

## NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

### Senate Ratifies Renewal of Treaties With Eight Nations for Five Years.

Washington.—General arbitration treaties ratified by the senate renewed for five years agreements with Great Britain, Japan, Italy, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Portugal and Switzerland, and marked the first step in the policy of President Wilson.

The treaties, briefly, provide for reference to The Hague tribunal of legal differences and questions relating to the interpretation of other existing treaties which cannot be settled by diplomacy.

No matter affecting the vital interests, independence or honor of the contracting powers is included in the scope of these treaties and all disputes involving the interests of third parties also are excluded.

Although the majority for the ratification of the treaties was overwhelming and the amendment to exempt by more than a two-thirds vote, senators who urge repeal of the tolls exemption provision insist that these votes are not significant of the attitude of the senate on the tolls issue.

### State's "Equity" in Power Recognized.

Assertion of the power of the federal government under the constitution to control the building of all water power projects, but recognition of the equities therein of the states of the union—this is the cardinal principle in the conservation policy of the Wilson administration so far as it affects the navigable streams of the country.

Secretary Garrison, of the war department, is the author of the plan, which has been indorsed by President Wilson and the cabinet.

Secretary Garrison, with President Wilson's approval, will ask for authorization to issue permits for the construction of water power projects, with the stipulation that they be issued only to concerns incorporated as public utilities under state laws and so restricted that control by monopolistic corporations will be impossible. To protect the rights of states, revenues accruing will go to states, and not to the federal government. This suggestion is expected to heal the breach existing between advocates of states' rights and national control of the natural resources of the country.

### May Exempt Small Business Concerns

President Wilson indicated to callers that he desires that the proposed bills dealing with the trust problem be so phrased and adapted to the decisions already rendered by the Supreme court of the United States on the Sherman anti-trust law that the efficiency of that statute shall be neither impaired nor complicated, but supplemented.

Mr. Wilson indicated that serious consideration has been given in the framing of the trust legislation to provisions that would protect small business concerns from statutes prohibiting trade arrangements and combinations. He suggested that it was a difficult thing to frame an exemption in terms of dollars, and for this reason did not believe it was practicable to exempt all firms under \$5,000,000 in capitalization from the inquisitorial process of the interstate trade commission, as had been proposed, but that some other plan would be worked out.

### Would Reorganize Agricultural Dept.

Chairman Lever, of the house committee on agriculture, has completed the report to the house of the annual agricultural appropriation bill. It aggregates \$18,947,000 exclusive of permanent appropriations, an increase of \$960,000 over last year's total.

Many radical changes are proposed in the measure, including reorganization of the weather bureau and preparation by the secretary of agriculture of a plan for reorganizing and systematizing the department work.

Provision for attention to cost of living problems is made in several items. For investigating the preparation for market, handling, grading, packing, freezing, drying, storing and transporting of poultry and eggs a \$50,000 appropriation would be made.

### National Capital Brevities.

Application for admission into the federal reserve banking system has been made by 7107 banks representing 40 states.

Hearing on new law to regulate grazing on non-arable lands will be held at Washington March 3.

The bill amending the reclamation act permitting settlers 20 years instead of 10 in which to pay for water, was reported favorably by the senate irrigation committee.

Delegates from every state and province of North America are in attendance at the annual convention of the supreme council, Knights of Pythias, at Washington. The delegates were welcomed by President Wilson and praised by Secretary of State Bryan.

### MISS ALICE PAUL



Miss Alice Paul, head of the Suffragists' Congressional Union, which is trying to secure action by Congress.

### Brief News of the Week

The Order of Railroad Station Agents voted to send organizers throughout the country to increase the membership.

Wages of 5000 trainmen of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, aggregating about \$100,000, were increased by the board of arbitration at Chicago.

New York state paid \$245,000 for conducting the impeachment proceedings against ex-Governor Sulzer. Of this sum \$100,000 went to attorneys in the case.

The New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad has decided, beginning March 1, to discontinue the sale of liquor on its trains throughout the entire system.

Holding that the petition for the license election was invalid the supreme court of South Dakota has made a ruling that closes the saloons of Yankton. Six saloons are affected by the decision.

Creditors of the Mercantile bank of Memphis, Tenn., will receive 50 cents on a dollar, despite the shortage of \$1,091,750, according to the report of the state superintendent of banks.

The district court at Denver rendered a decision adjudging the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph company to be an outlaw, with no legal right to use the streets of the city. The ruling was rendered on quo warranto proceedings.

Revenue officers seized the books of the Western Fuel company at San Francisco in connection with the new charge that the concern has defrauded the government out of \$200,000 in customs drawbacks secured by false affidavits concerning weights of coal importations.

One Mexican was wounded, two were taken prisoners and 15 shots were exchanged in a night brush between American troops and Mexicans, on the border line. It was suspected that the Mexicans were about to rush the barracks to seize arms and ammunition.

### People in the News

Monroe Ward, aged nine, of Spinnerstown, Pa., died as result of a small worm getting in his ear and destroying the boy's optic nerve. Total blindness occurred before the boy died.

Prince William, of Wied, entered the ranks of European sovereigns when he formally accepted the throne of Albania, tendered to him by Essad Pasha, at the head of a deputation of Albanian notables.

Women of Butte have been warned in an opinion rendered by County Attorney McCafferty to the commissioners, that their plan to serve tea to women entering the court house to register will be a violation of the corrupt practices act.

President J. M. Hannaford, of the Northern Pacific, announced that his company would expend between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 for betterments, equipment, safety devices and the carrying out of the construction work already under way.

That Carl R. Gray has not tendered his resignation from the official board of the Great Northern is the statement made by Louis W. Hill. It was reported some time ago that Gray was to resign to return to the presidency of the Boston & Maine railroad.

According to the decision of Justice Cobalan of the supreme court of New York, garnisheeing of salaries of those back in their alimony may be permitted. Heretofore it has been the rule to confine the delinquents in the Ludlow street jail until the amounts have been removed.

The American ambassador to a foreign country is above the law of his home state, according to a ruling of the appellate court, which refused to compel James W. Gerard, ambassador to Germany, to return from his post to decide an appeal in a case which came before him while he was a justice of the supreme court.

## REBELS SAY BRITON HAD FULL HEARING

### Declare Benton Was Executed for Armed Violence Against General Villa.

El Paso, Tex.—The record of the alleged court-martial of William S. Benton, made public at Juarez late, asserts that the Scotchman was present, that he was represented by a rebel of floor as attorney, and was permitted to testify, and that the session was public.

He was executed for attempted armed violence against General Villa, declares the record, and was found guilty of giving aid and comfort to the enemy by giving them cattle and forage and by giving them information.

Benton's friends on this side of the Rio Grande received the report with sneers. They pointed to their knowledge of many years that he guarded against possible serious results of his high spirit and temper by never carrying a pistol. The statements that Benton was allowed to testify and that the proceedings were public carried no conviction to the men who assert that their friend was deliberately murdered.

"The accused," says the report, "was arraigned and having been advised to name someone to defend him, Captain Mariano Tamez was designated for this purpose and was warned to defend Benton loyally."

Washington.—It is understood a complete report on the execution at Juarez of William S. Benton, the British subject, is awaited before the view of this government toward the incident is made known.

On the truth or falsity of Villa's statement that Benton tried to kill him will depend the view which the British and United States governments will take.

### HOLD UP INTERURBAN TRAIN

Three Masked Men Take \$350 on Seattle-Tacoma Train.

Seattle.—Overpowered by the revolvers carried by the bandits, 60 passengers and the train crew on the south bound Seattle-Tacoma interurban local train, leaving Seattle at 9:05 and due in Tacoma at 10:45, were held up and robbed of an aggregate of \$400 by three highwaymen Saturday night at South Side station, 20 minutes out from Seattle.

The bandits forced Norris King, a boy of Kent, to carry a hat through the smoker, obtaining \$200 from the male occupants. One of the bandits handled the rear car, getting \$100 from the men and women passengers. The remainder of the \$400 was obtained from the trainmen.

## CALIFORNIA STORM WORST IN HISTORY

Los Angeles.—With a loss of probably more than \$4,500,000 and a total of seven human lives since Wednesday, Southern California is recovering from the effects of the worst storm in its history.

Swept by wind and rain for three days, most of the territory between the Tehachapi mountains and the Mexican line was flooded.

More than 100 homes were destroyed in Los Angeles alone by the torrents that rushed through the Los Angeles river and the Arroyo-Secco.

According to an estimate made by A. C. Hansven, assistant city engineer, Los Angeles was damaged to the extent of at least \$1,500,000. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars represented the damage to city streets alone. The remainder represented losses sustained by railroads and by citizens who lost their homes, which were swept away by the floods, with all their household effects.

### TO INVESTIGATE COVE, ORE.

Governor's Fair Aide to Investigate Saloon in Another East Oregon Town. Salem, Or.—Miss Fern Hobbs, Governor West's private secretary, who virtually declared martial law in Copperfield and told the saloon owners they would have to give up their bars or resign city offices, is on another mission of like character. The Governor's aide slipped out of the capital city Sunday night en route to Cove to investigate charges of illegal conduct of a saloon there.

The governor says Cove was voted "dry" at the election last November, but that the county court declined to declare the result of the election, and the one saloon of the place is running full blast.

### Another Eastern Blizzard.

Chicago.—Heavy snow again fall over Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakotas. In Missouri, portions of Kansas and Oklahoma the storm was marked by sleet that crippled transportation and wire service.

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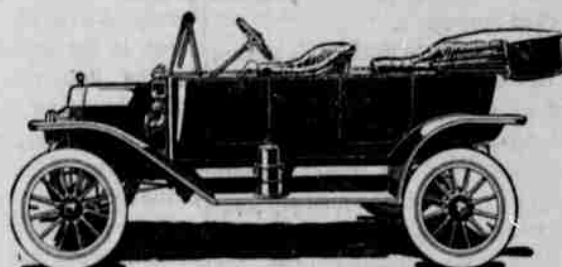
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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Or. January 26th, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Manford D. Nye of Roberts, Oregon, who, on March 21st, 1910, made Desert Land Entry No. 06272, for ne1 sec section 7, township 18 south, range 18 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Desert Land Proof to establish claim to the land above described before Timothy E. J. Duffy, U. S. Commissioner, at Prineville, Oregon, on the 6th day of March, 1914.  
Claimant names as witnesses: Austin Kiser, Owen Fischer, Carl Fischer, Clarence Ferguson, all of Roberts, Oregon.  
H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.