

ROUMANIA BALKS OVER THE TREATY

SEND NOTE TO SUPREME COUNCIL OF INTENTIONS TO SIGN WITH RESERVATION

MUST SIGN OR REJECT IS THE DECISION

After Taking the Roumanian Note Under Advisement the President of the Council Informed Delegation That Changes in the Document Will Not Be Acceptable

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, Sept. 8.—The Roumanian delegation has sent a note to the peace conference declaring its intention was to sign the Austrian treaty with reservations. The supreme council took the note under consideration. It appears unlikely that such signature will not be permitted.

Must Sign or Reject

PARIS, Sept. 8.—The president of the supreme council informed Roumanian that she must sign the treaty with Austria without reservation or not at all. The Roumanian decision has not been reached.

RAVAGE OF CHOLERA IN PETROGRAD

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 8.—From 200 to 300 persons are dying daily from cholera in Petrograd. Hospitals have been closed on account of lack of supplies.

THREE DIED IN FIRE ON SHIP

CASUALTIES FOLLOW DISASTER ON THE NEW MEXICO

Forty Others Were Injured—Fire Presumably Started From Cigarette in Rheostat Room

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8.—The reports of the death of three men on the great battleship New Mexico and the injury of forty by fire on board the vessel last night are confirmed today. A board of investigation was named today. All were victims of suffocation, but one who was drowned. The fire started in the Rheostat room, presumably from a cigarette.

BRITISH LEAVE ARCHANGEL

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The British forces are evacuating Archangel, it is officially announced.

FAVOR SUFFRAGE IN MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL, Sept. 8.—The Minnesota house ratified the suffrage amendment soon after the special session opened today.

AN AMERICAN WAS KILLED IN MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The state department has been notified that Herbert McGinn, an American, was killed by Mexicans at Compa in the state of Chihuahua, on August 30.

RIGHT END PENNINGTON DIES

Word has been received in this city of the death of Edmund Pennington, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pennington, of Eugene, Ore.

LABOR WILL BENEFIT BY THE LEAGUE

PRESIDENT SAYS PROMPT ACCEPTANCE OF TREATY WILL CLEAR THE SITUATION

RESERVATION IS ASSENT WITH A STRING TO IT

Declares That Change Affecting Monroe Doctrine Is Not Necessary As the Doctrine Was Accepted By the Peace Conference and Would Be Authenticated By World Powers.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

OMAHA, Sept. 8.—Prompt acceptance of the treaty so that the uncertainties of the labor situation throughout the country may be cleared up, was urged by President Wilson before an Omaha audience which packed the Auditorium here today. Crowds gathered to cheer the President along the route to the Auditorium.

For the first time since the tour began the President discussed the proposed reservations to the league of nations.

"A reservation," said Wilson, "is assent with a 'but.' We agree, but—" The proposed reservation providing for unconditional withdrawal, the President said, "Means that the sponsors wanted to sit near the door with their hands on the knob and if they saw anything they did not like, to scuttle and run."

"Those who want reservations to Article X," he continued, "simply did not want to come in now, but wanted to be late joiners." Any reservation to the Monroe doctrine, he said, was unnecessary, because the Monroe doctrine had been swallowed, "hook, line and sinker," by the peace conference and would be authenticated by the big powers of the world for the first time.

American Delegation Knows Nothing of the Guarantee to Belgium

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, Sept. 8.—Members of the American peace delegation deny any knowledge of the agreement reported in the British press whereby the United States and England guarantee Belgium against German aggression.

HOUSER GIVES CLOSER VERSION

RETAIL TRANSACTION IN WHEAT IS MADE CLEAR

Even Those Dealing in Damaged Wheat for Feed Must Have License Says Mr. Houser

Max Houser, of the United States Grain Corporation, has sent the following statement to the Observer in order that a better understanding may be had of a retail transaction in wheat:

At a recent meeting of the directors of the United States Grain Corporation, at New York City, it was determined to define a little more clearly, what constitutes a retail transaction in the purchase of wheat.

Under the license requirements, retailers are not required to have licenses, but it is now determined that the purchase of wheat direct from the farmer for the purpose of resale, or manufacture, no matter how small the quantity, is not a retail transaction, and that persons engaged in such operations must have licenses. Also, the handling of seed wheat, no matter how small the quantity cannot be considered a retail transaction, and such dealers must have licenses. Dealers in damaged wheat, unfit for human consumption, who may purchase such damaged wheat direct from the farmer, must have a license.

Retail dealers who purchase wheat entirely from licensed persons, are not required to have licenses. License applications blanks may be obtained upon request at the corporation's office.



BOOTLEGGING IS CHARGE MADE

MIKE WOODARD ARRESTED BY CHIEF OF POLICE

Three Speeders and One Delinquent Also Dragged in as the Sunday's Crop

Charged with bootlegging Mike Woodard, well known in La Grande, Union and Baker, will stand trial this afternoon at 4 o'clock before the police judge. Details of the evidence and how it was procured have not been made public and at the trial all of this will come out.

The chief, and his men grabbed three speeders yesterday who were burning up the pavement with their wheels, and one poor fellow was drunk and disorderly constituted the cleanup for Sunday.

TO VISIT AT NORTH POWDER

Mrs. Mary J. McCall, who has been visiting with her grand-daughter, Mrs. Jay Shaw, on the Sandridge, and also with Mrs. U. B. Couch, left yesterday to visit with Mrs. John Brant, of North Powder. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw motored up to North Powder with Mrs. McCall.

NORTH POWDER VISITOR HERE

Mrs. E. N. Muehlbauer, of North Powder, was a visitor at the U. S. land office today.

A. C. BRACE IN TOWN

A. C. Brace, former real estate dealer of La Grande, but now of North Powder, is in the city today.

CALLER AT LAND OFFICE

Henry Pearson, of North Powder, was a caller at the land office today.

VISITORS FROM ELGIN

Ronald and Faye McKinnis, of Elgin, were visitors in the city over the week-end.

MILTON VISITOR HERE

Miss Jean Berry, of Milton, spent the week-end with Miss Estelle Graybill.

LEAVES FOR DAVENPORT

Miss Minnie Holman left Saturday evening for Davenport, Washington, where she will teach the coming winter.

Copious rains Thursday night and Friday throughout the White Salmon and Head River valleys will prove of great benefit to the orchardists, adding many thousands of dollars to their crops. All high ways are now free of dust, and first-class driving conditions.

After a season spent as forest fire fighters on the high peaks of the Cascade crest at Eugene, Miss Dorothy Andrews and Miss Martha Andrews, sisters, have returned to the city and are preparing to teach at the city school this winter.

DUCK SEASON OPENS OCT. 1

STATE LAW SECONDARY TO THE FEDERAL PROVISION

Sportsmen Notified by Deputy Game Warden to Make No Mistake as to Open Season

The open season for duck hunting in Oregon is from October 1 to December 31, both dates inclusive. This is the announcement of Deputy Game Warden J. W. Walden. In all such cases the federal regulations take precedence over the state laws as to the date of the closing of the season. The state law for district No. 2, which includes eastern Oregon, makes the closing season January 15th, but this is superseded by the federal law as to the closing of the season for migratory fowl.

Mr. Walden wishes the fact to be impressed that the season does not open until October 1, and ends December 31, and that violations will be prosecuted.

JEROME FOLEY TO BE MARRIED

Jerome Foley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Foley of this city, is to marry Miss Mary Colton at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning at The Dalles. Miss Colton is a Scranton, Pennsylvania, girl and has been spending the summer with Mrs. P. J. Foley at The Dalles, and it was there that Mr. Foley met his future wife.

Father Driscoll of this city will perform the ceremony. Charles Hurling of this city is to be best man, while Miss Mildred Horan, sister of Mrs. P. J. Foley, will be the bride's attendant. Other La Grande people who will attend the wedding are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Foley, Miss Elita Foley, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Serber and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dashiell.

Jerome Foley is well known La Grande boy, having spent the greater part of his life in this city. He returned from France a few months ago, having been a member of the La Grande hospital unit.

RETURNS AFTER BEING MAIL- BIED IN PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Melroy returned to La Grande yesterday after a week's honeymoon in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Melroy, formerly Miss Daisy Foster of this city, who married a week ago last Sunday in Portland. Dr. Melroy is a deputy sheriff of this county.

MANY REFUSE TO ENTER MEX- ICO WITH NO PROTECTION

LAREDO, Texas, Sept. 6.—Many citizens of the United States were refused permits to enter the Mexican section of Mexico today when the officials refused to give them the responsibility of the Mexican government for any bodily harm befalling them.

REV. G. L. CLARK TO LEAVE CITY

CALLED TO CORVALLIS TO ACT AS STUDENT PASTOR

Will Have Charge of Young People's Work in Presbyterian Church

Rev. G. L. Clark, for the past five years pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, has been called by the Presbyterian church of Corvallis to be student pastor at that place. Rev. Clark will act as associate pastor of the Presbyterian church there, of which J. E. Snyder is pastor.



Rev. G. L. Clark

As student pastor for the Oregon Agricultural College, Rev. Clark will have the oversight of the Sunday school work and of the Young People's organization. In speaking of his new work, Rev. Clark said he was indeed sorry to leave La Grande and La Grande people, but at the same time he is looking forward with pleasure to his new work, which will be chiefly among the students.

Rev. Mr. Clark came to La Grande five years ago to fill a vacancy in the Presbyterian church and it was not long until he was one of the most popular ministers of this vicinity. A forcible speaker, one who says what he believes, he was always a drawing card for any entertainment or program. Among young people, he was especially popular, for his unending fund of stories and vivacity were the life of any party.

Upon declaration of war, Rev. Clark enlisted with the Y. M. C. A. for overseas work, and as a Y. M. C. A. general secretary, he spent fifteen and a half months in France, caring which time he received several promotions. Upon his return from France, Rev. Clark assigned his pastorate here and for the past several months has been vacationing, having just returned from Portland where he filled the pulpit of the Mt. Taber church during the pastor's vacation.

In leaving La Grande Rev. Clark

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HEARING ON SPRUCE CONTINUED

EX-GOVERNOR OSWALD WEST WAS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DISQUE

ACCORDING TO EVIDENCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

At the Same Period Claud McCulloch, West's Law Partner, Was an Attorney for Warren Spruce Company—Portland Sessions End Friday—Sacramento Next Place.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—The congressional spruce probe committee resumed its hearings today. Chairman Frear said that the sessions here would be concluded Friday, when the committee will leave for Sacramento. Ex-Governor Oswald West testified today that he had been General Disque's personal representative before the aircraft board at Washington during a part of the period of spruce operations here. When cross-examined he admitted that Claud McCulloch, West's law partner, was an attorney for the Warren Spruce Company during the same period.

MALCOLM BYRKIT LUCKY

Malcolm Byrkit, nephew of George Palmer, was the lucky man who caught No. 913, which was thrown by the army airplane from the Hagley field this week. The airplane was to have made a trip over the city at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, at which time the Chief Potentate of the Shriners was to have gone up and to have dropped over Adams avenue the papers, on one of which was the lucky number. But at 10 o'clock there was a severe rainstorm and the papers were not dropped. The event was then postponed until 5 o'clock, and again it was raining.

Yesterday morning about 11 o'clock, the sky was clear and the papers were thrown over Adams avenue. Most of them were carried towards the hill and it was here that Malcolm Byrkit found the lucky number.

For his find he received a five dollar hat from Andrews Bros' clothing store.

WALLOWA MAN HERE

Mike Hoke, of Enterprise, county agent at that place, was a visitor in La Grande Saturday night.

HOUSES CLOSE FOR FUNERAL

LA GRANDE PAYS RESPECT TO MEMORY OF W. B. SARGENT

Sermon by Bishop Paddock, Eulogy by Col. Ivanhoe—Elks Officers Preside

The funeral of the late Wm. B. Sargent, a La Grande attorney and real estate man, was held at the Elks temple this afternoon, the Elks ritual being rendered by the regular officers of La Grande lodge of Elks. The sermon was delivered by Right Reverend R. L. Paddock, the Episcopal Bishop of Eastern Oregon. The eulogy was delivered by Colonel F. B. Ivanhoe and musical selections were rendered by Mrs. T. J. McLaughlin and a quartet composed of Mrs. R. J. Cotner, Miss C. E. Holliston, Messrs. T. K. Bellamy and W. F. Landrum.

Surrounding the station of the Exalted Rulers were seated Past Exalted Rulers J. C. Gilling, F. B. Ivanhoe, J. H. Moore, C. B. Dunn, T. J. Bergstrom, H. E. Coolidge, G. L. Higgins, I. P. Dunn, J. J. Ritter, M. B. Dashiell and Norman Dashiell. As a special mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, all the business houses of La Grande were closed during the funeral hour. A very large concourse was in attendance.

WEATHER FORECAST
PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—Tonight and Tuesday cloudy; light northwesterly winds.

PERSHING RECEIVES WELCOME

COMMANDER OF AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

ENTIRE DAY GIVEN OVER TO RECEPTIONS

General Is Officially Welcomed by Vice President and the Secretary of War—Crowds Line the Shores and Join in the Patriotic Greetings to the Returning Hero

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Amid the shriekings of sirens from thousands of factories and ships, the steamer Leviathan reached dock early today bringing General Pershing home again. The shores of Staten Island, Brooklyn, New Jersey and Manhattan were lined with thousands who gave welcome.

Vice President Marshall and Secretary of War Baker welcomed the general officially. A series of receptions in his honor are scheduled for the entire day and evening.

JAPAN TO SEND NEW AMBASSADOR

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

YOKIO, Sept. 8.—It is understood that the appointment of Kijuro Shidehara as Japanese ambassador to the United States to succeed Ambassador Ishii will be gazetted early this month.

SCHOOL RECORD LARGEST EVER

1361 STUDENTS REGISTER TODAY; 1271 LAST YEAR

Largest Freshmen Class in History Supt. Hampton Says a Banner Year.

Some 1361 students wended their way to the various grade schools and the high school this morning, and began their annual nine months of keeping their teachers busy, teaching them the a, b, c's of life.

The day was started off with a full organization, all teachers being present. Most of the day was taken up with the problem of organization and with the transferring of pupils and the securing of the new books. The latter process takes more time than usual, for this is the year that the text books have been changed and the old books must be turned in. The change of text books comes every six years, and always makes for a little delay at the beginning of the school session.

The attendance, according to figures given out by Superintendent Hampton at a late hour this afternoon, show the largest attendance the La Grande schools have yet had. Registration of all the schools shows 1361 for this year, over 1271 for last year and 1237 for the year before. This year's record shows an increase of 90 over last year.

Following is the record of pupils for this year and for last year:

School	This Year	Last Year
Central School	500	508
Greenwood	356	365
Riveria	239	246
High School	262	212

Total
The 252 students in high school represent 40 seniors, 70 juniors, 45 sophomores and 97 freshmen. All in all, it is not only a record year for the freshmen class but also for the whole school year. La Grande year was considered the banner year in attendance, the registration being the largest it has ever been but this year's increase of 90 goes even one better. Many students are yet to register, as some of the high school students were waiting yet this afternoon to have their cards signed. And after harvest, there is always a few to enter.