MR. TAFT VOICES PLANS FOR PEACE

Enforcement When War Ends Is Aim.

COURT OF NATIONS URGED

Humorous Reference Made to Western "Freak" Laws.

JOINT BARS ARE PRESENT

After Brief Address of Welcome Ex-President Explains Recently Established League, Winning Indorsement of Hearers.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME.

9:20 A. M.-Prosecuting attorneys meet, Tyrolean room, Benson Hotel. 18 A. M.-General sessions of

joint bar associations, Library Hall, Central Library.

12 M .- Noon adjournment. 2 P. M.-Session resumed in

Library Hall. 7:36 P. M .-- Steamer Joseph Kellogg leaves foot of Washington street for Waverly Country Club, where a lawn fete and special entertainment has been arranged. 3:10 P. M .- Steamer leaves on second trip to Waverly Club.

To make peace between nations com pulsory by making war impracticable as well as dishenorable is the plan of the League to Enforce Peace as explained by ex-President Taft before the int session of the Washington and Oregon Bar Associations at the Heilig

Theater yesterday,
As this plea for world peace was made before a body of lawyers, it was presented in much the same fashion that an attorney conducts his argu-ment of a case before a court.

Ex-President Taft's court was made up of all the delegates to the bar convention, their families and an audience of tay people that filled the big theater building to capacity.

Plan Wins Fayor,

His case was built up step by step; it was supported by argument upon to return with them because segument, and backed up by precedent ing goar had been damaged. after precedent so that when he concluded, his hearers, without mental or spoken reservation, almost unanimousred the plan of the league,

First-To establish following the close of the present war in Europe, at international court composed of all the jurisdiction to hear and decide all questions capable of judicial solution. cond-To refer all non-judicial

questions to a court of conciliation, which should have power to hear evidence, investigate the causes of difference, mediate between the parties and make recommendations for a settle- high

Third-If any member of the agree-ment attack any other member without previous submission of the questions at turne to the international court, all the other members not a party to the disute must come to the defense of the nation attacked.

Pourth-An international congress should meet from time to time to agree pon principles of international law not praviously established and to extend the principles of international law by mutual agreement.

"This," explained Mr. Taft, "is the plan of the League to Enforce Peace. Mr. Tuft Is President.

We have had numerous resolutions in the past year and have heard a lot of eloquence on peace. Now aft that all right, but it doesn't get us very

The purpose of this league is to prevent the probability of war, and to suggest to the congress of the people OREGON FOLIAGE PLEASES of all nations that some measures such

as these be put into practice." Mr. Taft-through modesty, perhaps did not mention that he has been chasen president of the League to En force Peace. He explained, however, the way in which the organization came to be formed, how a company of representative citizens met in Indepen ence Hall in Philadelphia a few months ago and how they developed the plan

that he presented. Present War's End Awaited.

Me made it emphatic that the league does not propose to mingle in the present war, but ventured the cheerful prediction that as soon as the war is over, the people of all Europe will gladly seize upon a plan such as this very much surprised and impressed. or any other that will guarantee that remittee will not be destroyed, and that will relieve the wives, mothers. sisters and daughters of the frightfu agony that is born of the knowledge the worst element of the human spirit is made most prominent'

He made it plain that the League to Enforce Peace does not pretend to act with authority or with any official sanction from any country, but smiled maintains its constitution-given right lay grounded on the Dunish island of of free thought and free speech and Saithoim, will be unreserved apology, promised that as affairs of the nations according to information received by progress it will exercise its "right to the exchange Telegraph Company's

The great audience was attentive Fourteen British sailors are (Castluded on Page 7, Column L.) have been killed in the attack.

HOLD BELGIUM IS NOW GERMAN PLAN

MILLIONS BEING SPENT ON VAST PORTIFICATIONS.

Work on Namur Forts Believed to Be Indicative of Kaiser's Stand on Future of Kingdom.

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COPENHAGEN, July 26.-Germany as expended in less than eight months more than \$3,000,000 on the strength ening of the fortifications of Namur

The statement is of the first importance because it indicates how extengive must be any movement on the part of the allies which has for its purpose the ousting of the Germans from Helgium. This huge outlay on the fortifications guarding only one of the sev-eral Belgian cities occupied by the German army may also afford some ndication regarding Germany's attitude when questions shall arise concerning Belgium's future.

one of the premier fortifiations of Belgium. It commands the Sambre and it was a keypoint in the important system of defenses designed

In addition to the work they have done on the fortresses, the German military authorities have established bureaus in Namur for the assistance of the Belgian peasants in farming The duty of one of these bureaus in to supply horses to the peasants, The inhabitants of the town proper

seem prosperous and reasonably con-

RASH MOTORIST IS KILLED

Youth Persists in Driving Damaged Car; Brother Escapes.

WOODLAND, Cal., Aug. 22,-Refusing o heed the warnings of his friends. Howard Hughson, 19, attempted to drive his automobile with a broken steering gear over steep mountain grades yesterday and was killed when the machine plunged off the road. His neck was broken. Carroll Hughson, his brother, escaped with miner in-

Miss Flora Reich and Miss Hester Cobb, both of Woodland, who went to a picnic with the brothers, had refused to return with them because the steer-

LOG AIR LINE RECORD MADE

Timber Carried in One Day's Run Amounts to 155,000 Fect.

KLAMATH PALLS, Or., Aug. 22. (Special.)-A record run of 155,000 feet of timber was made last Wednesday over the Algoma Lumber Company's constructed over the lift recently ountain north of its plant a few miles, according to Manager Grant. The lift is double-tracked, 2800 feet in length and extends over a mountain 800 feet

The mill is now cutting 3,500,000 feet of lumber each month and is employing nearly 200 men.

PESTS BOOM EGG OUTPUT

Old-Timer Predicts Record Because of Grasshopper Food Delicacy.

BAKER, Or., Aug. 23.- (Special.)-Grasshoppers, a peat in the John Day country for years, this season have beme a blessing.

Ira G. Boyce, an oldtime merchant at John Day, says eggs are more plentiful than in years because of the abundance of this delicacy chickens to feed on, and that the August record of production will beat any in its history. The grasshoppers are more numerous than ever at this

E. T. Mische Tells of Park Superintendents' Convention.

A thoroughly successful convention was that of the American Association of Park Superintendents, held in San Prancisco last week, according to E. T. Mische, of Portland, who returned yesterday, after having been elected the

sanciation's president. Many members present were highly leased with what they saw when passing through Oregon. Some of the greatest men in their line in the cotry did not realize the variety of folinge we have in Oregon. They were

GERMANY TO APOLOGIZE

Attack on British Submarine in Neutral Waters to Be Admitted.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Germany's seply to Denmark's protest against the firing on the British submarine E-13 by said the organization merely German torpedo-boat while the E-13

correspondent in Copenhagen. Fourteen British sailors are

JAPAN DETERMINES TO GIVE RUSSIA AID

More Concerted Action Against Enemies Set.

Tragic Position of Russia Brings About New Move.

GUNS AND SHELLS BIG NEED

Japanese Government Even Strips Large Coast Guns From Own Fortifications; Ships Them to Vladivostok.

for the protection of the kingdom by the patriotic and faraseing General Brialmont.

Owing to the unwillingness of the government to make adequate appropriations this system, which was to have comprehended enormous defenses in Antwerp on the north, Liege on the east, and Namur on the south, was only partially worked out. Enough was done at Namur, however, to make the town capable of a superb resistance if properly commanded. It was not so commanded when the Germans captured it.

TOKIO, Aug. 22.—Premier Okuma to-day in the statement of the state

The Premier said Japan plans to send delegates to the peace conferen though it is not expected to extend her

Recognition Japan's Alm.

Japan's supremacy in the Orient," he The Associated Press learns that

Japan has decided to employ all available governmental and private resources for increasing the output of munitions for the ailies, particularly

The Japanese government believes the time has arrived for more con-certed action against the enemies of Japan and her allies.

Russia's Position Difficult. The position of Russia in regard to

The Russians as a people are not and ammunition were manned and di- their vacation in military training. the war began. The dispossession of advocated by Dr. J. H. Finley, State MISSOURI FLOOD IS RECEDING rected largely by Germans at the time such as is being conducted here, was Russia, which occurred in the early ment tonight: period of the war, left the nation unprepared to operate effectively even bodied male population conscripted for the limited number of establishments their vacation time, not for military at her disposal.

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from New York. Page 12.

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BERLIN EXPRESSES REGRET Pay Offered for Danish Steamer

Sunk by Mistake. LONDON, Aug. 23 - A dispatch to

"The German government has expressed regret for the torpedoing and sinking in the North Sea on May 26 of sinking in the North Sea on May 25 of rescuing a number of families from the the Danish steamer Betty, and an-roofs of houses, whither they had gone

steamer. "It is said by Germany that the sub"It is said by Germany that the sub"All means of communication with marine commander failed to see the mark denoting Danish nationality on the town, save the telephone wires, has the steamer and assumed from the been destroyed, and it was feared to-route the vessel was taking that it night that even before morning the was going to join the British fleet as telephone wire would be gone. an auxiliary cruiser."

Take Military Course.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Aug. 23.-/ plan to have all able-bodied men spend night, was expected to begin falling

preparedness, necessary as that may Russia obtained a considerable be for the time, but for physical com Genly for some time in the Spring. The gether on problems of democracy," Dr. (Concluded on Page 2, Column L)

Newport, Ark., In court and airerted attention from the gravdated; Live results court sinking of the United Star line steamship Arabic by a factor of the Grave of the Gra

RESCUE BOATS WITHDRAW

Flood the Most Disastrous in Community's History.

White River Continues to Rise and great naval base of Riga was a con-Populace in Desperate Straits. Passenger Trains Stalled. Wire Alone Holds.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 23 .- Five housand people in the town of Newport, Ark., tonight are marconed by the flood waters of White River.

According to a telephone message re selved here, the populace is in desperate straits. Eight persons are reported to have lost their lives.

The town is inundated to a depth ranging from 5 to 12 feet and most of the population has sought refuge in the upper floors of the hotels and the

All Levees Give Way.

Because of recent heavy rains, the river rose to such an extent that all the levees protecting the town gave way early today, letting loose one of Reuter's Telegram Company from the most disastrous floods in the his-

tory of the community. Two steamboats continued making trips up and down the river in the vicinity of Newport and succeeded nounced its willingness to pay for the to escape the flood. Finally the flood became too great, and the boats had

Passenger Trains Stalled.

Several passenger trains are stalled at Newport. With food and water supplies almost xhausted and with many refugees in the town from other points along the

river, the situation was one which authorities here considered grave. The river, although rising slowly to tomorrow morning.

Shortage of Water Great, ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23.-The receding of the flood of the Meramec River today tleship Wyoming, together with Secre-failed to substantiate reports to the tary of the Navy Daniels. As the fleet amount of supplies from Japan by railroad, but this course was cut off sudthat we might the better meet topersons were drowned Sunday when
stroyers will launch a torpedo, the the river rose to the highest mark course of which is to be arranged so

Monday's War Moves

THE German naval reverses in the the German success in occupying the nav battle off the German naval base brugge yesterday furnished in from features which tempor

Aside from the loss of the Germa ships, the naval engagement is regard ed chiefly important for the strategi effect on the land operations in the German sweep eastward toward Petrograd, which military observers now consider as having been checked and possibly irreparably defeated.

The German center has pressed forward steadily until Prince Leopold of Bavaria is near the Russian new line of defense, but the military observers say that the entire campaign hinged on the vast enveloping movement of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces SITUATION IS MOST GRAVE in the north. They had succeeded in pushing far beyond Riga, to Jacob stadt, on the Dvina; but the Russians hold on the Gulf of Riga and of the tinual menace in Von Hindenburg's

This, the military observers say, led to the shifting of a number of German capital ships, including the Moltke, from the North Sea to the Baltic with the purpose of controlling Riga and thus protecting the German land advance on Fetrograd. The result of the naval battle as gleaned from the offi- officials tonight made public an ancial report appears definitely to have defeated the German objective.

The capture by the Germans of the fortress of Ossowetz gives them another stronghold, only Grodno and Brest-Litovsk remaining in the central section.

Only meager details have been received concerning the British bombardment of the German naval base at Zeebrugge and neighboring points on the Belgian coast. Berlin reports that 40 British ships are engaged in it. The Paris official communication announces the sinking of a German tor-pedo boat destroyer off Ostend by two

French torpedo boats.

In the West there have been no otable changes in the battle line.

August 24, 1914. Russians reported victorious in im portant six-day battle in Eastern Prussia.

Japan formally declares war on Gernany. Serbians report victory over Aus Industries in the United States

breatened by famine in chemicals.

Ostend frightened over prospective

OFFICIALS TO SEE TORPEDO Battleships and Destroyers to Go Through Battle Maneuvers.

BOSTON, Aug. 23,-An unusual exserience awaits the Governors and former state executives who are to attend the annual sessions of the conference of Governors of the United States, which opens tomorrow. They Thousands Made Homeless and the torpedo attack in connection with a

> Boston light next Wednesday. The Governors are to board the batthat the Governors may watch it from chief objects was to create a basis for before it reaches its mark.

PORTLAND LOSES MINISTER

Rev. Charles T. Hurd Called to Pastorate of Klamath Church.

ing, it was voted unanimously to call the Federal reserve banks at a much to this pastorate Rev. Charles T. Hurd, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church first Sunday in September.

At present there is but one regular loans at low pastor located in this city and he peculiar situation. presides over the Grace Methodist Episopal Church. The Baptist and Christian Church ministers have removed within the last month.

90 TAKE MILITARY COURSE

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 23. - Ninety

business and professional men, including one minister and a half dozen cap-

italists, reported for the camp of in

of Colonel R. H. Wilson, Fourteenth Infantry, United States Army, at Cosgrove, American Lake, today, They will spend three weeks re-ceiving military instruction from Regu

MOTHER OF 13 IS BURNED

Mrs. J. R. Wyant Dies in Flames When Clothing Catches Fire.

SUMPTER, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special.)— Mrs. J. R. Wyant, 75, and mother of 13 children, died today from injuries received when her clothing was caught n the flames while she was at work

FEDERAL CASH TO PROTECT COTTON

CONTRABAND ORDER IS CAUSE

Secretary of Treasury Says Credit Basis Is Object.

ADVANTAGEOUS SALE AIM

Deposits May Be Made in National and State Banks in Reserve System, With Interest From Producer Limited to 6 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 .- Treasury nouncement by Secretary McAdoo, that in view of the action of the allies in putting cotton on the contraband list, he would, if it became necessary, de-posit \$30,000,000 or more in gold in the Federal Reserve Banks at Atlanta, Dallas and Richmond for the purpose of enabling the reserve banks to re-dis-count loans on cotton secured by warehouse receipts, made by National banks and state banks belonging to the Fed-

eral reserve system.

The gold would be deposited temper rarily, at least, without interest charge.

National Banks May Get Cash.

It was explained that if it appeared that the object could be accomplished with greater efficiency thereby the deposits would be made directly with National banks agreeing to lend the oney on cotton at a rate not to ex

ceed six per cent Secretary McAdoo authorized the anpuncement from his Summer home at North Haven, Maine. It came at the close of a day's speculation in official circles as to the nature of the steps which the entente powers have indicated they will take to uphold the cotton market in

the face of their contraband order. Interest Charges Deferred.

"The exercise of discretion given to him by law," read the treasury statement.

"Secretary McAdoo said that the Gova ernment would for the time being charge no interest on these deposits in Federal reserve banks; that such action is justified by the unusual situation respecting cotton caused by the European war; that he considers it his duty to use every available means in his power to help the cotton producer of the South in the circumstances; that it is a matter of economic importance are to be the objects of a supposed to the entire nation that those who torpedo attack in connection with a have produced the cotton crop shall have produced the cotton crop shall review of the North Atlantic fleet off have a fair opportunity to dispose of it gradually and in orderly manner so that they may not be forced, through inability to market their cotton gradually, to sell it at sacrifice prices.

Object In Explained. The secretary said that one of his

its start until its power is exhausted such enlarged credit in the South that In the the banks will have ample resources to meantime, battleships and destroyers extend to producers such accommoda-will go through a series of battle tions that they will be able to carry cotton in warehouses for a reasonable length of time until it can be marketed advantageously. In order to accomplish this, he said

that the National and state banks which are members of the Federal reserve system should make loans on warehouse receipts for insured cotton at KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 22 .- low rates of interest; that the banks Special)—At a congregational meet-ng held by the First Presbyterian ducers at 6 per cent, especially if they Church of this city last Sunday even- are able to re-discount cotton paper at of Portland. Mr. Hurd is now assistant credit resources of the banks of the country are greater than ever before there. He has just advised the church in history, and that there is no reaofficials here that he will be ready to son why the banks should not, in coofficials here that he will be ready to operation with the merchants of the take up his duties here beginning the operation with the merchants of the take up his duties here beginning the operation with the merchants of the take up his duties here beginning the operation with the merchants of the take up his duties here beginning the operation with the merchants of the take up his duties here beginning the operation with the merchants of the

Rate in Board's Hands.

The Federal Reserve Board, the Secretary said, had a right to determine the rate of interest which the Federal reserve banks can charge member banks on notes or loans secured by insured and warehoused cotton re-discounted with Federal reserve banks. He Minister and Capitalists Are in Camp has been unable to consult his colleagues of the Federal board on acount of his absence from Washington. but feels confident of their co-operation in every reasonable way.

NOTE MAY UNDERGO CHANGE New Contraband Order Gives For-

mer Claims New Status. WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.-The new American note to England on interlar Army officers in a camp like that at Plattsburg, N. Y. ference with neutral trade probably will be redrafted because of the British

order making cotton contraband.

The note, which had been virtually completed, now will be altered and probably will treat at length the question of the validity, under international

law, of Great Britain's latest action. While there is no intention to abandon the claims for payment for cotton seized prior to the British order, those cases now have a different status, and a complete record of this phase of the dispute can be prepared and presented. Cases under the contraband order must over her kitchen stove.

All but two of the children are living. Mrs. Wyant had been a resident of Sumpter for many years.

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AMMUNITION TO BE RUSHED

munitions. Count Okuma emphasizes the imprac-ticability and impossibility of dispatching troops to Europe, but points out that the great advance in the capacity of the Japanese to manufacture munitions will prove of great help to the

sphere of influence to Europe. "Japan wants Europe to recognize

of unusual difficulty. given to industrial pursuits, and their manufacturing plants utilized for, or adaptable to the production of guns

URGE VACATION CONSCRIPT obtaining war supplies has been one Physician Would Have All Able Men

"I should like to see the entire able-

SOME SPLASH!

