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New Peace League

Born—Thursday night, in the City of Brotherly love (fitting birthplace!) to Man and Women of Every Nation, a strong and beautiful child.

The infant, like its radiant brother, the Declaration of Independence, drew its first breath and was cradled within the sacred precincts of old Independence Hall, and, for its lullaby, was soothed by the deep-throated, mellow-toned, world-echoing harmonies of old Liberty Bell, whose plain-tire melody and melodious refrain bore, this time, the sweet note of "peace on earth, good will to man."

While still in swaddling clothes, the new-born babe; christened "The League to Enforce Peace," and about the place where it received its name and baptism were gathered, as godfathers, many grave and reverend signors, such men as ex-President Taft, President Lowell of Harvard and many other "wise men from the east."

The child, so recently born, has in truth, been more than twenty five centuries in gestation; For in the womb of the ages it was first conceived during that stirring period when Dorian, Jonian and Aeolian tribes of the most glorious nation that ever lived in the tide of times were gathering in peaceful league (amphictyony) around their pagan temples; and during all the years since then it has been nourished only by the yearning, love throbbing heart of its holy brooding mother, gentle Humanity, as against a world ever in arms and ever bloody.

May the babe be as comely of feature and powerful of arm as its sturdy brother, the noble Declaration, and as brave and lusty even in its cradle as was Hercules, that it may strangle the half-sent serpents and loose from an all but stifled world the entwining, writhing, loathsome folds of poisonous war!

The gods forbend it to be another Laocoon, An-

tenor's brave son, and itself to be crushed to vengeful death!

The idea and the scheme of an amphictyonic league are as old as was Apollo's temple at Delphi.

True, that historic council failed of its main object, but it also accomplished much that was good, as, for instance, the assertion of the principle of tribal equality, and that ambassadors to the assembly from mighty Doric and Ionian tribes should each cast but a single vote along with that of him from the less powerful Boetians, or Melians, Phocians—as, our day, in the senate, the "empire State" is no bigger than "Little Rhody." And every amphictyony took a solemn oath that, in no case, should any city within the league ever be destroyed, or its water supply be cut off even in time of war.

The league was to loosely joined, and endowed with too little power to enforce its decrees—just as our own first confederacy of the thirteen colonies was only in a very weak way representative of a nation.

And just as the constitution of 1788 gave to the United States immense power as a nation, so would the league to enforce peace, if agreed to by the nations, be clothed by an international constitution with authority to sit in judgement upon its members and with the requisite power to enforce its solemn decrees—as, for example, an injunction against any one of them that it should not make war upon an unaggressive neighbor. You may yourself carry out a hundred similar parallels.

And so let's have the United States of the world.

Mexico has not been devoting any funds to long distance calls requesting Huerta to return and take charge of the country's affairs.

Turning swords into plowshares will seem a comparatively small matter when the time comes for turning fighting ships into merchant vessels.

Over five hundred millions of dollars are spent annually in the United States for candy. That seems an awful waste of money, but it could be spent for worse things. For instance Great Britain is spending \$15,000,000 for carrying on the war. Really, we're quite economical.

RUSSIANS RETREAT ON RIVER DNEISTER

Petrograd War Office Admits Retirement on Bobrka-Zurawna Front.

London.—The Russian forces which for several days made a determined stand at Pons, to the east of Lemberg, were again in retreat on the entire front in that region, according to an official statement issued by the Austro-Hungarian general staff.

A Russian official statement admits that the Russian forces on the front between Bobrka and Zurawna in Galicia, south of Lemberg, are falling back. The statement adds that in the Caucasus theater, in the region of Van, Turkish Armenia, a battle between Russian troops and a great hostile force is in progress.

"German troops have taken the hill on the northern bank of the Dneister river, between Bukasowice, northwest of Halls, and Chodorow, by storm, after fierce struggles," says the official Berlin dispatch. "During pursuit of the enemy we reached the region around Hrehorow, half way between Zurawna and Rohatyn."

The Austrian statement says: "After their defeat south of Lemberg the Russian main army retreated to the eastward, and with strong force took up a position on the heights to the east of Mikolow. On this front our troops, after several days' fighting, captured the enemy's advanced positions, then proceeded to storm the enemy's main position, and finally penetrated the same at numerous points, throwing back the enemy, notably along the sector near and to the south of Bobrka."

IMPORTERS PROTEST BRITISH EMBARGO

Washington.—Pressure of a formal and organized character was exerted on the United States Government to secure from Great Britain modification of the embargo on all commercial intercourse between Germany and neutral countries.

Twenty members of a committee appointed by more than 1000 American importers laid before Secretary Lansing, Solicitor Johnson and Robert F. Rose, of the board of foreign trade advisers, a petition setting forth that Great Britain has "studiously avoided answering the American note of March 30; that in the meantime valuable time has been lost in preparing for future business and that this general effect has been harmful to the long established trade of this country."

In a statement issued by the importers after their conference, it was revealed that Secretary Lansing had "expressed a determination on the part of both the president and himself to do all in their power to aid the importers in securing the rights to which they are entitled under the laws of nations and by treaty obligations."

England Calls on Unions for Help. London.—England called upon organized labor to come to the aid of the government in the serious crisis developed by the shortage of war munitions. Minister of Munitions Lloyd-George issued a remarkable appeal to the trade unionists, signed by the United Labor leaders of the nation, urging every skilled workman to enroll as a volunteer in the munition factories. The proclamation issued by Lloyd-George described the ammunition question as very serious.

French Fat Men May be Called. Paris.—The "cent kilos," the 220-pound men who heretofore have been exempt from military duty, are likely to be called on for service in the auxiliary corps. The chamber is discussing a law to revise all exemptions and attributions of troops in order to increase the effectiveness of the army at the front.

British Enlisted in San Francisco. San Francisco.—That the neutrality of the United States has been violated seriously by the recruiting of British soldiers in San Francisco was the statement made by John W. Preston, United States district attorney, after he had spent a day in a federal grand jury room cross-examining witnesses.

Tourist Coin Stays Home. Washington.—Money heretofore expended by American tourists to Europe, estimated by Secretary Lane at \$100,000,000 or more annually, is this year being spent in the United States, according to a statement issued by him.

Scandinavian Women Work for Peace. Amsterdam, via London.—Hundreds of mass meetings of women were held in all parts of Scandinavia Monday to urge the calling of a conference of neutral nations to end the war.

FRUITLAND ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Young, formerly of this place, but now of Baker City, are the parents of a little daughter, born June 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Griep, accompanied by Bessie Kenneth and Elmer, left Thursday morning in their new auto for Klamath Falls, Oregon, where they will visit relatives, and will also visit their son Victor and family at Forest Grove, Oregon. They may go to the Exposition at San Francisco before returning home. Miss Apphia Robinson will stay at the home here with Enid while they are gone.

Mrs. S. M. Thomas sent a crate of fine cherries last Tuesday to her mother, who lives in Dillon, Montana.

A good number from here are attending the Chautauqua in Payette this week. Several of the young people took good things to eat Sunday afternoon and ate a picnic supper during the intermission between the afternoon and evening sessions. This is the first time the people of this community have had the opportunity of attending a Chautauqua in this part of the country and they are enjoying the meetings to the fullest extent.

Prof. W. A. Dewhirst was elected principal of the Fruitland high school at a meeting of the school board Monday night. Leland Sackett of Willamette University to teach Science and Agriculture. The board decided to move the Friendship school house here to provide more room.

The cherry crop is good this year and those having cherry orchards are getting busy. The Fruit Association packed and shipped a car last week and other cars will be shipped as they ripen. Good prices are expected.

It has been announced that Miss Ruby T. Weyburn, District Missionary of the Woman's Baptist foreign and home Missionary Societies, will be at the Baptist church June 25. In the afternoon she will address the members of the societies and in the evening she will address a public meeting which all are invited to attend.

Monday morning the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Seiver met with a very serious accident while driving a team to haul hay. He fell behind the horses. They took fright and kicked him on the head and face. He was unconscious until the next day. His left side became paralyzed. Dr. Drysdale took him Tuesday to the Ontario hospital where he is being cared for.

HAITIEN CONDITIONS DEMAND NEW POLICY

(Special to The Argus.)

Washington.—Turbulent conditions in Haiti have reached such a point that the United States government, notwithstanding the attention demanded by its relations with European belligerents, is giving serious consideration to the formulation of an entirely new policy toward the little island republic.

Paul Fuller, Jr., who was sent by President Wilson to Haiti with plenary powers to negotiate a treaty placing the collection of customs duties in that country under the control of the government, as was done some time ago by the Dominican republic, has submitted a lengthy report which shows that the Haitian government did not want to enter into such a treaty, but made counter proposals, which are not regarded as likely to lead to a settlement of the disturbances on the island.

The Haitian situation is most threatening at present. French marines have been landed there, and Rear-Admiral Caperton is on his way from Vera Cruz with 700 bluejackets and marines on the armored cruiser Washington to relieve them and preserve order.

Rogue River Line Sold.

Medford.—Deeds calling for transfer of the Rogue River Valley Railroad, known as the Barnum line, to the Southern Oregon Traction company have been drawn and the actual transfer of the property took place July 1. The deal has been hanging fire for the last six weeks. The purchase price, as named in the deed, is \$60,000. The sale means the electrification of the Barnum line for its entire length, eight miles.

Accident Act Attacked.

Salem.—Asking damages of \$15,000 each and contending that the state industrial accident commission act, providing for compensation for injured workmen, is unconstitutional, George Evanoff and Mark R. Upton have brought suit in circuit court here against the Bridal Falls lumber company. Temporary injunctions restraining the commission from assuming jurisdiction over the affairs of the lumber company were asked.

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NYSSA NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Comstock, Roy Comstock, Donald Conkiff, Misses Emma and Theodosia Wells enjoyed a fishing trip on Snake river Sunday.

Miss Inez Weaver returned last week from Pullman, Wash., to spend the summer with her uncle, John Weaver, on the Boulevard. Miss Weaver finished the Home Economics course at the Washington State College this spring and will teach in the Ontario High School next year.

Chautauqua week at Payette has proved quite an attraction to Boulevard people. Some of those attending were, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kimble, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Butler, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Walker, Mrs. E. B. Conklin, Jean Conklin, Mrs. C. W. Stover and J. M. Butler.

At the school meeting of the Boulevard district held June 21, Mrs. V. V. Hickox was elected director in place of J. A. Walters whose term expired. Mr. John Walters was reelected director and Mrs. J. A. Walters reelected clerk.

The dance given at the Grange Hall, Wednesday evening, was well attended and everyone reports a jolly time. The music was furnished by the Keeler orchestra of Payette.

BUSINESS LOCALS

FOR RENT—Residence formerly occupied by Dr. Weese. V. B. Staples, Vale, Oregon. 4-1f

To trade—Good residence property in a fine Idaho town for land or town property at Ontario. Box 683, Ontario Oregon. 4-1f

FOR SALE—One Duroc Jersey brood sow with six pigs three weeks old. J. J. Dillard, four miles west of Ontario. 25tf.

FOR SALE—Two McCormick Binders in good condition. Both six foot cut. At C. W. Mallett ranch, phone 20K4. "On this ranch we take care of our machinery." 23tf

FOR RENT—Nice new bungalow for rent or sale on easy terms. Ontario Laundry. 4-1f.

"Temple of Sweets"—headquarters for fireworks for the Fourth of July. 2-1f.

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Don't deny the children. Give them plenty of crackers to nibble. Our crackers will fill the bill for the kiddies. We carry them in boxes and loose. There's a snap in our store in many other things besides crackers.

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For the accommodation of out of town trade. You are invited to leave your lunch baskets and parcels in our care and make this store your headquarters.

Lampkin's CASH STORE.

TEN AUTOISTS BREAK THE RECORD

(Special to The Argus.)

Chicago.—All competitive speedway automobile records of the world from 50 miles to 500 miles were shattered in the first Chicago 500-mile derby. They were not only beaten by Dario Resta, who won with a French car and captured more than \$20,000 in prize money, but by nine other drivers who finished in the money.

The previous record, made by Ralph De Palma at Indianapolis recently, was at the rate of 89.84 miles per hour. Resta averaged 97.6 over the same distance and J. Cooper, who finished tenth, bettered the De Palma mark by averaging 90.3 miles.

The result, according to experts, establishes the new wooden track as the fastest in the United States, if not in the world. It was announced that 80,000 persons witnessed the spectacle.

The performance of Harry Grant in driving the entire race without a stop excited almost as much enthusiasm as the brilliant victory of Resta.

Embargo on Exports Not Planned. Washington.—The United States is not considering placing an embargo on shipments to any belligerent country. This was said officially at the state department as a result of published reports that an embargo on all shipments of American products to England was likely in retaliation for British interference with American trade with neutrals.

Yaqui Raid Town. Guaymas, Mexico.—Advises received here by messenger from the interior say that Yaqui Indians raided the mining town of Sauze, 100 miles inland from Guaymas, assembled the 300 inhabitants and stripped everyone stark naked, then, while a detail guarded the gathering, the others looted the town, packing everything transportable on a pack train.

Dollar Ships to Use British Flag. San Francisco.—The Robert Dollar company, steamship owners with headquarters in this city, announced that its vessels would change their registry to sail under the British flag, on account of the new La Follette-Purush seamen's act, which goes into effect at the end of the year.

SAFETY SERVICE

"Safety first" was the motto and practice of this bank long before those words became the slogan of the large transportation companies.

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