

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON RESERVES COMMENT

Time Desired in Which to Inspect Peace Terms.

MUCH INTEREST MANIFEST

Note Taken of How League Is Interwoven in Treaty, so Senate Must Act on Them as a Whole.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—All official Washington was reserving its comment on the peace treaty tonight while carefully scanning the published official summary of its terms.

In congress, where the treaty must run the gauntlet of the senate's ratification, both sides are expected to oppose it and those who are expected to support it were holding back statements while they studied its provisions. Some statements were promised for tomorrow.

Expressions from the executive departments were obviously lacking, since the president and the secretary are in Paris, from where it was assumed they would make any statement on behalf of that branch of the government.

Treaty Provisions Not Surprising.
One expression heard generally in government circles, however, was that the official summary justified the great majority of the press dispatches from Paris for the last five months.

There were few surprises, and these related rather to the method by which some of the objects of the treaty have been approached rather than the objects themselves.

As a monumental production of diplomacy, the treaty takes a place in the state department archives, not only for its great length, but for its tremendous scope and the complete fashion in which the great variety of subjects is treated.

Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, retiring chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, said he would make no statement tonight regarding the treaty, as he had been unable to study it.

At the home of Senator Lodge, who will be chairman of the new senate committee of the treaty, this announcement was made: "Senator Lodge has nothing to say relative to the treaty. He wants to see the full text before he comments on it."

Senator Borah of Idaho, one of the leading opponents of the league of nations plan, said that he would make no statement until he had opportunity to study the text.

Comment also was withheld by others.

League Woven into Treaty.
One point in the treaty of particular interest to senators, officials and diplomats, was the manner in which the various provisions of the treaty proper were interwoven with the league of nations. This was not surprising, however, in view of statements heretofore made that the two subjects were so combined it would be necessary for the senate to act upon them as a whole.

Another condition to which attention was directed concerned the taking effect of the treaty, involving the termination of a state of war. This is made effective for each signatory power on the date of its ratification and it was said that the first power to ratify, if the treaty is accepted by Germany, might be in position to reap a substantial advantage in a commercial and economic way, as resumption of full business and other relations with Germany would follow immediately.

Another point that attracted attention was the apparent radical change of the character of the league of nations as originally conceived, which must follow the placing upon that body of responsibility for the execution of some of the most important features of the peace treaty, including the administration, through a commissioner, of the Saar valley and the task of seeing that Danzig is maintained as international city.

Danzig's Case Unique.
The situation of Danzig hereafter will be absolutely unique in modern history, as there is now no such thing known as a "free city," probably the nearest precedent being found in the case of Venice before the Italian federation.

In some quarters attention was called to the fact that in ceding Shantung to Japan no reference was made to its ultimate return to China by Japan, but it was said that this was covered by a "gentleman's agreement" recorded in Paris.

Recognition by Germany of the British protectorate over Egypt, being a part of the peace treaty, was regarded here as carrying with it similar recognition of British rights by all of the allied and associated powers, including America, and as settling at once the individualistic aspirations of the Egyptians.

The treaty is regarded by some of the officials and diplomats as affording an explanation of what appeared to be a rather precipitate ratification by the council of five in Paris of the measure for the League of Nations. The official summary discloses that the league must begin to function almost immediately after the signing of the treaty in order to discharge the urgent tasks imposed upon it by the terms of that document.

WILLIAMS APPEAL IS UP

Hearing of Educator's Case May Be Resumed Next Monday.

Continuation of the trial of E. Francis Williams, former instructor at the Benson Polytechnic school, who, after bringing an unsuccessful suit against Principal Cleveland of that school, was dismissed from service and is now trying to be reinstated by the school court of appeals, may commence Monday evening.

Both of Mr. Williams' attorneys, W. S. U'ren and Coy Burnett, have withdrawn from the case and Mr. Williams has announced that he will represent himself at the continuation of the trial. The trial has been delayed at the request of Mr. Burnett, who had planned for the school district, will file today an appeal with Judge Corliss, asking that the date for its continuation be next Monday.

OREGON ROAD WORK HUE

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however, several bids were rejected and the jobs will be readvertised because the commission considered them too high.

John Day Highway Goes to Nyssa.
Decision as to where the John Day highway shall reach the Idaho line after leaving Vale, as provided in the law, was determined. The commission concluded that the John Day highway should go to Nyssa, through a fertile

Irrigated district in Malheur county. This will enable traffic to cross the Snake river at the Nyssa bridge and proceed through an intensely irrigated section to Boise, Idaho. Some people in Ontario had expected the John Day highway terminal to be in that city.

As a matter of policy, the highway commissioners agreed that a 16-foot road is the best to build. A 12-foot road has been constructed through the Siskiyou county and the contract for paving this was awarded to Oskar Huber. The contractor pointed out to the commission that when completed the 12-foot highway will not accommodate the traffic and be forced to lay additional width at a reduction of his original figure.

Sixteen-Foot Pavement Favored.

Commissioners Benson and Thompson declared themselves as favoring nothing less than a 16-foot road whenever possible, and while Commissioner Booth agreed that a 16-foot pavement is best, he doubted whether there would be enough funds available to pave the Pacific highway if all of it was built that wide. State Highway Engineer Nunn was instructed to submit statistics on funds distributed and available at the next meeting, and, if the commission can see its way clear, a 16-foot pavement will be ordered.

There is another strip of 12-foot pavement on the highway in southern Oregon and possibly some of it can be widened. Information was received by the highway commission that it will receive a large amount of the equipment of the American expeditionary force in France. This equipment consists of tractors, motor trucks and steam shovels, and all the equipment which is required in road work down to red lanterns. Oregon's share will be the same percentage that it received from the forest money. Nothing definite was received, however, as to when this material will be sent here.

Co-operation in Curry County.

In return for the forest department building ten miles in Coos county, south of Reedsport, the highway commission agreed to build ten miles in Curry county, south of Port Orford. This will be co-operation with road bond money to be raised in Curry county. The commission also agreed to build Coos county \$20,000 for a year, to be used on the state road between Marshfield and Eagle Point. Coos county offered to pay interest, an offer which other counties have not made.

To expedite work for the current year, the commission agreed to hold a special session May 27. At that time bids will be received for paving the 22 miles between Cascade locks and Hood River, and 14 miles between Clatskanie and Rainier. Three jobs in Douglas county, not awarded yesterday, will be readvertised for the special meeting, and bids will be asked for macadamizing nine miles south of Monmouth.

Tunnel to Be Built at Rowena.
The Columbia river highway is now paved from Portland to the locks. At the present meeting the commission may determine on the route between The Dalles and Mosier. Part of the route will run along the old railroad grade, but at Rowena there is a wall of rock which will have to be tunneled.

The contractor now working between Hood River and Mosier has a double crew and is working 18 hours a day. The Dalles-Mosier section, being rock, is a winter job. The Arlington-Morrow section will be readvertised with a view of winter work.

A government representative informed the commission that the government would like to work on three miles of the Tillier trail-Drew section this summer, and the necessary papers may arrive from Washington in time for the June meeting.

New Contracts Awarded.
Contracts awarded yesterday were: Benton county—Grading and macadamizing 2.23 miles from Monroe to Lane county line. Awarded to Benton county, \$33,080.

Douglas county—Grading and macadamizing 1.5 miles from Douglas to Astoria. Awarded to Douglas county, \$13,480.

Douglas county—Grading and macadamizing 1.2 miles from Douglas to Astoria. Awarded to Douglas county, \$26,363.

Johnson county—Grading and macadamizing 1.4 miles from Johnson to Green Springs. Awarded to Johnson county, \$24,920.

Jackson county—Green Springs to Ashland, 2.53 miles, grading and paving. Awarded to Jackson county, \$15,320.

Jackson county—Gold Hill to Josephine county line, 12.2 miles, grading and paving. Awarded to Jackson county, \$27,420.

Schell & Calvert, \$27,420.

Lane county—Eugene to Goshen, paving 4.9 miles. Guy Fyle, \$97,892.

Lane county—Hillsboro to City to Benton county line, 5.5 miles, grading and macadamizing. Awarded to Lane county, \$48,700.

Washington county—Hillsboro-Forrest Grove section, paving 4.3 miles. Warren Construction company, \$48,700.

Union county—Old Oregon trail, Island Creek to Grande-Hot Lake section, six miles paving. Warren Construction company, \$131,182.

Bids Too High Rejected.
Bids for grading from Arlington to the Morrow county line were rejected as excessive. Bids for grading and macadam for eight miles from Jacques place to Johns place, Douglas county, were referred to the state engineer and bids for paving from Roseburg to Winchester, eight miles, were rejected as excessive. The lowest bid for grading Sexton mountain section in Josephine county was referred to the engineer for future action.

STORE BOY'S PLAYGROUND
Six-Year-Old Tell Story of Neglect in Juvenile Court.

"Where had you been all day?" "Oh, my mamma sent me into Meier & Frank's store to play."

"Does she often let you play?" "Yes, I play there quite a lot."

This was the conversation between an officer of the juvenile court yesterday and 6-year-old Melvin Dennis, who, after using a downtown department store as a playground, had gone to a moving picture show, fallen asleep and spent the night there unnoticed.

He wore a ragged and dirty overall suit and declared he had no shoes to wear on his brown feet even on Sunday.

From all evidence the lad had not gone to school at all, and the juvenile authorities decided to take the matter up with the boy's mother, who lives in two rooms at 281 East Morrison street with five children.

NEW MAYOR INAUGURATED

Shake-Up in Police Department of Boise Is First Move.

BOISE, Idaho, May 7.—(Special.)—Boise has inaugurated its new mayor, Ernest G. Engelson, and three councilmen recently elected, E. M. Hoover, Barney Aveline and Edward Smith.

One of the first moves was to shake up the police department. Charles Van Dorn, police captain, Gene Johnson, captain of police and two patrolmen resigned. Charles Irwin was appointed to succeed Captain Van Dorn. Returning soldiers are being named as patrolmen.

May 10 Boise is to vote on a \$135,000 bond issue to provide funds for the purchase of property approaching the state capitol building, for a civic center on a big scale.

Captain Wettengell to Go to O. A. C.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 7.—Captain Everett B. Wettengell, field artillery, transferred to an acting quartermaster while at Corvallis.

Anarchists to Be Deported.
BUENOS AIRES, May 6.—Police of this city are rapidly rounding up anarchists, and say 1700 suspects will be deported.

Read The Oregonian Classified Ads.

HISTORY OF TREATY MAKING REVEALED

Peace Conference Begins at Versailles January 18.

LEAGUE PLANS FIRST STEP

Wilson's Implied Threat to Quit Conference and Return Home Creates Big Furor.

The treaty handed to the Germans yesterday at Versailles is the result of the work of the representatives of the allied and associated powers arrayed against Germany who convened officially on January 18. The time between the armistice, November 11, and January 18 was occupied in preparing claims and reports, in the selection of delegates and in their travel to Paris.

The first act of the peace conference at its meeting on January 18 was to elect Georges Clemenceau, premier of France, as chairman. On January 21 the conference adopted the preliminary proposals. The Russian delegation, which had been invited to the Princes Islands to discuss the Russian situation. Nothing ever came of the proposal. Three days later the conference ordered fighting over disputed territory to cease.

League Idea Early Adopted.
The plan for a league of nations was conceived in by the conference on January 24 and a committee was appointed to draw up a covenant. Discussion in the supreme council or council of ten then turned to the form of the future government of territory freed from enemy rule and on January 30 the conference accepted the plan of mandates.

On February 14 the league of nations commission reported the covenant it had prepared. An attempt to assassinate Premier Clemenceau occurred on February 15.

On March 26 the council of ten was broken up in two bodies, a council of France and a council of foreign ministers. The council of four was composed of Premiers Orlando, Clemenceau, Lloyd George and President Wilson.

Wilson Creates Furor.
A furor was created on April 7 when President Wilson summoned the transport George Washington to come to Brest at once and it was reported that the president intended to return to the United States.

On April 11 the conference adopted the report of the international labor legislation committee and on April 14 the reparations demands to be made on Germany were announced. On April 16, the Germans were invited to send delegates.

The question of Italy's claims in the Adriatic then came to the front. On April 23 President Wilson issued a statement that France could not belong to Italy. On April 24 Premier Orlando started for Rome. The vanguard of the German delegation reached Versailles on April 25, to be followed on April 29 by the principal delegates.

Revised Covenant Adopted.
The conference on April 28 adopted the revised covenant of the league of nations. Geneva was selected as the seat of the league of nations and Sir Eric Drummond of Great Britain was made first secretary-general.

On April 30 the council of three reached an agreement in question of Shantung, which gave the 28,000 square miles of territory to Japan, who are to turn it over later to the Chinese.

On May 1 the council of three took place on May 1, when credentials were exchanged at Versailles.

On Monday it was announced Premier Orlando and the other Italian delegates were returning to Paris.

HOOD TO ATTEND FESTIVAL
Plans Under Way to Enter Floats in Various Parades.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Indications point to a large Hood River representation at the annual 1919 Victory Rose Festival. Mayor Scoobe has appointed C. N. Ravlin, who had charge of Oregon horticultural exhibits at the San Francisco world's fair, to prepare features for the parade.

E. S. Colby, local electrician, has suggested that the big Packard truck belonging to Rev. W. A. Sunday be secured to carry the float prepared by the Apple Growers' association.

The Commercial club will be asked to participate.

Captain George R. Wilbur, former commander of 12th company, Oregon artillery, has been asked to organize the returned soldiers' float of the Hood River valley, who will march in the Ad club's victory parade.

OPTIMISM SEEN IN WEST
Director-General Hines Has Hope for Enlarged Traffic.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Falling off of freight traffic this year owing to slowing down of war time manufacture is shown by a report just issued by Director-General Hines in connection with his explanation of the government deficit of \$93,000,000 in operation of railroads for the first three months of the year.

"It is impossible on the basis of these three months to predict the results for the year as a whole," said Mr. Hines.

"On the trip in the west which I have just completed, I found the most pronounced optimism on the part of business and agricultural interests generally which gives a reasonable basis for hoping for an enlarged business."

MANUFACTURER TO PAY TAX
Regulations Show Fruit Juices Exempt at Soda Fountains.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Regulations for administration of the 15 per cent tax due on "near beer" and other beverages made of cereals, and the 10 per cent tax on manufacture of soft drinks, provide that the assessment is against the original manufacturer in the case of near beer, even though he sells to another concern who bottles and distributes the product. The tax is on the manufacturer's price, not the retail price.

Untaxed grape juice, ginger ale, root beer, pop, mineral waters, apple juice, loganberry juice and other fruit juices is paid by the manufacturer and these articles are exempt from soda fountain taxes.

CITY TO QUIT SELLING FISH
Council Authorizes Sale of Supply at Auction and Will Close Market.

The city will retire from the fish business. After operating a municipal fish market at 187 Third street for more than a year the city now finds it impracticable to continue in the business. Yesterday the city council, at

the request of City Commissioner Bigelow, authorized sale at public auction of the entire stock of fish on hand, amounting to 21,252 pounds, and the fixtures, counters and other appliances used in the market.

According to Commissioner Bigelow, the entire venture of the city in the fish business has been a failure from a financial standpoint. Although the market has shown a slight margin of profit, the operation of the municipal fish boat was carried on at a heavy loss and it is probable that the city will lose in the neighborhood of \$2000.

The reason given for the immediate sale is the impossibility of the city to make satisfactory arrangements for the operation of the public fish market owing to increased rent and decreased space at the present location.

It is understood there are several prospective buyers and that the municipal fish market will continue operation under private management.

DR. VARNET ACCEPTS CALL
CORVALLIS BAPTIST CHURCH WILL HAVE NEW PASTOR.

Professor of Philosophy at McMinnville College to Return to Pulpit at Close of College Year.

CORVALLIS, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—George R. Varnet, D. D., who within the year has been called three times to become pastor of the local Baptist church, formally accepted the call Sunday to begin his work at the close of the college year at McMinnville.

Dr. Varnet is no stranger to the northwest or to Oregon, having come from Cincinnati in 1898 to accept the pastorate of the Grace Baptist church, in Bellingham, Wash. BAKER CITY, Or., Wash. His church there was on the point of building one of the finest structures in the northwest, when he was called to the superintendency of missions in Oregon.

Since then he has filled pulpits at Bellingham, Wash. BAKER CITY, Or., Caldwell, Idaho, Phoenix, Ariz., from which he was called to fill the chair of philosophy and public speaking at McMinnville.

Dr. Varnet holds an enviable reputation as a scholar and speaker, having won first place in two state oratorical contests—South Dakota and New York—and having graduated from college with Phi Kappa honors.

His court and a council of foreign ministers, entitled him to the degree of B. D. The honorary degree of D. D. was granted to him six months ago for signal service in the northwest. He has a novel published and several short stories. He has written extensively for the papers and magazines.

117TH TRAIN IS LAUDED
Commanding Officer Sends Letter of Praise to Governor Olcott.

SALEM, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—The record of the 117th sanitary train is marked by its steady efficiency. This, together with its devotion to duty, its courage of its personnel, its perseverance and its devotion to duty, has caused it to be generally respected and praised. Though their duty has been to take care of the fighters and not to fight, their faithfulness to this duty has led them into dangers as great as those experienced by any arm of the service.

This tribute to their commanding officer is given in the letter of the 117th sanitary train in a letter received today by Governor Olcott.

Many Oregon men belonged to this unit. They are now en route to the home state, after having served with the army of occupation after the close of the war. The armistice was signed they served at Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and in the Argonne.

OFFICER TOP ON RANGE
Edward Bittel Leads 1261 Marksmen in Overseas Shoot.

LE MANS, France, May 7.—Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Bittel, of the 4th division led the 1261 marksmen in the 11th annual of the American expeditionary force at the close of the second day of the rifle preliminary range.

Colonel Bittel captured the preliminary with a score of 270 out of a possible 300. His total score was tied with Sergeant Joseph W. Logue, 11th marines, but the sergeant took second place under the rule governing the competitor, who gives the highest rating of hits on rapid fire.

At the close of the shooting yesterday a special election was held in the regimental averages and the second division in the divisional averages.

HOTEL FUND DRIVE ASKED
Wisdom of Granting Permit by Council Doubtful.

A request for a permit to stage a drive, beginning May 12, to raise \$100,000 for the purchase of the Virginia hotel, presented to the city council by Rev. W. A. Sunday, yesterday was referred to Mayor Baker for investigation and report.

Members of the council doubted the wisdom of stage a campaign so shortly after the conclusion of the victory loan drive, and City Engineer stated that he even doubted the wisdom of granting a permit, as so doing would set a precedent which would allow any organization to demand the same rights.

COAST HIGHWAY INDORSED
Florence Commercial Club to Support State Bond Issue.

FLORENCE, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Florence Commercial club here recently resolutions were adopted endorsing the proposed Roosevelt highway, bonds for which will come before the voters of the state at a special election to be held June 2.

It is the belief of the Florence Commercial body that construction of the proposed road will increase the value of property along the route of the highway \$1,000,000, besides inviting new people in search of homes.

Copies of the resolutions are being sent to all commercial bodies in Oregon.

LABOR SITUATION BETTER
Reports to Washington Show 1130 Unemployed in Portland.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 7.—The marked improvement in the labor situation in the Pacific coast, according to the report of the Oregonian news bureau, for the entire country today, Los Angeles reports 7500 unemployed, a reduction of 1000 over last week; San Francisco, 3500; Oakland, 100; Seattle, 2000, and Portland 1130.

A shortage of labor is indicated in the farming industry of Oregon and California.

Oregon Troops Returning.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 7.—One officer and 27



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men of the 126th machine gun battalion were placed end on end they would make a road 15 miles long, and if they were piled one on the other, they would reach into the air a height of 13 times that of the Pacific telephone building, near the Benson hotel. The printing, which was done in Portland, required six weeks' time.

Guia percha was introduced to the civilized world by a Scotch surgeon.

LA GRANDE FETES TROOPS
Members of 316th Sanitary Train Ride Over Valley in Autos.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—Sunset in the Grand Ronde valley was tonight by the 316th sanitary train as the troop train arrived at supper time. About 100 automobiles were hastily summoned by the Ad club of this city, and when the train stopped the tired heroes were placed in autos and taken for a trip about the valley. On return the men received canteen refreshments and then boarded the train for Portland.

The O. W. band greeted the soldiers, Major Colbert in command of the other officers are Major Moore and Lieutenant Cooper, in command of the 16th supply train of 180 men and four hundred and eighty are attached to the sanitary train.

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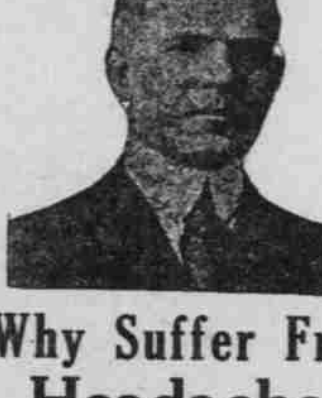
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