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TREATY WELL UNDER WAY AT CAPITAL

Germany and United States Seem Near to Agreement

DOCUMENT SHORT AND POINTED

Every Member of Foreign Relations Committee to Report is Pleased With the Articles

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Details of the peace treaty between the United States and Germany were laid before members of the Senate foreign relations committee by President Harding and Secretary Hughes today at the White House.

A majority of the members who have given the terms of the treaty cordial approval. The President hopes for ratification at an early date, but will not oppose a thirty day recess of Congress to begin tonight. As much as it is desired that the treaty be simultaneously considered by the Senate and the House, the German law-making body does not convene until September 29.

The treaty is reported to be a comparatively short document. It is primarily a peace treaty ratification of which is to be followed by a treaty of commerce and amity.

PORTLAND MARKETS. PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—Livestock was steady on the market here today; eggs steady and but-er firm.

BEND POTATO CROP MENACED

Leaf Mosaic Sweeps Over Many Fields—Was Introduced From European Sources

BEND, Aug. 24.—Because of leaf mosaic, a potato disease sometimes called dwarf mosaic, which has just reached this district, and blacker, which was common in previous seasons, only 18 of the 66 fields so far inspected for certification were passed. The others are eliminated, with a possibility that some of the 18 that were accepted may disappoint themselves on a second inspection.

Leaf mosaic was found in a very few fields last year. It was introduced into the United States from Europe, it is common in 1912, and has worked its way west. There is no way in which it can be treated, selection of disease-free seed being the only way to avoid it. As it may be detected only on the leaves, the seed should be selected when the leaves are green. It has no apparent effect on the tuber, but damages it to the degree it darts the plant. Next year it may attack the plant more severely, and materially reduce the yield.

Export Bill for Grain Raisers is Held Up

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—House and senate conferees on the administration for financing refunding operations and for stimulating exportation of agricultural products, reported a deadlock Tuesday night over provisions for assisting the export credit.

Chairman McFadden of the house conferees said the conference would not be resumed unless the senate managers agreed in principle to changes demanded by the house.

Henry as the "Barefoot Boy"



This, gentle reader, is none other than Henry Ford. He's cooling his feet in a shallow stream at the Ford-Eliason-Prestone camp at low Falls, Md.

PROSPECTOR HAS GOOD ORE

Old Timer of Greenhorn Section Goes to Town for First Time in Seven Years

BAKER, Aug. 24.—"Old Bill" Turner, veteran prospector, who has slogged in the gulches and on the mountain tops of the Greenhorn range since Heck was a pup and who has had about as many ups and downs as come into the life of the average miner dropped into the city yesterday, his first visit in seven years.

Nearly forty years ago, he had a prospect on the summit of Greenhorn mountain and was a companion of old "Bully" Morris, the first leader of a chain in the Greenhorn, the Morris mine. Later, along with the mining boom that struck the upper camps a few years later, Turner located a claim at Alamo which he named the "Last Load" out of courtesy to the last batch of tin in his cabin at the time. He has ever since stood by his location, never losing faith in its ultimate development of riches and today he thinks he has the world by the tail with a down hill pull.

Turner brought with him to Baker a flour sack filled with gold, silver and copper ore samples, several of which are good for some years. He is here to meet by appointment parties who may accompany him back to his mine to look it over and hand it in if it holds to expectations. He is as happy as a claim at high tide and is enjoying meeting many of his childhood friends.

Nyssa Woman is Killed in Automobile Crash; Driver Upsets Machine

ONTARIO, Ore., Aug. 24.—An automobile driven by Frank Smythe for merely of Oregon, Utah, overturned near Nyssa, 10 miles south of here, Tuesday, and Mrs. Myrtle Cowins, a widow, who was in the machine with him, was killed. The woman's neck was reported to have been broken. Smythe was reported not seriously injured.

IMPROVEMENT IN FREIGHT

Traffic on U. P. Picking up Says Traffic Manager of the System

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—Local loading of freight on the Union Pacific railway system is showing a substantial improvement which officials of the company take as an indication of reviving business, said F. W. Robinson, freight traffic manager for the system, who arrived Monday morning after a vacation trip to Clatsop headlands.

Robinson, who was former traffic manager for the O-W, R. & N., said that the railroad officials were taking comfort in the improvement in local movements despite a continued slowing up of through traffic. The traffic is improving more on the western half of the system than in the eastern district.

"Most of the local movement is due to wheat marketing," said Robinson. "The wheat is going to a fairly good market. The prospects for good fruit and vegetable markets continue."

Robinson announced that A. S. Edmond, who has been appointed traffic manager for the O-W, R. & N., would arrive here Wednesday to familiarize himself with local conditions before taking his new office, September 1.

PROMINENT CANADIAN DEAD

LINDSAY, Ontario, Aug. 24.—Sir Sam Hughes, former Canadian minister of militia, died early today.

Brotherhoods Will Vote on Strike Measure Now Submitted Nationwide

FATAL WRECK AT GALE, COLORADO

GRAND JUNCTION, Col., Aug. 24.—Engineer Douglas Armstrong and one passenger were killed and over twenty-five passengers were injured as a result of a wreck on the Rio Grande & Western railroad near the town of Gale early today. The train crashed into the creek where a bridge had washed out from heavy torrents of water from cloudbursts.

NEW TRIAL IS REFUSED

Appeal Taken to Supreme Court by W. E. Lefell in Real Estate Commission Case

The motion for a new trial asked by a plea for W. E. Lefell was denied by Judge J. W. Knowles yesterday afternoon. An appeal has been taken to the supreme court.

When the case was tried before a jury in Judge Knowles court a verdict of \$2500 was brought in favor of A. M. Runnels, the plaintiff, and C. B. Mays, Lefell's co-defendant, was exonerated.

The suit arose over the sale of the Mays farm lands near North Powder, Runnels claiming one-half of the commission as he had been a former partner of Lefell when negotiations for the sale of the Mays Ranch to G. B. Higginbotham were under way. After dissolution of the partnership Lefell sold the ranch to Mrs. Higginbotham and Runnels claimed that this was done to defraud him of his half of the commission, while Lefell claims that the sale to Mrs. Higginbotham was an entirely new sale.

Runnels sued both Mays and Lefell, claiming that both were in a conspiracy to defraud him out of his half of the commission, the jury exonerating Mays and finding for Runnels against Lefell.

HARDING NAMES PEARE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—President Harding today named John H. Peare of La Grande as receiver of public monies for the La Grande land office, and Carl G. Helm as register of the same office.

James J. Donagan was also nominated as receiver of public monies for the Burns land office.

Rank and File of Membership Will Express Views

MONTH NEEDED TO COMPLETE VOTE

Five Big Organizations Are Involved in the Movement Which is Nationwide

CLEVELAND, Aug. 24.—Strike ballots for submission to 400,000 members of the "Big Four" railroad brotherhoods and the Switchmen's Union of North America were being prepared at a joint conference here Tuesday of members of the executive committees, chief executives and assistant grand officers of the five organizations.

When the conference adjourned late Tuesday the form of the ballot had not been definitely decided. The conference will be resumed Wednesday morning.

In its present shape the ballot tells the union members of the unsatisfactory negotiations held in the past few months between brotherhood chiefs and railroad managers at conference held in the west, southeast and east as to whether the railroads intended to ask for further decreased wages, following the 12 1/2 per cent reduction handed down by the railroad labor board at Chicago June 1 and now in effect; whether the roads would seek the elimination of time and one-half for overtime and asks if the members are satisfied to continue work under these conditions.

Executives of the southwestern roads did not meet with the chiefs.

Five Bodies Involved. Chief executives of the five organizations have been in conference here for several days on the situation, and Tuesday were joined by three members of the executive board of each of the five organizations and several assistant grand officers, about 25 men in all.

Ballots will be sent to 150,000 active members of the trainmen's organization; 115,000 firemen; 80,000 engineers; 50,000 conductors; and 14,000 switchmen.

When the ballot is completed, probably within a day or two, it will be sent to the active membership of the five organizations and a referendum vote taken. It was estimated that it will take a full month or more to complete the vote. The ballots for the referendum must be sent out to the members before September 1, under terms of a resolution adopted at a conference in Chicago July 1, of the general chairman of the organizations.

PRISONER SHOT IN GUN DUEL

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24.—Horace Box, a prisoner in the county jail was shot and killed by deputy sheriffs in a gun fight after Box was discovered in an attempted jail break.

He struck one of the deputies over the head with a leg from a cot and seized the officer's gun. Another deputy immediately drew down on Box and shot him.

SLAIN MAN IS BURIED TODAY

Pastor Officiating at Funeral Once Slept With Slayer of Louis Ragains

PENDLETON, Aug. 24.—The funeral of the late Louis Ragains, postmaster of McKay, who met his death cordly Sunday morning at the hands of Jesse Brunn, was held at 11 a. m. from the Brown & Brady chapel. Rev. George L. Clark, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated. By an odd twist of circumstances, Rev. Clark knows Brunn, who fired the fatal shot, and while on an outing in the region southeast of Pendleton, the local minister slept with Brunn at the Wright cabin where Ragains was killed.

Ragains was buried in Olney cemetery.

The slain man is survived by his widow, Mrs. Blanche Ragains, two daughters, Hazel and Laura, aged 23 and 25 respectively, a mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Ragains, three sisters, Mrs. Ida Smith, of Montana, Mrs. Cora Case of Pendleton and Yakima, and Mrs. Melissa McElroy of Walla Walla, and two half-brothers, James and Levi Eldridge of Pilot Rock.

INQUEST IS NOT FINISHED

Story of Killing Told by Eye Witness Is Doubtful by Officials, is Report

PENDLETON, Aug. 24.—Although county officials are making no statements until they are ready to take definite action, their attitude indicates that they doubt the stories told by Charles Runyan and George Shields, eye-witnesses of the shooting early Sunday morning at Wright's cabin above Birch creek, 40 miles from here, when Louis Ragains was killed, Jesse Brunn, the self-confessed slayer, will likely be called to the witness stand when the inquest is continued, which will probably be this afternoon.

No attempt was made to continue the inquest yesterday, which was continued from Monday afternoon, and no information has yet been given out as to the time it will be continued. It is presumed, however, that officials were awaiting the return of Deputy District Attorney Randall and Deputy Sheriff Ridgeway, who spent yesterday checking up on the story of the shooting as told by Runyan and Shields at the inquest and returned last night. Beyond admitting that a few measurements were taken and a general lay of the scene of the crime noted, the two officials would make no disclosures as to the result of their investigations.

Although it is within the power of the coroner's jury to bring in a verdict of justifiable homicide and exonerate Brunn, it is considered unlikely that this action will be taken or that the district attorney's office will permit the self-confessed slayer to be released if any doubt exists as to the real facts of the tragedy.

DIRIGIBLE IS TOTAL WRECK IN ENGLAND

Two Million Dollar Airship Did Not Stand the Strain

UNCLE SAM IS NOT THE LOSER

Many Lives Lost and Among Them Several Americans When the Big Ship Breaks Asunder and Burns

HULL, England, Aug. 24.—Fatalities in the dirigible disaster are not definitely known but it is believed that not less than ten of the forty-nine on board were saved.

Twelve bodies have been recovered. The disaster occurred while the craft was on final trial flight before being turned over to the United States navy.

It left Howden early yesterday and was prevented by storm from landing last night. The crash came just after a sharp turn over Hull was made, which apparently strained the ship too much.

Twenty-one Americans were on the dirigible ZR-2 when she was wrecked today at Hull on her trial flight, said a report to the navy department. Only six of the entire complement is thought to have survived. The United States was to pay two million dollars for the dirigible on final delivery. The loss falls on English contractors who built the ship.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The giant airship ZR-2, recently purchased by the United States from Great Britain, exploded over the city of Hull today, and according to advices the airship is a wreck in the river Humber.

The great ship was on a trial cruise along the English coast before starting for America. It was in fair weather most of yesterday and got along fine. Great interest was centered in the ship for it was soon to start on its trans-Atlantic cruise. Harsh weather is reported last evening and this morning the ship is a wreck.

The big airship was passing over Hull when it broke in two. There were terrific explosions followed by flames as the dirigible dropped. Three parachutes left the craft, three men clinging to one parachute. The explosions caused a panic in Hull and wreckage fell over the Victoria pier. Many windows were shattered from the impact of the explosion.

COMMITTEE TO AID ALIENS

SALEM, Aug. 24.—A statewide plan of Americanization to familiarize foreigners who are to become citizens and newly made citizens with the principles of Americanism is the object of a voluntary committee announced today by Governor Olcott.

The members of the new Americanization committee are W. B. Ayer, Judge Jacob Kautler, V. W. Tomlinson of Portland, Herman Wise of Astoria, Senator Ira A. Smith of Marshfield, J. S. Burick of The Dalles, and Miss Margaret Cosper of Salem.

THE WEATHER. PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—Thursday will be fair, according to the weather bureau.

VIENNA SIGNS TREATY. VIENNA, Aug. 24.—The treaty of peace with the United States and Austria was signed here this afternoon.

Will Ask Death Penalty in the Brumfield Case

ROSEBURG, Aug. 24.—The death penalty for Dr. Brumfield will be asked by District Attorney Neuner, according to an announcement made today. It is claimed the prosecution has evidence in the case which has not been published. The defense is expected to be insanity or lapse of memory. Prominent alienists will be in attendance at the trial. Possibly a change of venue may be demanded by Brumfield's attorneys because of the expected difficulty of obtaining a jury in Douglas county.

