

DEFENSE OF FRANCE IS THE OBJECT

PRESIDENT SENDS MESSAGE TO
SENATE ON THE MINOR
TREATY.

HOPES IT WILL MEET
WITH CORDIAL APPROVAL

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WASHINGTON, July 29.—The president in his message to the senate referring to the Franco-American treaty said in part:

"I take pleasure in laying before you a treaty with France the object of the treaty being to secure to that republic the immediate and of the United States in case of any unprovoked movement of aggression against her by Germany.

"I honestly hope the treaty will meet your cordial approval and receive your early ratification.

"I was moved to sign this treaty by considerations which will, I hope, seem as persuasive and irresistible to you as they seemed to me.

"We are bound to France by ties peculiarly sacred. She assisted us to win our freedom. Nothing can pay such debt. ***

"Governments who wish to be members of the league of nations ask leave of council to be permitted to go to the assistance of a friend whose situation is one peculiarly perilous without waiting the advice of the league to act. By taking such pledges we prove faithful to high obligations of gratitude. Such an act as this, it seems to me, is one proof that we are a people that sees the true heart of duty and prefers honor to its own separate course of peace."

The submission of the treaty came after a criticism by a senate Republican who openly charged that the president had violated an article of the treaty in failing to present the pact along with the Versailles treaty. At the request of Senator Lodge the French treaty was laid before the senate in open session.

"Hard-Boiled" Smith Says Responsibility For Cruelty On Commanding Officers

NEW YORK, July 29.—Lieut. Frank "Hardboiled" Smith, testifying before the house committee today placed the responsibility for cruel treatment of American soldiers at the French prison farm squarely upon the shoulders of Major General F. S. Strong and Colonel E. P. Grimstead.

Nearly All Americans Will Leave Germany First of September

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Secretary of War Baker told the house military committee today that after September first the allied army of occupation will be composed largely of French and Belgian soldiers. There will be a few American troops left in the occupied area at that time, the exact figures he asked to be withheld.

DECLARES RAPE OF SHANTUNG EMPOWERS "TIGER OF ORIENT"

ST. LOUIS, July 29.—Thousands of persons attended a mass meeting here last night, at which Senators James A. Reed, of Missouri, and McMillan, of Illinois, denounced the league of nations and opposed ratification of the peace treaty in its present form. Senator Reed characterized the Shantung agreement as the "rape of China."

AUSTRIAN MINISTER ARRIVES AT BORDER

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., July 29.—Kolonan Kania von Kanya, Austrian minister to Mexico, arrived at the border here Monday from Mexico City, en route to Austria via New York and Rotterdam. He left here Monday afternoon. The minister is making his first trip home in five and a half years.

KHALED TEMPLE IN HIGH PLACE

C. M. HUMPHREYS, SECRETARY,
IS HONORED.

Good Work Wins Him Place on Important Committee at Big Convention in Peoria.

Reward for engineering as secretary, one of the very best percentages of increase in membership of any D. O. K. K. temple in the United States, has been awarded C. M. Humphreys of this city by the Imperial Palace of the Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan. The list of committee appointments for the 14th biennial Imperial Palace convention at Peoria, Illinois, convening August 12th, has reached La Grande and Mr. Humphreys' reward of hard work the past two years is shown to be a place on the Ways and Means committee. Five constitute this committee which is the real directing body of the great convention. The Ways and Means committee is a much coveted place, and is selected with great care and is a sort of fraternal *croix de guerre* in D. O. K. history. Mr. Humphreys has been secretary of Khaled Temple No. 179 which claims a big membership in all Eastern Oregon, and which temple has initiated more new members in the past year than in all its past history. Mr. Humphreys will attend the Imperial Palace leaving soon after the first.

TREATY WITH FRANCE TO BE SUBMITTED

By Associated Press to The Observer
WASHINGTON, July 28.—A senator who conferred with the President late today said that he would submit the treaty with France to the senate immediately, probably tomorrow.

MORE TIME GIVEN IN ELECTION CONTEST

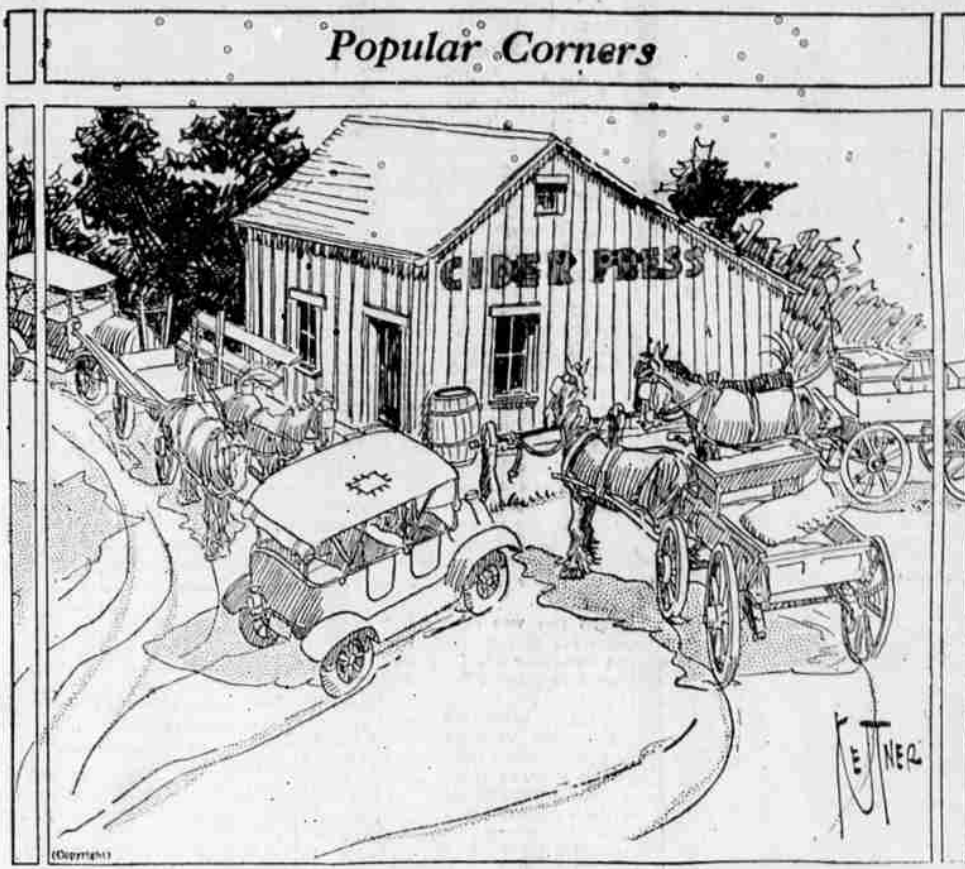
WASHINGTON, July 29.—A resolution extending for 90 days the time for the collection of evidence in the Alaskan delegate contested election case brought by James Wickersham, Republican, was adopted Monday by the house.

DES MOINES STREET CAR MEN GET RAISE

DES MOINES, Ia., July 29.—The strike of employees of the street car company, which had been called for next Friday, was averted Monday, when the men's wages were increased from 47 to 60 cents an hour. They had demanded an increase to 65 cents.

REPORTS OF DROUGHTS SEND CORN VALUES SKYWARD

CHICAGO, July 29.—Danger that the domestic corn crop of 1919 will be cut in two by drought and hot winds have resulted in hoisting prices more than six cents a bushel. Reports were current that the crop in the central states had already been damaged 25 per cent.



WANT NEW HOME FOR TINY WAIFS

"BE-A-BRICK-BUY-A-BRICK" CAMPAIGN IS STARTED.

Modern Nursery and Home for Abandoned and Homeless Babies To Be Provided.

An all-Oregon campaign to raise money to build a non-sectarian, modern nursery to care for abandoned and homeless babies of Oregon, will be launched soon under the auspices of the Pacific Rescue and Protective society and La Grande will be called upon to help. Mrs. Frederick Schilke has endorsed the movement and she will be asked to select a prominent society woman of La Grande to gather funds for this cause. There is no modern fireproof home to care for the helpless little ones of this class and so the protective society will start a fund.

In Portland the committee organized a few days ago and decided to call their campaign the "Be-a-Brick-Buy-a-Brick Campaign." Everyone who subscribes a dollar will be buying a foundation brick. Several society women are planning teas for this cause and business men are being asked to "be the bricks and buy bricks."

The new nursery will take the place of what is now called the Albertina Kerr Nursery Home and will shelter the helpless babies while the Louise Home cares for the unmarried mothers. The unfortunate young girls of the home are taught to work so they may earn a good living and are encouraged to keep in the straight and narrow path and are constantly reminded of the love they should feel for and do feel for their babies and eventually the mother and babe are united and the relief society constantly befriends and protects them. The work is considered one of the most constructive in the state.

Last year the nursery took care of 125 babies of these 44 were children of abandoned mothers and 57 of unmarried mothers. Eight were abandoned by their parents. Miss Janet Pendexter, field worker of the society, probably will speak in this city soon and will tell of the work done and of her experience rescuing girls.

ARMENIA, GEORGIA, LANDS OF ORPHANS

PARIS, July 29.—Twenty-eight orphanages have been established in the Armenian republic according to a report on the situation there, made public yesterday. In the region of Erivan, in Trans-Caucasia, there were said to be 15,000 orphans, and in Georgia 3000 more, all of whom are maintained at the expense of the American relief association.

AN UPRISING IN BULGARIA

LONDON, July 29.—A Bolshevik uprising in Bulgaria is reported.

YOUNG GIRL MURDERED AT BANDON

PHYSICIANS DECLARE THAT THE GIRL'S
BODY WAS UNINJURED, EXCEPT FOR
REVOLVER BULLET HOLE, WHICH CAUSED
HER DEATH—NO PLAUSIBLE THEORY
HAS YET BEEN REACHED.

BODY FOUND IN BUSH NEAR VICTIM'S HOME

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BANDON, Or., July 29.—Authorities are trying to find the man who assaulted and killed Lillian Leuthold, aged sixteen, a high school girl.

The body was found concealed in brush near her home. The only clue is that the footprints of the assailant were made by large shoes.

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FAVORABLE TO COLOMBIA TREATY

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The foreign relations committee unanimously ordered a favorable report on the treaty with Colombia. The treaty is to be taken up immediately, and a vote is expected soon.

JAPANESE SYNDICATE BUYS BIG TRACT OF LAND IN PERU

LIMA, Peru, (A. P.)—It is reported that Dr. Augusto Durand, a prominent land owner and proprietor of the newspaper La Prensa, has sold approximately 800,000 acres of land near Huancayo, on the Amazon water-shed, to a Japanese syndicate. Three hundred thousand additional acres are in negotiation.

Senator McNary has asked the geologic survey to take a look at oil prospects reported on the Cooper farm in Douglas county. District Attorney George Neuner recently reported to the senate that a worth while oil strike may be made there.

INCREASE IN RATES FILED

PACIFIC T. AND T. COMPANY ADVANCE PRICES.

State Public Service Commission Will Examine the Proposed Changes—Request Will be Opposed.

SALEM, July 29.—The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company filed today with the public service commission tariffs covering rate increases effective today. The increases are principally in residence phones and are effective throughout Oregon. The company says that the newest wage increases necessitated the raise. The public service commission is expected to review the rates immediately. The state and Portland city officials are preparing to fight the increase.

FIRE CAUSES HEAVY LOSS IN MONTANA

MISSOULA, Mont., July 28.—Damage estimated at \$45,250 was done by a fire that destroyed nine buildings at St. Ignace, near here, Saturday. The flames were halted only by the efforts of the citizens, aided by an extraordinary measure taken by F. T. Crowe, project engineer of the United States Reclamation service, who had turned into St. Ignace all the water available from the canal that runs from the great reservoir nearby and by the use of this water the fire-fighters were able to stop the flames.

FIESTA OF SANTA FE HISTORICAL CELEBRATION

SANTA FE, N. M., July 29.—Resplendent with the pomp and ceremony of Old Spain, and impressive with the simple grandeur of the red man, the "Fiesta of Santa Fe," a three-day celebration depicting in pageantry the past, present and future of New Mexico, will begin here September 11.

A thousand years of the state's history, its accomplishments of today and its aspirations for tomorrow will be represented by living figures. The first day will be Indian day; the second, Spanish and Franciscan day; and the third will be devoted to symbolizing New Mexico's ideals for the future. Incidental to the fiesta, there will be held the fifth annual exhibit of the Taos Society of Artists.

PETRIED WOOD FAR BELOW SURFACE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 29.—Petried wood, found by well-bore hundreds of feet under ground in the San Bernardino valley, is causing local geologists to speculate as to the condition of the district in prehistoric times.

WHEAT RECEIPTS MAKE A RECORD

KANSAS CITY, July 29.—The receipt of 1425 carloads of new wheat over Sunday established a new record for one day at the Kansas City market. Approximately 2,000,000 bushels of wheat, worth \$4,500,000, were by the day's receipts. Practically all of the wheat is selling above the guaranteed price.

WILL BRING UP BONDING ISSUE

MOVEMENT ON AGAIN FOR GOOD
ROADS FOR COUNTY

Petition Being Circulated Calling for Special Election on Road Bonding.

Forms for petition for the calling of a special election to get the vote of the electors of the county on a road bonding issue were issued today by the Union County Ad. Club to the various vice-presidents throughout the county for circulation. The petitions will be circulated within the next few days, so as to be ready for presenting to the county court when it convenes August 5th.

To make the petition effective it will be necessary for the circulators of the petitions to get on them a total of 550 voters, or twenty per cent of the electorate. The man who handles the petition form will be required to make affidavits that each signature thereon is genuine.

Signing the petition, of course, will not obligate the signer to cast his vote for the road bonding issue, when the election is called.

The petitions call for a special election to be called by the county court on a proposition to bond the county to the extent of \$1,500,000 for the construction of permanent highways in co-operation with the state's good roads program. The very thorough program which the Ad. Club good roads committee has planned for the county was explicitly explained in the Observer during the recent election campaign and the citizens of the county are well acquainted with it. The bonds to be issued, should the issue be voted, will be twenty year bonds, bearing interest at six per cent per annum.

WILSON IS EAGER TO MAKE THE TRIP

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Secretary Tamm said today that the president's trip will be made even if the senate ratifies the treaty in the meantime as the president wanted to "go to the county and explain things."

OIL PROBE RECEIVES MUCH SUPPORT

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The senate adopted Poindexter's resolution authorizing the federal trade commission to investigate the recent increases in the price of oil, especially on the Pacific coast.

MORE DANGER TO THE FORESTS

MISSOULA, July 29.—An increase of danger from forest fires in western Montana are reported today.

THREE BOMBING PLANES WRECKED AT MINEOLA IN AN ELECTRIC STORM

MINEOLA, N. Y., July 29.—Three bombing planes, including the Martin machine in which Capt. Roy N. Francis planned to leave next Friday on a trans-continental flight, were wrecked by a terrible electrical storm which, sweeping over Long Island yesterday afternoon, struck a steel hangar at Hazelhurst field.

RIOTING IN CHICAGO IS UNABATED

TOTAL OF TWENTY-FOUR KILLED
UP TO THE MIDDLE OF
FORENOON.

STREET CAR STRIKE
ADDS TO DISORDER

Caucasians Seem to be Prime Aggressors Although Both Races Are Taking the Initiative—White Undertakers Not Allowed to Care for the Negro Dead.

CHICAGO, July 29.—Race rioting spread outside the south side colored district today. There was serious fighting and shooting in the "Loop." The exclusive north side residential district received a touch of the disorder. Killing continued until after daybreak bringing the total number of dead up to twenty-four by the middle of the forenoon. Hundreds were injured. The police are investigating three other reported killings.

A street car strike added to the spread of the rioting when thousands walked to their work.

Four thousand soldiers with full equipment are here to stop the trouble.

Both whites and blacks, enraged by the cruelties of Sunday night, deliberately armed themselves last night and went out to stalk their prey.

The Caucasians seem to be the prime aggressors although both races took the initiative. One negro corpse was taken to white undertakers. A crowd threatened to attack the place and thereafter dead negroes were not accepted by the white mortuaries.

Fifteen thousand street car employees are on a strike in a demand for higher pay.

Franco-American Treaty Submitted to Senate By Messenger Today

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The president decided to send the Franco-American treaty and a message to the senate today. It will be sent by messenger and will not be presented in person.

The president may not leave Washington on a tour until after August 15 owing to the excessive heat. He may have the Pacific fleet await his arrival before entering San Francisco harbor. He will confer with Secretary Daniels today.

ST LOUIS TO BE ON AIR ROUTE

CLEVELAND, (A. P.)—Announcement of the extension of the New York-Cleveland-Chicago air mail service to St. Louis by about the middle of September was made by Jann A. Jordan, superintendent of the western division of the mail service, upon his return from St. Louis Sunday. The new leg of the service is approximately 466 miles long and will be covered by a single flight from Chicago.

The Weather.

PORTLAND, July 29.—Probably showers in west-portion tonight; fair and cooler in east portion. Wednesday, fair in the west and fair and cooler in the east; gentle westerly winds.

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