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The President And A Peace League

[Extracts from an editorial by Judge Goodwin]

The thought behind the President's peace proposal has been in millions of human minds during all the recent centuries. The world at peace; no fear of war, nations and people drawing nearer and nearer together and "learning war no more;" that is a dream that has been taking more and more definite form ever since the influence of the life and death of the Messiah began to move upon the civilized world.

But there have been too many obstacles in the way to enable this thought to have any potential force. There has been too much landlust on the part of kings and ruling nations; too much of the world has remained in barbarism too much of the military strength of nations has been forced to exert its strength to police their own peoples. Just now, at least, the three greatest powers engaged in the European war, in addition to the rage and hate engendered by the conflict, are intent upon fighting until they can secure extended land areas and widely extended trade advantages.

The fact that this must all be apparent to President Wilson is so patent it is hard to keep back the thought that he did not expect this to be anywhere seriously considered, and that the springing of it in his own dramatic way was merely intended to make a flaming chapter in his own history. The thought receives emphasis when we remember more than one of his former displays.

A peace league to be of any effect, must have the full consent of all the great nations, in order that effective means may be available to punish any nation that breaks its covenants with the league.

This will come to the nations at war, only when they are convinced that the present methods are all in vain.

Ice Foms In Phone Conduit

Conduit carrying telephone wires across East Main street just below the Vining theatre became filled with ice in some queer manner recently and as a result a string of colored light bulbs warned the autoist at night to beware of a ditch in the pavement, necessitated in order to take up the conduit and remove the ice. The ice was caked solid in the pipe and caused considerable trouble. The street department has relaid the pavement. —Ashland Tidings.

SEATTLE MAYOR INDICTED

Police Chief And Former Sheriff Also Accused In Liquor Cases.

Seattle, Jan. 29.—Mayor Hiran C. Gill, Chief of Police C. L. Beckingham, ex-Sheriff Robert T. Hodge and a number of police officers, members of the dry squad were on Saturday afternoon indicted by the United States grand jury, and warrants of arrest were served on them, on the charge of conspiring to bring liquor into Seattle in violation of the prohibition law. Among those indicted are also former policeman E. P. Baker, now in the liquor business in San Francisco; Logan and Fred Billingsley and several of the associates of the latter.

The principal witnesses against the mayor, police chief and former sheriff were the Billingsleys, who claimed they had paid bribes of \$4000 to Mayor Gill, \$600 to Police Chief Beckingham, and \$1500 to former sheriff Hodge.

A separate indictment was returned against the Jesse Moore Hunt Co., of San Francisco, Manager E. P. Baker, and E. J. Margett, former policeman already under bond on former charges.

In addition to the alleged acceptance of bribes, the officers are accused of aiding the Billingsleys in stealing liquors consigned to other persons and providing the whiskey syndicate with protection in their operations.

Chinese New Year Minus Firecrackers

Chinese New Year began last week, the honest-to-goodness Chinaman starting upon a period of feasting and devil chasing. But little outward signs of a celebration are observable around the local chinatown the anti-fireworks edict putting a quietus on the exhibition of noisemaking which used to attract the townspeople in years gone by. Then, too, the Chinese are becoming more and more Americanized. Trays of sweetmeats, nuts and queer candies are placed where all may partake in the Wah Chung store, and feasts are nightly occurrences. Wah Sung returned Saturday from Portland, where he spent a few days on business. —Ashland Tidings.

The unsophisticated railroads of older times seemed to get along all right without any eight hour problem.

BONES TELL TALE OF TRAGEDY

John Hammersly Thought To Have Been Torn By Wolves Is Alive

Gold Hill, Jan. 29.—On last Friday timbermen found the bones of a man, a ring, shreds of clothing and three dead wolves near Willow Flats, on Evans creek in Jackson county, about a mile from the camp of the government hunter, John Hammersly. There was evidence of a terrific struggle, the bones scattered, and there was probably a large pack of timber wolves. Hammersly and his hound pack have not been found. A searching party is trying to locate the man, but it is feared the bones are those of the well-known government hunter.

Later—the bones found are not Hammersly's as he is alive and well.

Forest Notes

A rapid method of kiln-drying eastern hemlock has been developed at the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison Wis., whereby shiplap can be dried green from the saw to shipping weight in 48 hours. By this method two-inch plank can be dried to shipping weight in six to eight days.

It is estimated that four-fifths of the water available for irrigation and domestic use in the State of Oregon comes from the timber clad slopes of the National Forests. The average acre of National Forest land in the state sends to the streams sixteen times as much water as does the average acre of land outside the Forest boundaries.

Fire burned twenty-five million board feet of timber on the National Forests of Oregon and Alaska in 1916. The Forest Service fought 1176 fires in this region during the year at a cost of \$19,000.

The plantings of Oriental timber bamboo in northern Florida and Louisiana have grown to a height of 25 feet, and there is no longer any question about their producing in this country good canes comparable to those which they grow in China and Japan. A quick method of their propagation has been worked out so that it will be now possible to supply large enough quantities of the young plants to set out many small areas throughout the South, from the Carolinas to California, wherever there is sufficient moisture and land is not too high priced to admit of their cultivation.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Portland Chamber of commerce asks memorial of the State Legislature to Congress urging that definite legislation be made concerning water power, so that some basis for development might be arrived at.

Ontario—Flour mill projected at Jordan valley.

Oregon flax fiber superior to that in other regions of the world.

Monroe—Pool of 600 sacks of potatoes bring \$1200.

Portland—Large timber holdings in Columbia, Tillamook, Clatsop and Washington counties comprising 4,500,000,000 ft. timber change hands at figure of \$4,000,000.

Dallas—Local mill buys 1,000,000 ft. fir logs cut by S. P. Co. on Coos Bay line right of way.

Linn county builds 70 miles of road the past year, graveled or rocked.

Harrisburg making big hay shipments.

Newberg—Work starts on large addition to cannery building. Will add corn to line of canned products.

Portland—New shipyard to start with contracts for two vessels.

Rosburg—Coos Bay coal to be marketed here.

Canyonville—Levons Ledge mine being made ready to start.

Beaverton—Brick yard, idle for two years, to reopen under new management and to employ 40.

Eugene—Hauser Bros. will build powder magazine.

Cottage Grove—Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. offers \$6.50 a ton f. o. b. for sugar beets.

Eugene—Company forms to promote flax industry. Will erect modern plant.

Winchester Bay Hotel and dancing pavilion destroyed by fire to be rebuilt.

The Dalles—New modern concrete garage built.

North Bend—Local box factory will operate and also install shingle machines.

Pendleton—Standard Oil Co. asks for 20 year franchise in west end.

Reith has terminal improvements costing \$500,000, monthly payroll of \$10,000, and appropriations for coming year of \$160,000. Expects to become largest terminal on line.

Fairview—Libby, McNeil & Libby negotiating to establish cannery.

Junction City's new warehouse to start soon.

Roseburg—35 miles telephone line to be constructed in Umpqua National Forest.

Heppner—Farmers will gather Feb. 3 to plan building grain elevator.

The Dalles—Pacific Power & Light Co. installing most modern nitrogen lamps to replace old arc lights throughout city.

Pendleton—Wheat, wool and hay bring highest prices; banks bursting with money, abundance of work for everybody; empty houses unknown; business and collections never better.

Raymond Lewis Caught

After Long Pursuit

Clatskanie, Jan. 29.—Raymond Lewis, alleged assailant of 9-year-old Margarita Hill, was captured at 9 o'clock yesterday forenoon near Vernonia by Deputy Sheriff Parker and his brother. Lewis was tracked to the home of J. Emmons, a relative of the Lewis family, who had kept the fugitive over night. However, Lewis had left when the officer reached the Emmons house.

A light snow which had fallen during the night made it easy to follow the trail. After a chase of eight miles he was overtaken just before he reached the county line. The lad was brought to town in an auto yesterday afternoon and pleaded guilty and was taken to the county jail at St. Helens last evening.

The possible tide of immigration will not be showing much judgment if it waits until after the war.

The high price of shoes doubtless means a record hardship to that young Iowa citizen whose 7 feet, 11 inches of height results in his having feet requiring No. 14 shoes.

AMBASSADOR WILL GO TO MEXICO

Fletcher Instructed How To Deal With Various Issues.

Washington, Jan. 30.—After today's cabinet meeting Secretary Lansing announced he would get in touch with Ambassador Fletcher immediately, organize a complete staff for the American embassy, and send Mr. Fletcher and his assistants to Mexico City just as soon as the arrangements can be made.

Mr. Fletcher will carry detailed instructions for dealing with different points pending between the American and Mexican governments, including objectionable parts in the new Mexican constitution.

SEATTLE BANK CLOSED

Seattle, Jan. 30.—The Northern Bank & Trust Company did not open for business this morning, and a notice posted on the door said that the institution is in the hands of the state bank examiner.

William L. Collier is president of the bank and Cleveland B. Sandeter cashier. The clearing house met last Sunday and again last night to consider the condition of the Northern Bank & Trust company, and decided not to assist the bank, which requested aid. Large withdrawals of deposits are said to have followed the failure of the Broadway State Bank two weeks ago.

The Northern Bank & Trust company was capitalized for \$100,000, and had deposits of about \$1,500,000.

Deficit Is Increasing

How much money must be raised by the people in order to keep the government of the United States from going into "red ink" the next fiscal year? The size of the expected deficit has been broken to us by installments. Early this month the amount, as announced from Washington, was \$309,000,000. Some two weeks ago the figures were raised to \$361,000,000.

Now comes Chairman Kitchin, of the house ways and means committee, who reported to the house this week that the estimated amount necessary to be raised is \$402,389,933. At the rate of increase during the past month the estimated deficit will amount to a billion dollars before the present congress goes out of existence.

No one who has observed the conduct of fiscal affairs by the legislative and executive departments of the present administration will be shocked if further evidence of stupid management should be disclosed. The most ardent partisan supporter of the administration will not have the temerity to assert that it has succeeded in administering the finances of the nation intelligently.

EDUCATED OREGON INDIAN TOPLINER

Chief Tall Pine, Of Pendleton, Leads Western Delegation At St Paul Carnival

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 31.—Thousands of visitors and members of local marching clubs participated last night in an illuminated parade, the second pageant of the St. Paul outdoor sports carnival.

Visitors from the west, led by the Pendleton, Ore., delegation, called at the state capitol yesterday and made a noisy demonstration. Chief Tall Pine, of the Pendleton delegation, was the center of interest during the visit to the house chamber.

Speaking through an interpreter, he invited the St. Paul folk to visit his tribal reservation near Pendleton. Then without a change of facial expression, he launched into an expression of perfect English. "You know," he said, "we have some educated Indians in Oregon."

The Mikado, having designated his reign as "the era of great Japanese righteousness," will be expected to see to it that his new battleships are not employed in any selfish enterprises.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

3000 Gallons Of Wine

Seized By Sheriff

Hillsboro, Jan. 29.—Sheriff Applegate of Washington county, raided the place of Fred Stetler, at Mountain Lake, on Saturday, and after arresting the owner on a charge of bootlegging, seized 58 barrels of wine, more than 3000 gallons, and the wine press. A large quantity of whiskey bottles, said to have been recently collected for bottling wine, was also seized. The sheriff says wine has been sold to neighbors and quantities of it have been taken to Portland.

Band Of Elk Will Be

Sent To Crater Lake

Enterprise, Jan. 30.—Deputy Game Warden George Mitchell brought to this city Saturday a band of elk which he captured at the Billy Meadows pasture 30 miles northeast of here, and acting under orders from the state game commission the will be shipped at the earliest opportunity to the Crater Lake National park in southern Oregon. The herd is made up of yearlings and 2-year-olds and they are fine specimens.

Plan For Two More

Normal Schools Urged

Salem, Jan. 29.—At the next election the voters of the state will decide on two additional normal schools if Representative Sheldon's joint resolution is adopted. It passed the house yesterday. The resolution refers to the people a proposed amendment to the constitution providing for one normal school at Ashland, and one other at some point in Eastern Oregon to be designated by the normal school regents. The proposed amendment carries an appropriation of \$125,000 to equip the two schools, and authorizes an annual tax levy of one-twenty-fifth of a mill each to maintain them.

Sends Agent To Study

Lands Near Davis Lake

LaPine, Jan. 30.—Once more the question of opening the Davis Lake lands for homestead entry has been taken up by the department of the interior. The department of agriculture is sending a man to LaPine to designate a 40-acre tract of the land for experimental purposes. W. H. Delbriggie will take charge of the tract.

Trusty Prisoner Walks

Away From Penitentiary

Salem, Jan. 29.—Chester Vanderpool a trusty at the penitentiary, escaped yesterday while working at the prison barns. He is 23 years old and was serving a term of from one to seven years for larceny from a building. He escaped three years ago but was recaptured at that time. Previously he had been in the reform school. He is from Portland.

\$33,000 Left To Old

Willamette By Eaton

La Grande, Jan. 29.—The will of the late A. E. Eaton, who died at Union a few days ago, and who made a gift of Eaton Hall to Willamette university a number of years ago, provides for a further gift of \$33,000 to the pioneer Methodist university at Salem.

Pioneer Of 1952 Dies At

Old Springfield Home

Eugene, Jan. 29.—Mrs. Emily Greenwood Stevens, for fifty years a continuous resident of Lane county, died Sunday at her home in Springfield, aged 168 years. She came to Oregon from Illinois with her parents in 1852 when but 4 years of age, and the family settled on a donation land claim near Harrisburg, Linn county. She was married in 1867 to James A. Stevens and moved to a farm near Springfield. Her son, Welby Stevens, former mayor of Springfield, is the only surviving member of the family.

Drifted Snow

Flour

and

Fleishman's Compressed Yeast

Can you beat it?

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store

Jacksonville, Ore.