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REVISED COVENANT IS PROMISED SOON

COAL PRICE DISPUTE LAID TO GOVERNMENT

CO-OPERATION HELD NEED IN MAKING SETTLEMENT.

Monroe Doctrine Is Not Touched in Draft.

ISSUE NEXT WEEK EXPECTED

Japanese Proposal for Recognition Not Included.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE CARRIES

Policy Regarding Withdrawal From League Settled by Amendment Giving Two Years' Notice.

PARIS, March 27.—(By the Associated Press).—Containing neither any reference to the Monroe doctrine nor to the Japanese proposal for recognition of the racial equality of nations, the revised covenant of the league of nations today is in the hands of the special drafting committee.

The draft was completed Wednesday night at a sitting of the full commission and the covenant is expected to be ready in completed form early next week. The two amendments around which has centered the greatest interest and much divergence of opinion, however, may be offered either in the council of ten or in the plenary peace conference, to which the covenant must go for final action.

Woman Suffrage Recognized.

Among other amendments adopted Wednesday was one directly recognizing the principle of woman suffrage in that it provides that the offices of the league are open to women as well as to men.

The much-discussed question as to the policy regarding withdrawal from membership in the league of nations was settled by an amendment permitting withdrawal on two years' notice, but not until such nation has fulfilled its international obligations. Article X of the covenant, to which the Monroe doctrine amendment would apply, stands in its original form, President Wilson having reserved for the present the amendment which had been prepared as expressing the views of the American delegation. It is now explained that it was not the exact text, but only the general form of the amendment, which was given to the press and that hence criticism must be withheld for the present.

Careful Soundings Taken.

Careful soundings are being taken to ascertain the reception that is likely to be given this amendment by other delegations. If unfriendly sentiment develops on the passing of other and obnoxious amendments it is threatened as a consequence of insistence upon the Monroe doctrine, it is said, the amendment may be altogether withheld.

It has been learned that thus far the result of three inquiries has not been wholly encouraging to the advocates of the amendment, but that they will be continued until the attitude of all the delegations is ascertained.

Since the first mention of the desire of the Japanese to secure an amendment recognizing equality before the law for all nationals of the league of nations states in other countries the Japanese delegates have not pressed their amendment before the commission itself. They have, however, been canvassing the delegations with various forms of such an amendment, endeavoring to find out the feeling toward it.

Japanese Meet Obstacles.

They ran squarely on one reef today when Premier Hughes of Australia declared without qualification, that the Australian delegation would not support or stand in favor of any amendment of any kind, whatever containing the Japanese desire.

An important amendment adopted last night provides for the creation of a committee on organization of the league, which is to be empowered to proceed with arrangements for the assembly, securing the necessary buildings and perfecting the secretarial forces all in advance of the ratification of the treaty. But the acts of this committee will be subject to the approval of the ratifying body.

The purpose is to speed up the beginning of the workings of the great league to meet the critical issues that now are arising throughout the world.

Another amendment gathers into one section all of the separate conventions which are to be incorporated into the covenant, such as those relating to labor, commerce and finance.

Covenant Greatly Clarified.

Provision is to be made for similar treatment of other conventions on other subjects, such as white slavery and the opium traffic, which are likely hereafter to be inserted in the covenant.

The language of the mandatory article has been changed so as to make it clear that no nation shall be obliged to act as a mandatory.

Generally the language of the whole covenant has been clarified, particularly article I, to meet the charge of Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, New York, of ungrammatical language and the words "high contracting parties" appear now only in that one article.

President Wilson today issued the following statement:

"In view of the very surprising impression which seems to exist in some quarters that it is the discussions of the

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HUN PLOT AGAINST AUSTRIA IS BARED

CO-OPERATION HELD NEED IN MAKING SETTLEMENT.

National Association Refuses to Resume Conferences Pending Administration Aid.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Charging the railroad administration with "unfair practices" in the purchase of coal, the National Coal association, in a statement tonight, said the coal operators would be unable to agree with the department of commerce's industrial board on price adjustments without the co-operation of the administration.

Bituminous coal operators of the country, through the National Coal association, announced today that they would not resume conferences with the industrial board of the department of commerce with a view to readjusting coal prices until the "co-operation and support of the railroad administration and other government departments buying coal had been secured." Whenever the board could assure such co-operation, the coal men said, they would be willing to continue the conferences which began yesterday.

The operators, who represent approximately three-fourths of the country's bituminous production, after conferring today with the board, adopted a resolution setting forth their attitude and issued a statement charging the railroad administration with adoption of "unfair practices which would drive the price of railroad fuel below the cost of production."

The operators made clear to the board their readiness to resume the consideration of the question of prices whenever the co-operation and support of the railroad administration and other government departments, buying coal, had been secured.

Emphatic denial of the charge of the coal association against the railroad administration was made in a statement issued tonight by Henry R. Creel, director of the administration's division of purchases, in the absence of Director-General Hines, who is making a tour of inspection through the southern and middle western states.

The statement said the administration has been in constant touch with officials of the National Coal association in order to insure that instructions issued to railroad purchasing departments in regard to coal purchases were carried out.

STICKERS GET BLUE CARD

Men Active in Recent Walkout Discharged by Mills.

PASSAIC, N. J., March 27.—Five woolen mills announced today they had discharged all their workers who resumed the recently settled strike by walking out yesterday and today. These numbered between 10,000 and 12,000 men and women. They had returned to work Tuesday after having been on strike seven weeks.

The mill-owners further announced they would re-open their mills next Tuesday and re-hire any of the discharged strikers who wished to come back at the owners' terms. These are forty-eight hours work a week with the same pay as has been given for 56 hours; no recognition of the union or shop committees.

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AMERICAN IDEALS UPHELD

Publishers of Foreign Language Newspapers Organize.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Publishers of foreign language newspapers in the United States, excluding those printed in the German tongue, formed here today an organization whose principal object, the founders stated, was "the fostering of unswerving loyalty to American ideals and institutions" among readers of this class of newspapers. It was decided that no German language publications would be accepted for membership "until peace is declared or the association may determine that they may be admitted."

Headquarters will be in this city and annual meetings will be held simultaneously with those of the American Newspaper Publishers' association.

ICE FLOES STOP STEAMER

Transoceanic Trip of British Aviators May Be Delayed.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., March 27.—The steamer Digby, which is bound here with Harry G. Hawker and Lieutenant Commander Mackenzie Grieve, British aviators, and the airplane which they will use in an attempt to fly across the Atlantic, was stopped 120 miles off this port today by ice floes. If the steamer is obliged to proceed to Halifax the detour would delay considerably the plane for the flight, which has been tentatively set for April 12.

Hawker and Grieve will make their attempt in a specially-constructed Sopwith two-seater biplane, the fuselage of which is boat-shaped and designed to support the machine in the water if necessary.

GUARANTEED PROFIT ASKED

Senator Favors Return of Railways to Private Ownership.

DES MOINES, March 27.—In an address before a joint session of the Iowa legislature today, Senator Albert B. Cummins gave detailed explanation of his opinion that the railroads of the nation should be returned to private ownership, but held "under strict government control."

Senator Cummins declared the railway lines should be consolidated into not more than 18 systems and that the return upon the capital invested in railways should be guaranteed by the government.

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PACIFIC COAST MEN FAIL ON AGREEMENT

SHIPBUILDERS AND UNION DELEGATES DEADLOCKED.

Atlantic and Gulf Owners and Labor Representatives Open Conference in Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Pacific coast shipbuilders and delegates of the metal trades unions failed again today to reach any decision on a proposal that union men should be given preference in employment under the new working agreement now being formulated. While the Pacific coast men were in conference, Atlantic and Gulf shipyards owners and metal trades delegates opened a conference also with the view of adopting a new agreement.

Among the Pacific coast men a deadlock apparently has been reached. Neither men nor employers indicated a willingness to recede or compromise, according to the conference. The east coast men made fair progress, however, establishing a board of employers and officers of the international unions to serve as a conciliatory body to act on disputes. Discussion of working conditions proposed to be included in the agreement followed, without any final action being taken.

President O'Connell of the metal trades department of the American Federation of Labor tonight said he expected that final action would be taken on the Pacific coast agreement tomorrow, but would venture a prediction as to whether an agreement would be reached at the conference adjourn without drawing up any agreement.

ARMY RATION IS INCREASED

Americans to Get Corn, String Beans, Pumpkins and Squash.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—American soldiers, already regarded as the best fed fighting men in the world, are to be furnished with an even more diversified menu. Announcement was made today that upon the recommendation of Major-General Rogers, quartermaster-general, Secretary Baker had authorized the issuing as a part of the army ration after April 1 canned corn, peas, string beans, pumpkins and squash. Heretofore such things have been bought as extras out of the company mess funds. The canned tomato portion of the ration also will be increased. Candy and tobacco recently were added to the rations issued to the soldiers overseas.

FARMER SLEEPS 16 DAYS

Twin Falls Man Believed Victim of Sleeping Sickness.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, March 27.—Announcement of what is believed to be a case of sleeping sickness was made by a local hospital today, where physicians said a male patient had been asleep for 16 days.

The man, a farmer of this section, was discovered by neighbors asleep in his chair, it was declared, after lack of customary activity about his house for three or four days had caused them to make an investigation. Physicians of the hospital staff believe he has a chance for recovery.

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A DIFFICULT SITUATION TO MAKE SPEED.



BIG ROAD-BUILDING PROJECTS SETTLED

SHIPBUILDERS AND UNION DELEGATES DEADLOCKED.

State and Forestry Officials Reach Agreement.

WORK TO START AT ONCE

Mount Hood Loop Route to Be Finished in Two Years.

EXPENSE WILL BE SHARED

Numerous Other Highway Projects Agreed On and Contracts Are Let for Considerable Work.

Work will start on the Mount Hood loop as quickly as possible and the project will be completed in two years within the forest reserve. This was one of the various matters determined yesterday at a conference between the state highway commission and Dr. L. L. Hewes and George H. Cecil representing the federal government. There are 37.2 miles within the forest and the road will be 16 feet wide, of dirt, and cost \$514,000. This cost will be divided equally between the government and the state.

Practically all of the projects agreed on yesterday had been tentatively settled a year ago by the commission and government officials, but since then estimates have had to be revised and the costs have increased from 50 to 100 per cent in many instances. Now the government has its money available and is anxious that road work start, and these forest projects will be under way within a few months. There are many post road projects under consideration which will be taken up in April.

Many Projects Arranged.

As a result of the agreement yesterday, the following 100 projects, on the co-operative basis, were settled: Mackenzie Pass, 53.8 miles, costing \$355,000. Of this sum Lane county is to pay \$15,000, and Deschutes county \$10,000, with the state and government each contributing \$177,000. Immediate construction of 15 miles of grading will be done this year.

Medford-Klamath Falls (Anna creek section), 3.5 miles, grading, to cost \$10,000. Bids will be opened in April.

Medford - Klamath Falls (Jackson county), on the Crater Lake road, 22 miles of grading to be done from Prospect to the boundary of the national forest, where the road will connect with the road in the park to the lake. The job is estimated at \$237,000, with Jackson county to pay \$2360 and the state and forestry department \$121.

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DRAGON-FLY SYMBOL USED BY BOLSHEVIKI

SIGN OF REDS FLAUNTED AT HEADQUARTERS IN SEATTLE.

King-Street Building Employed as School for Teaching Anarchistic Beliefs, It Is Alleged.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 27.—In a store room at 1041 King street, on a window of which is painted in bold design a dragon fly, Russian men, women and children have been going for several months to an alleged bolshevik school founded by Paul Melnikoff, under arrest at San Francisco in connection with the recent Oakland, Calif., outrage. Further alleged activities of Melnikoff, who has kept track of his movements here to be head of the Russian bolshevik movement in the Pacific northwest, were disclosed today.

The dragon fly, government agents say, is the symbol of the bolsheviki. Why it should be chosen, they are as yet uncertain. An investigation along this line is being carefully conducted. At the school, founded to spread revolutionary propaganda, according to the government agents, arithmetic, history, civil government and languages were taught. Melnikoff himself was a leading instructor formerly. Only the Russian language is used and no session of school, it is said, has been had without a government agent present. There are said to be some 4000 Russians, or persons of Russian descent, living in Seattle and vicinity.

Melnikoff, it is declared, organized here the Russian workingmen's council in August last. Later, it is believed, he went to British Columbia to begin the spread of bolshevik propaganda there. Here the government's investigation is as yet uncompleted.

JUBILEE MAY 1 INDORSED

Governors of 12 States Favor Franco-American Celebration.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Governors of 12 states—Arizona, Colorado, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oregon, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming—have thus far endorsed the plan for a nation-wide Franco-American celebration May 1 by the school children of the United States "to establish a foundation of friendship between the growing generations of the two republics," it was announced today by the American committee for devastated France.

Messages, it was said, were expected from the governors of every state and territory.

HUN PLANES TO BEAR FOOD

Big Bombers to Be Used by French to Carry Three Tons of Parcels.

PARIS, March 27.—(French wireless)—German bombing airplanes of the Friederichshafen type, which were rendered under a clause of the armistice, will be used by the department of civilian aviation in transporting food-stuffs between Paris and Bordeaux. The airplanes will be equipped to carry three tons of parcels and bundles.

Before the end of this week the department plans to have in operation an aerial post between Paris and Valenciennes by way of Maubeuge.

MORE CREDIT GIVEN FRANCE

Total Loans for All Allies Now Reaches Sum of \$9,036,269,000.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—France was given a credit of \$190,000,000 by the treasury today and Greece was given \$3,584,000 additional.

This made total credits to France \$2,617,477,000; to Greece, \$12,412,000, and a total for all allies of \$9,036,269,000.

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The Weather.

YESTERDAY—Maximum temperature, 36 degrees; minimum, 14 degrees.

TODAY—Rain; gentle southeasterly winds.

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German chancellor says object in rumors of radical peace conditions. Page 2.