

PRESIDENT TALKS WITH REPUBLICANS

Disputed Points in Peace Treaty Clarified.

THREE TAKEN INTO CONFIDENCE

Mr. Wilson Places Shantung Question in New Light.

SENATE ASKS FOR FACTS

Information Sought on Suspected Intimidation of Chinese Delegates by Japanese.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—How the Versailles conference reached many of the agreements embodied in the treaty of peace was described by President Wilson today to three republican senators invited to the White House at the head of a long list of republican members whom he purposes to take into his confidence.

Afterward one of his callers, Senator Colt of Rhode Island, said Mr. Wilson had been able to place the Shantung settlement in a new light and had clarified other disputed points in the treaty. Senator McCumber of North Dakota and Senator Nelson of Minnesota, the others who saw the president, were reticent as to the subjects discussed, but said the president had given them much interesting information.

Senator Colt, who announced his general approval of the league of nations in a senate speech delivered shortly before he went to the White House, indicated after the conference his doubt over certain portions of the league covenant had not been removed. He said he was not ready to express an opinion regarding Shantung and intimated the president might make a public statement soon.

Wilson Against Changes. Senator McCumber is the only republican member of the foreign relations committee who has favored the league, and it is understood Mr. Wilson talked over with him committee action on the treaty and the general situation on the republican side of the senate. Senator Nelson never has made a public declaration for or against the treaty. To all of his callers the president is said to have reiterated his opposition to reservations of any character in senate ratification of the treaty.

The president tomorrow will continue his talks with senators inclined to be friendly toward the league provisions, although it is expected that later he will seek a conference with virtually every republican senator, including those who have most bitterly opposed ratification. Senators Kellogg, Minnesota, and Kenyon of Iowa, both of whom have kept open minds on the treaty, have been invited to call on the president tomorrow morning, and Senator McNary of Oregon, a league supporter, and Senator Capper, Kansas, who has taken no definite stand, in the afternoon.

Senate Debates Shantung. The position of the foreign relations committee with regard to meeting the president as a body was explained in a statement tonight by Chairman Lodge, who said no congressional committee "has any right or should have any right to undertake to discuss the treaty, and that Mr. Wilson had not asked to appear.

While the president was beginning his White House conference, the senate debated Shantung and the league and adopted without a record vote a resolution by Senator Dixon of Michigan, Idaho, asking for information relative to the Shantung negotiations. Specifically, the measure, which was not debated, asks the president for any information as to whether the Chinese delegates were intimidated by the Japanese and requests a copy of a letter said to have been written on behalf of General Bliss, Secretary Lansing and Henry White, protesting against the Shantung settlement.

Senator Colt, one of those who saw the president during the afternoon, announced in a speech in the senate his conviction that the United States must enter the league to fulfill its present obligations to the world and Senator Sherman, republican, Illinois, made an attack on the league and the Shantung provision.

League Called "Confidence Game."

Senator Sherman characterized the league as "the colossal confidence game of the ages," and said the president and his followers were living in "a psychological millennium."

By a resolution introduced by Senator Spencer, republican, of Missouri, and referred to committee, the senate would declare its "deep regret" at the disposition of Shantung.

Before the senate met, the foreign relations committee held another session to consider the treaty, but devoted its time to reading the text.

Senator Colt said that the nation "must at least see the great undertaking upon which we have embarked in entering the war through to the end, which can be done by our becoming a member of the league."

BELA KUN OUSTED; BUDAPEST UNEASY

RETURNING TROOPS FLOCK TO CITY CAUSING DISORDER.

Commander Boehm, of Army, and Lander Reported in Control of Communist Government.

PARIS, July 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Bela Kun, head of the Hungarian communist government, has been ousted, according to dispatches from reliable sources in Vienna received by the peace conference.

Troops returning from the Czech front were reported entering Budapest in large numbers. Budapest was in disorder. Herr Boehm and Lander have taken over control of the communist government.

Bela Kun was reported in a Budapest dispatch Wednesday to have broken off with nearly all the socialist leaders. Officers of the soviet army were said to be deserting at every opportunity. The communist leader was quoted as having said he was tired of trying to ride socialist and communist horses at the same time.

Herr Boehm, commander of the Hungarian armies, was reported in prison in a dispatch from Vienna Wednesday, which also stated Bela Kun was seeking some excuse to leave Hungary and that he would not return.

Bela Kun assumed the post of minister of foreign affairs in the Hungarian soviet government which succeeded the republican government set up by Count Karolyi. He took office in March, 1919, and immediately got in touch with the heads of the Russian soviet government.

The council of five at Paris July 5 reached the conclusion, it was stated, that it was impossible to make peace with Bela Kun's government. Consequently it was considered necessary to maintain the blockade.

Recent events in Budapest have presaged trouble. An attack was made on the soviet headquarters by three mortars in the Danube, aided by land forces, July 2. As a result, 49 youths from the Budapest military academy and three officers were hanged.

BUILDING TIEUP IS FACED

Chicago Strike to Make 100,000 Idle If Not Ended Today.

CHICAGO, July 17.—Unless the 20,000 carpenters, architectural iron workers, lathers and bridge and structural iron workers who are at present on a strike return to work tomorrow and agree to observe the provisions of their wage contracts with employers, building operations in Chicago will be halted indefinitely and more than 100,000 men will be idle.

This was declared upon today by the executive committee of the Building Construction Employers' association of Chicago. Officials of the association declare that their industry has been seriously interfered with for several months because of the frequent strikes of various unions and that recently the situation became intolerable.

MAIL BRIDE DISSATISFIED

Mrs. Downer Halfery, Won by Letter, Now Asks for Divorce.

SALEM, Or., July 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Axie Halfery, whose marriage to Downer Halfery was arranged through a correspondence paper, has filed suit in the circuit court here for divorce. Besides a decree Mrs. Halfery seeks an undivided one-third interest in the real property owned by her husband, \$1500 alimony and \$500 suit money.

LABOR TO ASK NEW RULE

Six-Day Week and \$18 Minimum Wage for Women Is Desired.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 17.—That organized labor of Washington will demand, at the next meeting of the state industrial welfare commission, reinstatement of the six-day week for women was the declaration today of W. J. Coates, president of the Spokane central labor council. The commission's definition of a six-day week was declared invalid in a decision rendered in superior court here yesterday.

2 IN RESCUE CHAIN DROWN

Mother and Chum of Girl Step Into Hole in River.

MISSOULA, Mont., July 17.—After having formed a living chain in an effort to rescue Edith McKay, Mrs. George McKay, the mother, and Jeanette Adams, a chum of the girl, were drowned in the Clarks Fork river near Alberton, Mont., last night.

ENFORCEMENT BILL GETS SHARP TEETH

Prohibitionists Gain All Points in Measure.

HOME MANUFACTURE IS HIT

Trial by Jury for Violation Act Also Denied.

"WETS" LEAD FOR MOMENT

All-Day Battle Ends When Members Go Home at Night, Saying No Call for Haste.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Prohibition forces voted down in the house today every attempt to eliminate drastic provisions of the general enforcement bill, and while in full and absolute control shut off debate at the word of their leader, despite the violent protest of the minority.

When they faced through the warded enforcement portion of the three-part bill and got into the constitutional prohibition measure proper, there were only 68 members on the floor and so much confusion that a speaker could not make himself heard. It was 7 o'clock tonight when the long rollcall to obtain a quorum was started, and members then had gone home, after declaring there was no good reason for trying to force through a bill to take care of a situation that would not arise until January.

9 OF 125,000 HAVE FEVER

Better Methods Responsible for Health Record at Lewis.

TACOMA, Wash., July 17.—During the existence of Camp Lewis only nine cases of typhoid fever developed in 125,000 men, according to a report of Lieutenant-Colonel H. H. Sharpe, medical corps, made public today. The officer contrasts this record with the 20,728 cases, resulting in 1530 deaths, among 107,973 soldiers in the Spanish-American war.

Personal and public hygiene, advanced sanitation and inoculation are declared to be responsible for the record at Camp Lewis.

STERLING FALLS TO 4.26

Late Rally Marks Quotations on Exchange of Sovereign.

NEW YORK, July 17.—The exchange rate on the British sovereign, after falling today to a new low level of 4.26, rallied vigorously before the close of the market, when demand bills were quoted at 4.32, a figure still more than 50 points below pre-war quotations.

The depression in European money values was not confined to sterling. French francs falling to 7.30 on demand and declines also being marked in Italian and north European moneys.

SPAN FALLS WITH TRUCK; FIVE HURT

AUTO TURNS TURTLE AND PINS OCCUPANTS IN CREEK.

Rescue Party Has to Dig Injured Out and Two Are Found to Be in Serious Condition.

Five persons were injured at 9 o'clock last night when a light auto truck owned by the W. P. Fuller company crashed through an old bridge country road near Linneman Junction. The truck turned completely over when the bridge gave way, leaving the occupants of the machine beneath it in about four feet of water in Johnson creek.

Those injured were A. C. Weinel, an employee of the W. P. Fuller company; Mrs. Weinel, Clara Weinel, their daughter; Mrs. Joseph Rothenberger and Mrs. M. Dale.

The accident was witnessed by residents of Linneman Junction. A woman summoned George L. Hoffman, who was driving near with his family and he hurried to the wrecked machine and helped to drag the injured persons from the creek. It was necessary for the men to dig several feet into the bed of the creek to effect the rescue.

The injured were carried to nearby homes and physicians were called from Lents and Gresham. Mr. Weinel, who was badly cut about the face and head, and Mrs. Rothenberger were said to be seriously hurt. Physicians found there were no bones broken but it was feared that they might be suffering from internal injuries.

The bridge where the accident occurred is on a private road a short distance from the Powell Valley road. The truck was not heavily loaded and residents of that section could not account for the fact that the bridge crumpled, as it had been subjected to much heavier loads and was not thought to be unsafe.

PHONE CONFERENCE AGAIN DEADLOCKED

Employees Seek Details of Settlement Terms.

SYMPATHY WALKOUT ASKED

Referendum on Return to Exchanges Is Expected.

COMMITTEE TRAVELS EAST

End of Coast Trouble Believed Near at Hand, But Exact Action Not Yet Known.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—Beyond the promise of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company to offer agreements to the operators and to the electrical workers that shall expire on the same date, conference today between employers and striking employees resulted in no recession by either side from the stand taken when negotiations were broken off two weeks ago.

A suggestion from international headquarters of the electrical brotherhood for a referendum vote by the strikers on a proposal to accept the company's offer of increased wages made shortly after the commencement of the strike has not been acted upon by the executive committee here in charge of the strike.

Vote to Take Five Days.

The referendum vote, which ordered, will take about five days, it was said. L. C. Grasser, international vice-president of the brotherhood, declined to state when he would order the strikers to return to work pending the result of any referendum.

Local international officers of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers received telegraphic information of the settlement yesterday, but were given no instructions as to what action they should take, according to L. C. Grasser, international vice-president of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Committee Goes East.

In these advances it was requested that a small committee be sent to Washington to represent the strikers in further conferences with the wire control board and the postmaster-general. This committee immediately was appointed and is composed of J. B. Quinn of Seattle, representative of the strikers of that city, and G. M. Devore of Fresno. They left for Washington this afternoon.

The names of the members of the committee selected to confer with the officials of the telephone company are: E. B. Smith, Oakland; R. E. Swain, Los Angeles; J. Hammill, San Francisco; R. W. Fuller, Seattle; E. Northrup, (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

SECRETARY HOUSTON VISITS GRANTS PASS

AGRICULTURAL OFFICIAL VISITS SCENIC HIGHWAYS.

Trip Made in Automobile From San Francisco; Head of Forestry Department in Party.

GRANTS PASS, Or., July 17.—(Special.)—David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture, accompanied by Mrs. Houston, heading a party of officials from Washington, D. C., and from the forestry departments of Oregon and California, visited Grants Pass today. Among the delegation, were S. H. Graves, head of the forestry department at Washington, D. C.; George H. Cecil of the forestry department at Portland, and Austin B. Fletcher, state highway engineer of California.

Secretary Houston, Mrs. Houston, Mr. Graves and a few others made the trip by automobile from San Francisco to Eureka, Crescent City and thence to Grants Pass. Last night they stopped at Grants Pass, where they were entertained by Mrs. George M. Estery at Walden, where they were entertained. Mr. Houston stated that he was merely on a tour of inspection, being greatly interested in the Pacific highway now under construction.

The state of California has already voted \$400,000 for this scenic highway, and additional funds will probably be available from the government. The secretary and party left for Sacramento this afternoon and will then go to Salt Lake City to attend the cattlemen's convention.

ARMY SHORT OF FLIERS

Plans for Air Defense of Islands May Have to Be Dropped.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Plans for the establishment of four observation squadrons in the Philippines as part of the basic defense of the islands will have to be abandoned, army officials said today, unless some remedy is found for the present situation of the air service. Each of these squadrons requires 41 flying officers and the entire commissioned personnel of the service will number only 221 by September 30.

Other important projects to be abandoned include three squadrons for Hawaii, three squadrons for Panama and two for the border patrol and 49 balloon companies for the United States.

EXPLOSION KILLS SEVERAL

Blast From Ammunition Dump in France Does Great Damage.

PARIS, Wednesday, July 16.—A number of persons were killed or injured this afternoon when a large munitions dump was blown up at Lebourgget, seven miles northeast of Paris. Several buildings were destroyed by concussion, and sheds on the aviation field collapsed and took fire, causing injury to a number of soldiers and civilian employees.

TRICK FLIER KILLED IN ACT

Sergeant Eates Falls 2000 Feet When Life Belt Breaks.

AMERICUS, Ga., July 17.—Sergeant Barton Gates of Flushing, L. I., was killed today during an aerial circus being held at Southern field. Sergeant Gates was flying upside down at the time and it is believed that his life belt failed to hold him. He fell 2000 feet to the ground, while his machine crashed down nearly a mile distant.

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U. S. SPRUCE PROBE TO BE IN PORTLAND

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ALLEGED STATEMENT DENIED

No Evidence Yet Public, Says Representative Frear.

SEATTLE MAN ANSWERED

Chairman of Graham Subcommittee Says Inquiry Will Go on Whether Timberman Likes It or Not.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 17.—Statements attributed to the Graham sub-committee to the effect that the committee had evidence to convict the spruce production division of gross extravagance and mismanagement were vehemently denied today by Representative Frear of Wisconsin, chairman of the sub-committee of the Graham committee, which is going to the Pacific northwest soon in connection with the aircraft investigation.

"The house unanimously directed that the facts on the aircraft situation be reported," said Representative Frear. "That will be done as far as practicable. No public statement has been made by any member of the committee at any time, to my knowledge, regarding any evidence placed before the committee on the subject it is investigating."

This statement was brought out by a telegram from J. J. Donovan, a lumberman of Seattle, Wash., protesting that statements emanating from the committee indicated that the committee had prejudged the case.

Mr. Donovan gets reply. In a letter to Mr. Donovan Representative Frear wrote: "Affidavits have been given to me, together with information that contains charges to be investigated. I have no objection to my examining them to anyone, because from my experience all testimony has to be examined before acceptance. Neither am I prepared to accept apologies or defense of anyone connected with the air service, until a complete investigation where facts are in controversy."

"I note that you telegraph that you welcome investigation, but not by a committee which prejudices the case and publishes its statements prior to hearings. Whether you welcome investigation or not is immaterial to the committee."

Portland to Be Center. The committee will go to St. Paul late in August for a one-day hearing and then to Seattle, where, after a brief examination of witnesses, the main hearing will be taken up at Portland.

Formal invitation was received from Senator McNary today to confer with the president at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. It is understood that the president desires to discuss the peace treaty with the Oregon senator, explaining some of the controversial points. With the exception of Senator McCumber of North Dakota, Senator McNary is regarded as more friendly to the treaty in its present form than any other republican senator. An invitation also was sent to Senator Jones of Washington.

Major Stanley F. Coar has been ordered to make a tour of inspection of Pacific northwest army posts for the commission on training and equipment. He will visit Vancouver barracks, Fort Stevens, Fort Columbia and Camp Lewis, Wash.

The grain crop in Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho will amount to about 65,000,000 bushels, the railroad administration estimated today in a report on the traffic outlook. Prospects in the fruit districts of the northwest, by the fruit growers' association in the report says, are for more than an average crop.

Nominations of presidential postmasters were sent to the senate today as follows: Oregon, Charles H. Tyler, Yamhill; Charles E. Hodge, Beaverton; Margaret Clark, Canyon City; Henry A. Hall, Hillsboro; Charles A. White, Lakeview; Richard T. Evans, Stanfield; Cora Magoon, Warrenton; Albert C. Sly, Stevenson, and Eliza F. Head, Cathlamet.

A tour of northwest Indian reservations will be made by the house Indian affairs committee within the next few weeks. From six to 12 members of the committee are expected to make the trip, which will take them first into the Pacific northwest and then to Portland by way of California. Oregon reservations will be visited from Portland. Representative Snyder, chairman of the committee, will head the party.

REBBIEN ORDER IS RECORD

377 Miles of Goods Required for Veterans' Medals.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 17.—The largest order for ribbon ever placed, according to Colonel O. W. B. Farr, commanding the army recruiting district of Seattle, has just been placed by the war department. It is for 377 miles of ribbon, 1459 yards of silk one and one-eighth inches wide and of a delicate rainbow design. The ribbon is for the 5,500,000 or 6,000,000 victory medals one of which is to be given every soldier who served in the world war.

