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DEMOCRAT ATTEMPTS TO MODIFY

SENATOR PITTMAN HAS PREPARED PLAN FOR RESERVATIONS TO TREATY.

SEPARATE RESOLUTION ON FOUR MAIN POINTS

McNary Group of Republicans Indicate That No Plan Falling Short of Reservations As Part of Ratification Will Be Considered Acceptable to Them.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Four reservations on the league covenant are embodied in a separate resolution prepared by Senator Pittman, of Nevada, Democrat, for introduction in the senate today. These are in line with the President's suggestion for reservations in a separate resolution to prevent new negotiations. They deal with the right of withdrawal from the league; the construction of Article Ten; with affairs pertaining to domestic questions and with the Monroe doctrine.

The McNary group of Republicans indicated that they would not accept the Pittman plan or any other plan falling short of including reservations in the ratification.

STATE-OWNED FLOUR MILL IS PLANNED

Non-Partisan League About to Launch An Unusual Experience in North Dakota.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

BISMARCK, N. D., Aug. 20.—Steps toward providing North Dakota with its first state-owned flour mill under the Non-Partisan League program were taken here recently when the industrial commission, which will direct the operation of all state owned industries under the league plan, authorized J. A. McGovern, manager of the Mill and Elevator Association, to make a contract for the purchase of the flour mill at Drake. The mill has a capacity of 150 barrels a day.

McGovern also was instructed to plan for the establishment of the state's terminal flour mill and elevator, construction of which is expected to be started next spring.

The industrial commission plans to use the Drake mill as the basis for the state organization, according to Oliver S. Norris, secretary of the industrial commission, and to train millers for state work.

Purchase of the Drake mill will be made when the industrial commission approves Mr. McGovern's contract.

YOUTH CAUGHT IN ATTEMPT TO TAKE JOY RIDE

One car thief was caught in the act about 9:30 last evening when Hal Bohnenkamp discovered two boys in the act of starting off with his Chevrolet car which he had parked in the alley back of the Bohnenkamp store. Mr. Bohnenkamp, himself, was in the back of the store at the time writing a letter when he heard the machine running and upon looking out of the window and seeing the lights of the car were burning, he immediately made for the car.

One youngster was in the car ready to drive away while the other was doing his part by pushing on the radiator. As soon as the owner appeared, both boys ran across the street and up the alley.

Mr. Bohnenkamp started in pursuit and caught the one in the alley back of the First National Bank. Mr. Bohnenkamp turned the boy who is only 15 years of age, over to the police. The lad gave his name as Ernest Hanna, at the same time confessing to the attempted theft. The other boy has not yet been taken in to custody and it was thought in local police quarters this morning that there were three boys implicated in the crime.

The boys were prepared for the theft for they had a duplicate key to the switchboard of the car. Mr. Bohnenkamp had taken the precaution of removing the key himself.

WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—For Oregon: fair and warmer; gentle northerly breeze.

NEGROES WANTED BACK IN SOUTH

Southern Farmers and the Plantation Owners Would Pay Fare Back From Northern States.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 19.—Plenty of farm and mill work, better wages than ever before paid and improved living conditions await southern negroes who have gone to the north and who now are said to be clamoring to return to the south, according to employers here.

Southern farmers and plantation owners want the southern negroes back. If there were some method of getting in touch with them it is declared the expense of their return to Dixie would be willingly borne. This will hold especially true for the next few weeks, because there is need of negroes who know how to take care of the cotton crop.

But these employers say they do not want northern-born and reared negroes. They would prefer to bring in foreign labor, they assert.

"We would not hesitate to pay the expenses of a hundred or more negroes from Chicago or other northern cities to our place if we can get the southern negro, particularly those who have gone from Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee," said A. C. Lange, vice-president and general manager of the Chicago Mill & Lumber Company, which owns more than 70,000 acres of timber and agricultural lands in northwestern Arkansas. "I think it is safe to say that every southern negro in the north would be brought back without expense to him if southern farmers and plantation owners knew where and how to get in touch with the southern-born. We don't want and will not have northern negroes."

The question of how to get in touch with negroes who have gone north was discussed at the Memphis meeting of the Southern Alluvial Land Association several days ago and the subject will be a special order of business at the next meeting. The association is an organization of bankers, land owners, chambers of commerce, planters and lumbermen of the lower Mississippi valley, formed to serve, in a measure, the same purposes for the delta country as the chamber of commerce serves the town or city. At the last meeting it was said that there is great need for more labor in the lower Mississippi valley and especially for negro labor acquainted with southern agricultural methods and with cotton growing and handling.

AVIATORS ATTACKED BY BANDITS

TWO AIRMEN RETURN TO MARFA WITH BULLET HOLES IN MACHINES

ONE MEXICAN KILLED AND ANOTHER IS WOUNDED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

MARFA, TEXAS, Aug. 20.—Somewhere in Mexico, opposite Candelaria, American soldiers are pursuing Mexican bandits. There is no information from the expedition, heavy storms in the Chihuahuas mountains interrupting communications by the field telephones. The expedition may have had its first clash with the bandits.

Two American aviators returned with bullet holes in their machines. They reported that they had been attacked by a bandit gang of three Mexicans. They killed one with machine gun bullets and wounded another and put the third Mexican to flight. Neither one of the aviator was hit.

TWO STEAMERS RUN AGROUND

JAPANESE VESSELS HAVE DIFFICULTY IN A FOG.

Later Report Indicates That One Has Been Floated and Is Proceeding, But Leaking.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SEATTLE, Aug. 20.—A wireless message states that two Japanese steamers, Yomei Maru and Shinfu Maru, are aground on the shores of the straits of Juan de Fuca on account of a fog. The Yomei is in a dangerous position on Race Rocks, 17 miles west of Victoria. The Shinfu is on Bentick Island.

SHINFU IS FLOATED.

SEATTLE, Aug. 20.—A later report says that the Japanese steamer, Shinfu Maru has been floated and is proceeding to Port Angeles, but is leaking.

A. C. BARBER IS UNDER CHARGE

Secretary Daniels Says Part of Pacific Fleet Will Visit Portland

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

BOARD U. S. S. NEW YORK. (En Route to Honolulu.)—Aug. 20.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced definitely today that he would visit Astoria and Portland with a part of the Pacific fleet directly after his stay at San Francisco.

Thursday Night Is When the Musicians Give Their Dance

Not tonight but tomorrow (Thursday) night is the date of the dance in the hall under the auspices of the Musicians' Union of this city. The announcement made last night in the Observer naming tonight as the time was incorrect. A large crowd is expected to be in attendance, and the best orchestra music in the city will be heard. Two aggregations of musicians will be on hand and will play alternately, supplying music for the dancers all evening from nine until twelve without ceasing.

BIG FOREST FIRE TAKES CRAIG HOME NEAR DRY CREEK

The George Craig farm and buildings were destroyed yesterday afternoon by the forest fire which is raging in the Dry Creek region below Summerville. The Peepers home and the Dave McKenzie mill were saved after a hard fight yesterday afternoon and it was thought that the nearby farms were out of danger for the time being, when the fire suddenly changed and took the farm.

The fire gained rapidly late yesterday afternoon and last night had crossed the divide and was headed directly for Elgin. All of the threatening crops in the lower part of the valley and also all of the residents in this section have been fighting day and night. Last night there were 150 men working ahead of the fire. While the men are fighting the blaze, the women have been kept busy supplying large amounts of food.

DISPOSAL OF ELK A PROBLEM

GAME WARDENS MAKE TRIP TO WALLOWA COUNTRY.

Some of the Herd of Elk Will Be Distributed and Others Probably Turned On the Range.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LONDON, Aug. 20.—American sailors on a mine-sweeping duty in the North Sea, probably will not crave fish when they get back home. When mines are exploded in the process of clearing out the barrage, thousands of fish are killed. One of the little submarines in the fleet scoops up hundreds of pounds of them each evening when operations cease for the day and distributes among the several vessels for food. The men enjoyed it for a time, but now hate the sight of a fish.

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CONDEMNNS THE CONSCRIPTION BILL

National Guard Is Opposed to the Chamberlain-Kahn Plan for Enforced Service.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The Capitol has not yet recovered from the shock of the terrific, and wholly unexpected, attack upon the Chamberlain-Kahn conscription bill made by the National Guard Association of the United States which is holding its annual conference in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory in New York City. Every member of the House and Senate Military Affairs Committee received last week a telegram, stating definitely and explicitly that the men who carried the day at Chateau Thierry and the Argonne, are in no mood to trifle with permanent peace time training and conscription in America. That telegram, which was only partially carried by the press associations, deserves rehearsal in full:

"Four million veterans of the great war are a sufficient nucleus for the organization of any army which may be required for some time to come.

"The American people will not tolerate the ruthless abandonment of a policy which created a great civil army which answered the call, never flinched in the face of the severest fire, and whose record of achievement stands as a guarantee of its ability to handle any situation which may confront it.

"The Chamberlain-Kahn bill abolishes the citizen soldiery of the United States which public sentiment demands shall be the backbone of its military power; and at a time when the people are struggling the burden of excessive taxation, creates at enormous expense, the machinery for the establishment in America of that detestable Prussian system which is abhorrent to the American people.

"The League of Nations and the Chamberlain-Kahn bill can never go hand in hand.

"Either the League of Nations is a snare and a delusion or there is no necessity for the passage of the Chamberlain-Kahn bill.

"The Chamberlain-Kahn bill is the swan song of the General Staff. Failing utterly in its efforts to secure necessary recruits for the regular army under the guise of a universal service bill to resort to the conscription, and to seize from their homes the youth of America for service in the regular army in the Philippines, in Hawaii, in Porto Rico, in the Canal Zone and even in Russia should the military dictator created by the provisions of this vicious bill to determine that the emergency demanded it.

"The Chamberlain-Kahn bill destroys and places a stigma upon the citizen soldiery who bore the brunt of fighting as shock troops, and creates a centralized military oligarchy with dangerous potentialities for political abuse, and the destruction of the freedom which is vital to the existence of the country.

"Therefore the National Guard Association of the United States, thru its officers, executive and legislative committees in conference assembled, representing that great body of citizen soldiers whose record of efficiency entitles it to the fullest measure of support, opposes the passage of the Chamberlain-Kahn Bill."

PROMINENT OIL MAN IN CITY

J. O. NOGGLE, OLD TIME OPERATOR, TELLS OF FUTURE.

Believes Mid-Continent and Texas Oil Fields Are Destined to Be the Greatest in the World.

With a lifetime's experience in oil operation, which includes service from tool-dresser to superintendency of some of the largest holdings, J. O. Noggle, who is in La Grande fresh from the Burk-Burnett fields in Texas and the Kansas-Oklahoma oil fields, announced that the oil situation is so fast and furious at present that few people located away from the fields of operation can realize what fortunes are being made in oil production.

Mr. Noggle came here to interview parties in La Grande who own drilling rigs in the mid-continent field with the hope of leasing or buying one of the rigs to place upon a lease in Oklahoma, but found that the drills were already at work and that one had just been placed on a 40-acre lease in Butler county, Kansas, which lease is surrounded on three sides by producing wells, and that the well just started is located within one-fourth of a mile from a 300-barrel producer. Learning that La Grande people were interested in this lease and knowing the country and the surroundings as to

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DAYLIGHT SAVING IS REPEALED

SENATE JOINS THE HOUSE IN OVERRIDING THE PRESIDENT'S VETO.

VOTE FIFTY-SEVEN FOR AND NINETEEN AGAINST

Fate of the Daylight Hour Advance in Time Definitely Settled and Will Go in Effect After the Clocks Are Turned Back on First Sunday in October.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The repeal of the daylight saving act was accomplished today when the senate voted to sustain the house in passing the measure for the repeal of the daylight saving over the president's veto. The vote stood fifty-seven for repeal to nineteen against it.

The repeal becomes effective after the clocks are turned back on the first Sunday in October.

ITALIAN HOUSEWIVES HAVE DIFFICULT TIME

Many Hours Are Consumed in Gathering Food Supplies—Servant Problem Is Uncertain.

ROME, July 28.—Associated Press Correspondence.—Seven hours of each day of the Italian housekeeper must be devoted to buying food. The problems of the ordinary American housekeeper pale into insignificance even with their troublesome servants when compared to the Italian. Domestic servants' strikes in Italy are chronic.

The recent upheaval in Italian economics when the government ordered prices of foodstuffs and clothing reduced fifty per cent has begun its reaction and the factor affected most is the housekeeper. She must start to market at 7 o'clock in the morning and is forced to hurry from one store to another. To obtain a piece of meat usually takes two hours. To obtain bread about an hour, eggs two hours, vegetables one hour and a half, and canned goods about an hour.

The housekeeper's day starts by placing herself at the back of a long line of waiting customers. The line sometimes extends for a half block, guarded by armed carabinieri. When the buyer is permitted the enter the store she finds inside a scramble for all sorts of commodities. Guards are stationed there to prevent any mischief. If she obtains what she wants she is lucky.

She treads over the streets a whole morning searching for the things for lunch and then in the afternoon must start on the hunt again for food. If she is looking for butter she is usually disappointed, for there is little to be had. She may obtain meat, but is usually thankful to go away with a can of American "hully-beef."

It often happens that her family must miss a meal but that is usually overlooked. It is too evident on every hand.

Housekeepers sometimes watch a car of produce unloaded at the railroad station and follow the motor trucks to the store where the produce will be sold. When a cartload of eggs arrived the other day the women changed to the trucks carrying the eggs to store, others running alongside. The stores the clerks stood in doorways and handed out the eggs, three only to a customer. Some customers reached over others' heads with their baskets while others pushed aside the weaker ones.

Servants take their rest days by telling the housekeeper she is going for a day or two. They come back when it suits them. The days of those "perfect Italian" servants as Americans used to call them, have passed away. A housekeeper is lucky to have a servant at all.

GOOD ROAD PLAN IN LOWER CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 20.—Continuing his announced policy of providing lower California as soon as possible with a system of fine highways that will compare favorably with those to be found anywhere in the United States, Governor Esteban Cento, of Lower California, Mexico, is now engaged in the construction of a new road from Tijuana to Ensenada.

The new highway, it is stated will be 62 miles in length against a distance of ninety miles that has to be traveled between the two cities over the present highway. This shortening of the distance has been accomplished by the elimination of many of the round-about grades. The type of road being constructed is the same as the fine military highways between Tijuana and Mexicali and Ensenada.

Three forces of men, it is stated, are now at work. One crew is working south from Tijuana, another, north from a point near Ensenada and the third crew is engaged about midway between the two cities. It is the governor's intention to complete and open the highway for traffic by January 1, next.

OFFICER AT BEND IS POSITIVE FUGITIVES ARE IN DESCHUTES COUNTY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, Aug. 20.—Sheriff Roberts, of Bend, asserted positively today that the "chiefs, Bright and Southwick, are fleeing from officers in the Deschutes county. The fugitives are said to be heavily armed.

AN INQUIRY IN PAPER INDUSTRY

SENATE APPROVES RESOLUTION FOR INVESTIGATION BY SENATOR REED.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BEFORE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

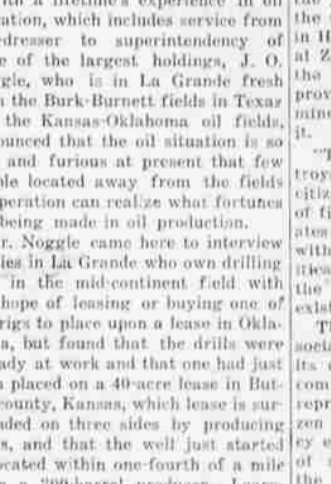
WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—An investigation of the news print paper industry to determine whether it is engaged in illegal practices and whether the prices are excessive was authorized today in a resolution introduced by Senator Reed, of Missouri, Democrat, and adopted by the senate.

Attorney General Palmer appeared before the house agricultural committee today and opposed the proposed amendments to the food control act authorizing the President to fix wholesale and retail prices on certain commodities. He said that such executive power was too drastic and would provoke discussion and the delay in passage of other amendments. Palmer said that with the anti-profiteering law the department of justice could obtain specific indictments in various cities, which would "make unnecessary a far-reaching fight against high prices."

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