH KING IS PRESERVED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SANTA FE, N. M., July 22.—A letter bearing what is believed to be the only authentic signature of King Ferdinand of Spain, co-patron with Queen Isabella, of the expedition of Columbus to the new world, that is extant in this country, forms one of the most important additions to the collection of the Historical Society of New Mexico. The letter is written to his cousin, the Duke of Infantazgo.

The document, which is dated December 28, 1512, is remarkably well preserved. It deals with the arrangements for the approaching marriage of the King's niece and the duke's son.

TEXAS ASKS FREE HAND.

Want Privilege to Protect Citizens the Same As in Days of the Republic.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
AUSTIN, Tex., July 21.—The Texas legislature, calling the attention of the President and Congress to the "Guerrilla warfare all along the Texas-Mexican border since 1875," has asked permission for "that liberty of action in protecting its citizens that the Republic of Texas enjoyed before becoming in good faith a state of the Union."

FIRST WHEAT IS DELIVERED

LEE AND DICK SMITH HULL GRAIN TO ISLAND.

Quality Is Good, and the Field Which Had Shown Poor Prospect Is Averaging 20 Bushels.

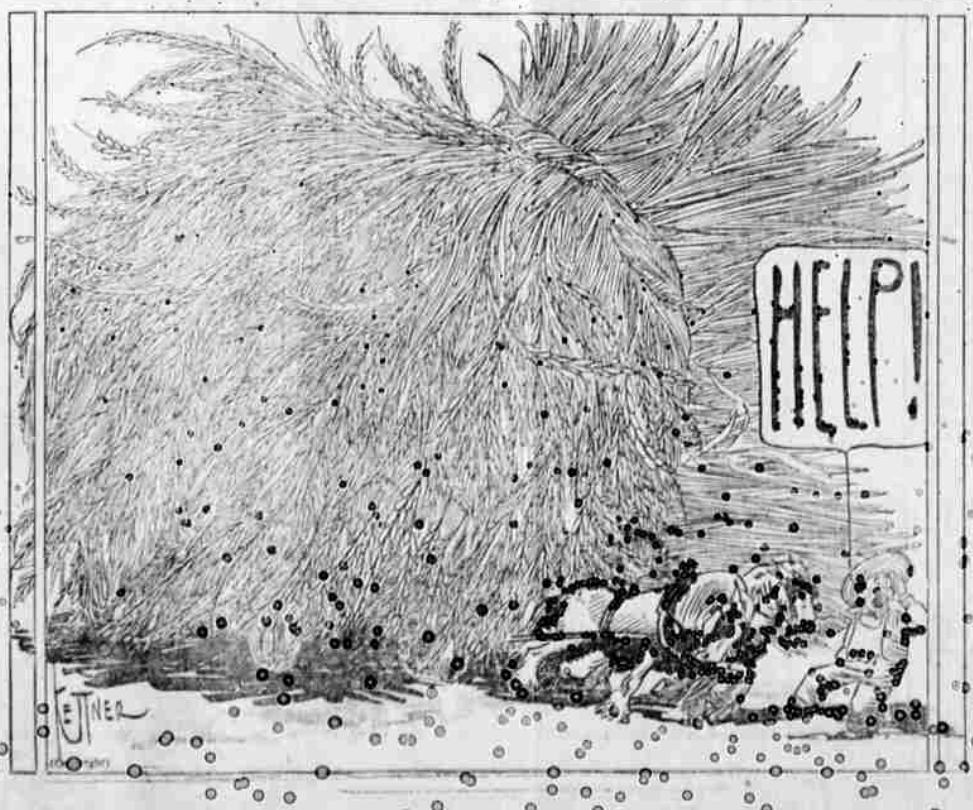
The first new wheat of the season has been delivered to the Kiddle Bros. at the Pioneer Mills at Island City, by Lee and Dick Smith. The wheat is pronounced good, and contrary to all previous expectations the yield is quite satisfactory, considering the season.

The Smith boys have the former Alex Ferguson farm, one of the oldest in the valley, and only a short time ago they were so discouraged over the crop prospect that it was about decided to turn the stock in on the field and let them take it. But that seemed too much of a waste and now the crop is turning out an average of 20 bushels to the acre, a yield that would be considered tip-top in most parts of the United States. And with the fixed price for a good quality of grain, this means a considerable or being a crop failure.

SPORTS AT CAMP LEWIS

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., July 22.—Civilian entries as well as military will be accepted in this year's annual military horse show to be held at the cantonment here on July 27. Twenty-five events are on the tentative program. Gun drills and all kinds of horsemanship contests are planned, from those of an amusing nature to those requiring dexterity and skill in handling mounts.

A Bumper Crop



SILENT ON SHANTUNG AGREEMENT

PRESIDENT THINKS IT NOT ADVISABLE TO GIVE DETAILS AT THIS TIME

EXECUTIVE STILL URGES ACCEPTANCE AS IT IS

This Position Is Brought Out by Interview With Senator Calder Who Desired to Know the Effect of Making Article Ten Operative Until the Year 1921.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Senator Calder, Republican, asked the President in an interview today what the President's attitude would be if the senate ratified the covenant with the reservation making Article 10, guaranteeing the nation against "external aggression," to remain effective only until the year 1921. The President urged ratification without reservation.

Referring to the Shantung situation, the President said he could give the senators details, but thought it would be inadvisable to make them public now.

FIVE KILLED IN RACE RIOTS

MARTIAL LAW MAY BE NECESSARY IN WASHINGTON

Trouble Follows in Wake of Attacks on White Women, Assaults and Robberies by Negroes

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Martial law may be necessary to end race rioting. Five were killed and fifty were injured last night. Several days of disorder have followed the wake of attacks on white women, robberies and assaults by negroes, culminating in a series of race battles. Two hundred of the rioters have been placed under arrest.

Detective Harry Wilson was shot through the head by a negro girl firing into the street.

THE WEATHER.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, July 22.—For Oregon: Fair tonight; Wednesday, fair and cooler; gentle northwesterly winds.

DENSE TRAFFIC CHECKED IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, July 22.—London Bridge no longer can claim the distinction of being the densest center of traffic in the world, according to traffic experts of the Los Angeles Railway, who have been studying conditions here. More vehicles—street cars, automobiles, wagons and carts—they say, pass the intersection of Ninth and Main streets in this city, per hour, than in any other part of the world.

A recent inquiry said to have been conducted in London showed that the average run of vehicles over London Bridge was 1497. This included all classes of vehicles, from the motor tram to the horse-drawn truck and the coater donkey cart.

In order to determine just where Los Angeles stood from the point of dense traffic and to have figures for the study of traffic experts later on, the Los Angeles Railway established a checking station at Ninth and Main streets and found that at a given hour 1627 vehicles, most of which were motor-driven, passed the corner. This is 138 in excess of the London Bridge traffic figures for the same length of time.

ASKS AMNESTY FOR SOLDIERS

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN WANTS ALL RELEASED

Says That Terror Was Inflicted on the Young Men and Cruel Practices Allowed

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Complete amnesty for all soldiers, sailors and marines convicted by court-martial except those whose offenses would be a felony under federal statutes, was proposed in a bill introduced Monday by Senator Chamberlain, Oregon, and referred to the military committee.

"The stories coming to me," said Senator Chamberlain, in a statement to the senate, "many of them being verified, of the outrages being committed against young men thru the instrumentality of court-martials are so horrible that some legislation ought to be acted upon promptly to obtain relief. The fact that already the clemency board has reduced the sentences in the aggregation from 23,000 years to 6790 years is proof positive that the sentences were out of all proportion to the crimes committed. These 6000 years ought to be wiped out or placed at an irreducible minimum.

STEEL WORKERS TO TAKE VOTE

PITTSBURGH, July 21.—The American Federation of Labor's national committee for organizing iron and steel workers, in session Sunday, ordered the taking of a strike vote of 150,000 employees of the United States Steel corporation and other iron and steel allied industries throughout the country at once. An effort also will be made to secure the votes of unorganized workers, according to the committee.

The right of collective bargaining is the chief demand of the union, said an announcement by the committee. Other demands included establishment of the eight-hour day; increases in wages sufficient to guarantee American standards of living; and abolition of company unions.

TELEPHONE GIRLS DANCE TONIGHT

Tonight, at Rex Hall, the members of the local telephone girls' union will give their dance. The young ladies have been very successful with the sale of tickets and a good-sized crowd is expected. Good music is assured, and the girls promise an enjoyable evening for those who attend. Dancing begins at 9 o'clock.

WASHINGTON CLUBS TO

PUYALLUP, Wash., July 22.—More than 1,000 club boys and girls it is expected, will be entertained here July 25 at the third annual Boys' and Girls' club festival of the Puyallup Summer school of the Washington Boys' club. Sports, a picnic and a big feast will be on the program, together with a demonstration of the work done at the state agricultural experiment station.

ELEVEN ARE DEAD FROM DIRIGIBLE

FEDERAL, STATE AND CITY OFFICIALS INQUIRE INTO CHICAGO ACCIDENT

NINE EMPLOYEES WERE AMONG THE KILLED

Two Passengers Lost Their Lives and Four Escaped in Parachutes From Blazing Blimp—New Devices Used May Have Been the Cause of the Explosion

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

CHICAGO, July 22.—Federal, state and city officials have begun investigation of the explosion of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company's dirigible balloon which late yesterday resulted in eleven deaths and injuring twenty-eight when it fell during a flight, crashing into the Illinois Trust and Saving bank, killing nine bank employees. Several new devices used may have caused the explosion. Two passengers were killed and four escaped in parachutes from the blazing blimp. The balloon was intended for passenger purposes.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS BACK TO WORK

WASHINGTON, July 22.—President Wilson has sufficiently recovered to resume his conferences with Republican senators. He is weak but is anxious to begin work. Senator Norris was invited yesterday for a conference at the White House but the senator declined.

FORD'S ATTORNEY BEGINS QUESTIONS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., July 22.—The examination of Henry Ford by three Chicago Tribune attorneys has been concluded. Ford's attorney, Alfred Lucking, has taken up the interrogations.

IS NOW READY TO APPROVE TREATY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LONDON, July 22.—The house of commons has completed consideration of the peace treaty. A bill, approving the treaty, has passed to the third reading. The Anglo-French pact was also approved.

GRAPE JUICE MAKERS WANT TAX REDUCTION

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Federal taxes of 10 per cent on the gross sales of grape, apple and loganberry juices have so increased the prices to consumers that the industry is threatened with destruction, house ways and means committee was told Monday by a delegation of Washington and Oregon congressmen and representatives of the industry. A tax of two cents a gallon, or less, was urged, the spokesman declaring that, at present prices, sales were decreasing rapidly.

DECLARES STATE OF WAR IN HONDURAS

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Declaring that there was a movement afoot to depose the government, the president of Honduras, in council of ministers last Friday, issued a decree declaring the existence of a state of war, according to a dispatch received at the state department Monday. The dispatch gave no details, and acting secretary Phillips announced that the department had called for further information.

GOVERNMENT ROAD OPEN

TACOMA, Wash., July 22.—The government automobile road into Paradise valley, Rainier National Park, was opened to traffic July 17 and from now on to the end of the peak season traffic will be handled through to the valley according to past regulations.

CONDUCTORS TO MEET
SEATTLE, July 21.—Conductors from California, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, comprising the Western Conductors' association, will hold their annual convention in Paradise valley, Rainier National park, August 27 inclusive.