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Portland, Monday, March 24, 1919.

LAWLESS PROTECTION OF SLACKERS.

One of the most serious things in regard to the conduct of the war which congress will be called on to investigate will be the flagrant violations of law by Secretary of War Baker in his treatment of fake conscientious objectors.

THE GOVERNOR'S TERM.

There was not a long tenure of office at stake in the Chadwick case cited by Attorney-General Brown as sustaining his opinion that Mr. Olcott will serve out the remainder of Governor Withycombe's term.

PLANTING ROADSIDE TREES.

The example of a Minnesota village, which is planting rows of apple trees along its roadides instead of the more conventional Lombardy poplars, Norway spruces, box elders and white elms, is worthy of imitation by every American community.

WHY THE COVENANT SHOULD BE AMENDED.

A communication published in another column commenting on an article in which The Oregonian discussed the league of nations opens the way for the following observations: Although there seem to be no sound reasons why a nation should be free to withdraw at will from the league, there may be good reasons why a nation should reserve the right to withdraw after due notice.

A PICTURESQUE WAR ENDED.

There is a moral, perhaps, in the tale of St. Clair county, Missouri, which agreed the other day to compromise a debt which for nearly half a century had tried to repudiate. It is an interesting story in any event. The county had been made the victim during the railroad boom which followed the civil war of swindling speculators who obtained a subsidy of \$100,000 for a railroad which was never completed.

THE CRISIS ON THE ADRIATIC.

A serious crisis in the peace negotiations has come, and it rears its head from a dispute between the allies and the enemy but from a dispute between two of the allied nations. Italy insists firmly on its claim to the port of Fiume and the province of Dalmatia and threatens to withdraw from the conference if it is not conceded.

War Not Permanently Denied Mails—Editor Gets to France.

The Oregonian February 2, 1919, contained a dispatch from Washington stating that "The Nation was denied the privileges of the mails because of some alleged seditious utterances by a midwestern editor."

Falling Will Case.

DAYTON, Wash., March 22.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform us if the falling will contest has been decided, and if so, what was the decision?

Ant Hill Has 63,000 Ants.

An ant hill two feet in height contains about 63,000 ants, according to the observations and counting, extending over two years, carried out by a well-known naturalist.

peace conference bind nobody; the league can be bound only by the terms of the covenant.

Although the peace commissioners appointed by President McKinley at the end of the Spanish war were not confirmed by the senate, his procedure was a marked contrast to that of President Wilson. Congress had adjourned on July 8, 1898, and did not meet again till December 5. The protocol with Spain was signed August 12 and required that the peace delegates meet in Paris not later than October 1, hence the delegates could have been confirmed only by hastily calling an extra session of the senate.

McKinley appointed five delegates, of whom three were senators, and, we believe, members of the committee on foreign relations—namely, W. P. Frye, Cushman K. Davis and George Gray, the last named being a democrat and Frye being president pro tem. of the senate.

The Oregonian deprecates all partisan heat in discussing the league of nations. It is a subject which touches above all parties for it concerns the future life of this nation and the future peace of the world.

GO AHEAD: PRICES WILL NOT FALL.

Many new buildings are wanted all over the country, but those who would build are waiting for prices to fall. Stocks are low in many stores, but merchants buy from hand to mouth. They wait for prices to fall. That is the reason for the stagnation in business.

There are reasons peculiar to the Pacific northwest for going ahead. The forests of Europe are generally destroyed, lumber is in urgent demand and we can supply it. The food and wool-growing animals of Europe have been killed by millions.

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Recall how, eight years ago, everybody in the United States was talking about the Jewish problem. It was a great time for Portland. Now she will go to the end of the road with the Shriners.

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Louise Bryant should not be permitted to speak at the Jewish conference in the middle of the ocean on the way back to Russia. If she loves bolshevism so much, let her go to the land where it grows, fertilized with blood.

Brownsville maintained its health during the war with but one practitioner, an osteopath at that, but now with five all the aches and ailments will have their linings.

Handy little oligarchy we are living under, according to the deposed Mackay. Yet orders are orders, even coming from Burlington.

It is the irony of fate that the mint of the south this season promises to be the biggest in all history.

"Red" Rupert is where you find him.

Those Who Come and Go.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Davis of New Haven, Conn., have arrived in Portland for several days, midway upon a tour of the coast states. Though they leave this morning for Salt Lake, according to the desk clerk at the Multnomah, they have promised to return within the next month or so.

Phil Metchan will celebrate his 79th birthday anniversary today and Phil Jr. will register about 43 on the same day. Mr. Metchan has four daughters and five sons, and his wife, Mrs. Metchan, has two daughters and one son.

The green links of Weverley Country club first to three New York book salesmen who travel in trio and who always manage to "make" Portland. They are beginning to twitter. They are Harry F. Hull, George V. Seiffert and Harry V. Patterson, now registered at the Multnomah.

Colonel E. Hofer of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hofer, and the children of the latter, are registered at the Hotel Portland, being here for a week end.

Mr. E. M. Coffman, wife of a prominent real estate operator of Chehalis, is at the Seward, accompanied by Miss Marian Coffman and Mrs. H. A. Campbell.

H. S. Gile, the man who put the juice of loganberries on the table of the nation, is at the Seward from Salem, where he plans to stay.

State Senator Walter B. Jones of Eugene is in the city. Mr. Jones served as a representative in the 1917 session of the legislature.

Perry Kitzmiller of the salmon hatchery at Bonneville, came to town for the week end yesterday and was at the Imperial.

Mrs. Silas Christoffersen, widow of the late Silas Christoffersen, arrived at the Seward yesterday to attend a wedding.

Randall S. Pratt, representing the Pacific Motor Boat, a Seattle publication, is at the Perkins on a business trip to Portland.

Frank K. Lovell, for more than 30 years employed in the office of secretary of state, was at the Imperial yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Preble of Pendleton are in town for the week-end and are registered at the Multnomah.

Gale S. Hill, an attorney of Albany, was in town yesterday looking after highway matters.

Dr. Ralph Matson and wife registered at the Seward on their return from Camp Lewis.

Mrs. M. Mahon of Bridal Veil was at the Oregon yesterday while in town shopping.

J. H. Dunlop, lumberman from Littell, Wash., is registered at the Hotel Portland.

Attorney-General George M. Brown is at the Seward, accompanied by Mrs. Brown.

D. R. Grove, a mining man from Mill City, Mont., is at the Perkins for a few days.

William Hartson and William Leigh, mining men of New Plymouth, Idaho, are at the Perkins.

Howard Layton, timberman of Bridal Veil, is a new arrival at the Perkins.

NO NEED TO CHANGE COVENANT.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 21.—(To the Editor.)—In an editorial Wednesday The Oregonian gives the New York World's summary of arguments advanced by those who oppose the league of nations. According to the World the objections are:

The Oregonian then asks those who support the league through "thick and thin" for a candid statement of what they would do if the league were to be adopted. Mr. Wilson should not accept clause 1 and clause 2 of the senators' plan.

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In Other Days.

Washington, March 24, 1904. From Morning Oregonian, March 24, 1904. Washington.—Secretary of the Treasury Boutwell announced his purpose to use the treasury surplus for the purchase of government bonds to be canceled.

Boston.—A loan firm has received an order from China for 600 pairs of boots and shoes. This is probably the first order of the kind ever received by an American house.

Alexandria, Egypt.—The waters have been successfully admitted from Bitter Lake to the Suez canal.

There are now in port the steamers Oriflamme, Goulet, Tzar and Geo. S. Wright; the bark, Helet, Tiger and Falconberg, and schooner Alaska.

Cyrus A. Dolph was admitted to the bar in the United States district court yesterday, Judge Deady presiding.

LAWS CANNOT MAKE MEN EQUAL.

Government Can Do no More Than Give Men Equal Opportunities.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 22.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian's recent editorial, "How to Fight Socialism," more nearly states essential subjects which we must keep in mind and understand, if democracy is to survive, than anything I have seen elsewhere.

Socialism is as much German propaganda as Prussianism and much more dangerous—for us. Any scheme that fails to take into account individual selfishness is worse than folly.

Selfishness is the first law of nature and self-preservation is the first duty of man. The foremost desire of every human being is to better his own condition. Ignorant selfishness leads one man to deny another, but intelligent selfishness teaches us that our own best interest demands that everybody shall prosper; for when the individuals prosper the community prospers.

Of course, it is not possible to claim that our government is perfect. There is some cause for the spread of unrest and discontent, if the body politic were entirely healthy the germs of such diseases as bolshevism, I. W. W. and socialism would not find lodgment in it.

You say "Revolt is born of ideas which spread like wildfire." The conditions and boundaries and lodge in the minds of men who feel a sense of wrong, whether real or imagined. It is indeed true that the spread of such diseases as bolshevism, I. W. W. and socialism would not find lodgment in it.

Force without intelligent direction is destructive. Force intelligent and directed is productive. It is the director that gives control of the product in the first instance and divides it much as he pleases. It should be the duty of the director to see that his fair share is being distributed.

But, above all and worst of all and more dangerous to all is that made-called Germany, that mad and hypocritical doctrine called socialism, which would destroy the individual and make all equal by making all mere ciphers.

AUSTIN S. HAMMOND

No Error Made.

RAYMOND, Wash., March 22.—(To the Editor.)—(1) For some years I have derived much pleasure from your liberal education from your editorial page that I have come to consider information there furnished as not subject to challenge for correctness. It comes as a distinct shock, therefore, to find within the week what appear to be two errors. Answering a correspondent's inquiry as to the "pronounced bol-she-vee-ke" is "pronounced bol-she-vee-ke, accent on third syllable." Webster's new international dictionary, 1918, gives the pronunciation as "bol-she-vee-ke," first and fourth syllables accented, with emphasis on the fourth, and short sound of "sh."

Your pronouncement on an authority you consider superior to Webster's, and, if so, what is it?

(2) An Associated Press dispatch carried in Sunday papers March 8, reporting a meeting held in Chicago mentioned "Howard Elliott, president of the National Association of Editors." Editorial, March 15, The Morning Oregonian referred to Mr. Elliott in same capacity. Several years ago Mr. Elliott left the editorship of the Oregonian for the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway, being succeeded in the presidency of the former road by J. F. Hannaford. Has Mr. Elliott recently returned to the Northern Pacific?

STEADY READER.

(1) The pronunciation given was based on the authority of the editor of the New Standard dictionary, and general acceptance thereof.

(2) Howard Elliott returned to the Northern Pacific as chairman of the executive committee which acquired the additional title and office of president of that system.

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