

## TAFT'S PROPOSALS SHOCK DEMOCRATS

### President May Indorse Changes in League.

## CONCILIATORY MOOD OBSERVED

### Reason for Conference With Republicans Assigned.

## PRESENT PACT DISLIKED

### Opposition of 40 Senators Presages Defeat of Mr. Wilson's Plan for Ratification.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 24.—Former President William Howard Taft's letter to William H. Hays, republican national chairman, without a doubt came as a shock to the democratic leaders of the league of nations fight in the senate, although it was said that President Wilson knew for several days that the letter had been written.

In the light of this development, it is believed that President Wilson's conference with republican senators last week were initiated with a view to preparing the minds of the senators for the disclosures as to Mr. Taft's position, which came yesterday. It has been hinted for several days that republican senators who called on the president were surprised to find him in much more of a conciliatory mood than any of his previous public utterances had indicated.

### Wilson May Change Plans.

There is an impression among some senators, that the Taft advocacy of reservations may have the tacit endorsement of the administration and may, therefore, result in abandonment by the administration of its original plan to prepare for ratification of the league without change. Although the president has advocated accepting the covenant as it is, it has been evident that the president's hopes were focused to failure before the announced determination of more than 40 senators not to vote for the administration plan.

### League Leaders Silent.

In some circles the opposition is credited with having as many as 52 sure votes, which would mean a 52 to 44 vote against the administration plan. The effect of the Taft letter was to cause league leaders to grow silent. They were free to express their surprise, but indicated that they would like to hear from the White House before expressing their views.

Republican leaders who have been inclined to support the league likewise were reticent, expressing a desire to make a careful study of the former president's suggestions. Although republican leaders of the league opposition maintained that the former president's suggestions did not meet their demands, there was underlying all their comment a very noticeably increased respect for Mr. Taft.

### Compromise Move Denied.

Leaders among the republican opposition to the league covenant in the senate were not inclined to admit that the letter of Mr. Taft, suggesting six reservations of interpretation, as a compromise, had affected any change in the situation in the upper body. They looked upon the letter, they said, as indicating a gratifying shift in attitude on the part of the ex-president, but argued that he had not made any way for any compromise. In fact, they declared, compromise was not what they wanted.

Senator Lodge, republican leader of the upper house, pointed out that Mr. Taft opposed the covenant that would have the effect of committing the treaty to the party conference. At the same time, he said, the former president had suggested a reservation as to depriving colonies of the right of an independent vote in the league council, which would, if it were an amendment that might send the treaty back to the conference.

### Mr. Taft's Letter Interpreted.

The opposition leaders appeared to feel that interpretative reservations, such as Mr. Taft outlined, would not be effective. The opponents of the league, they insisted, were determined to put through reservations that would practically mean amendment of the treaty. They were not at all disturbed over the prospect of these reservations necessitating a reconsideration of the treaty by the Paris conference. Senator Borah of Idaho, characterized the former president's change in attitude as evidencing a partial conversion. But Mr. Taft, he argued, had not gone far enough.

On Mr. Taft's letter when analyzed, says three things, said Borah. "First, that interpretations are not necessary; second, that even if made, they would be ineffective; third, that we have got to have votes."

### Analysis is Emphasized.

Mr. Borah emphasized the former president's analysis of the senate situation on the league fight, in which Mr. Taft spoke of the necessity of getting these republican votes, along with the democrats, if the advocates of the league expected to block the opposition. Mr. Borah appeared to feel that the democrats would not get the 45 votes, while he did not think the republicans

## COPPER MINERS TELL ABOUT DEPORTATIONS

### I. W. W. NEARLY DROVE UNIONS OUT, IS STATEMENT.

### 250 Arizona Citizens on Trial for Kidnaping During July Riots at Bisbee.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., July 24.—Testimony that the I. W. W. was rapidly increasing its membership while the Western Federation of Miners' local of the American Federation of Labor almost ceased to exist in the Warren mining district during the labor trouble at Bisbee two years ago, was given by witnesses for the state today at the preliminary hearing of J. C. Ryan, county highway engineer, one of the 250 Bisbee and Douglas citizens charged with kidnaping as the result of the I. W. W. deportations on July 12, 1917. J. F. Holman, testifying for the prosecution, and several other men who were among those deported, told from the witness stand of having left the Western Federation of Miners to join the I. W. W. after the latter had attempted to call out all the copper miners in the Bisbee district. Vigorous objection was offered by Robert N. French, the county attorney, when Holman was asked if it were not true that during the Bisbee trouble the I. W. W. had launched a vigorous campaign to wean away members of the western federation. After a heated debate between the state and defense Holman was allowed to answer a similar question. He said he could not swear that such action was taken by the I. W. W., but that he knew that during the trouble at Bisbee the I. W. W. made big gains in membership while the western federation local virtually ceased to exist.

The testimony against Ryan and Jess and William Toland, whose preliminary hearings also were heard today, differed but little from that given against other defendants. A score of witnesses called by the state testified to having seen the defendants with other armed citizens who took part in the deportations on the day of the roundup. None of the witnesses testified to having seen any of the defendants use any violence while making the arrests.

## \$15,000 FIRE IN SHIPYARD

### St. Helens Plant Endangered When Oakum Warehouse Burns.

ST. HELENS, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—A fire which originated in the oakum loft of a warehouse of the St. Helens Shipbuilding company and which spread so rapidly that the building and contents were totally destroyed occurred at the plant today. The plant was shut down for the dinner hour and three men in the loft noticed a small blaze. They stated that the flames spread so rapidly that it was difficult for them to escape.

The shipyard fire department controlled the fire before the emergency engine from Collins was damaged. The paint was burned from the steamer and the housework scorched. The loss is estimated at \$15,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

## WELCOME WORK TO LAST

### Oregon Soldiers' Headquarters in Gotham Not to Close.

SALEM, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—The work of welcoming Oregon boys upon their arrival in New York from overseas is to be continued, according to a telegram received by Governor Olcott today from W. H. Whittlesey, in charge of the eastern headquarters.

Mr. Whittlesey said he had received \$1500 sent by W. Mulkey of Portland, chairman of the Oregon soldiers' and sailors' commission, and that the money would be spent to the best advantage in caring for the troops en route home from the front.

A few weeks ago it was reported that the New York headquarters of the commission were to be closed, and Governor Olcott immediately took up the matter and urged continuance of the work.

## OLCOTT DECLINES TO FLY

### Governor Sends Telegram to Lane County Fair Board.

SALEM, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—Governor Olcott will not drop in a parachute from an airplane during the Lane county fair. The executive made this plain in a telegram sent to the Lane county fair board today in response to a message asking the executive to participate in the flights during Eugene's annual event.

"I cannot say whether I will be able to accept your kind invitation," said the governor in his telegram, "but in the event I do I will attend the fair in the simple role of a visitor."

## UMATILLA WHEAT BURNS

### Loss to Crop, Partly Harvested, is Placed at \$23,000.

PENDLETON, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—Wheat, partly harvested and valued at \$23,000, was destroyed by fire yesterday on the E. W. McComas and Elmer Crow ranches near here. The crops were insured.

On the Vanderhake ranch, east of Milton, fire Wednesday destroyed about \$7000 worth of standing grain.

## SHIPPING PROBE ORDERED

### Expenditure of Congressional Appropriation to Be Checked.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—By unanimous vote, the house today adopted a resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee to investigate activities of the shipping board and emergency fleet corporation with the view of determining how \$2,250,000,000 appropriated by congress was expended.

## PALMER DEFENDS CUSTODIAN'S ACT

### Fight to Cinch Attorney-General Post Renewed.

## APPOINTMENT DEEMED PROPER

### Claims Against Enemy Property Audited by Subordinate.

## INCONSISTENCY IS DENIED

### Failure to Seize Turkish Holdings Laid to Fear of Reprisals Upon Americans Abroad.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—A. Mitchell Palmer, before the senate judiciary sub-committee today, renewed his fight for senate confirmation of his nomination as attorney-general and again vigorously defended his administration as alien property custodian. He replied to charges of improper administration of alien enemy property, made by Harold Remington, a New York lawyer, and Leslie S. Kennard, an Indiana attorney, holding a position in the alien property custodian's office.

Mr. Remington, appearing before the committee in person, declared that as the department of justice must pass on many acts and claims of the alien property custodian's office, Mr. Palmer's appointment as attorney-general was highly improper.

### Charge is Repeated.

General charges of improper administration were made by Mr. Kennard in a statement recently submitted to the committee by Senator New, republican of Indiana, and answered today by Mr. Palmer, who presented an affidavit from Mr. Kennard repudiating his previous statement.

Mr. Palmer stated also that Mr. Kennard, after making his repudiating affidavit before officers of the property custodian, had promised to appear before the committee, but could not be located today.

Answering Mr. Remington's statement that the attorney-general must pass on claims of owners and creditors of enemy property seized by the alien property custodian, Mr. Palmer argued that justice of the claims must not be decided by the attorney-general, but must be determined by the federal courts in regularly instituted legal proceedings.

### Powers Declared Always Upheld.

In reply to Mr. Remington's assertion that Mr. Palmer's construction of the custodian's powers were erroneous, the attorney-general replied that these powers had been upheld in every federal court in which they had been tested.

Mr. Palmer declared there was nothing inconsistent in his jurisdiction of

## WETS TO FILE PAPERS IN FOUR MORE STATES

### SUPREME COURT MAY DECIDE REFERENDUM RIGHT.

### Early Preparation of Legal Attack on Prohibition Amendment is Promised.

SAGO, July 24.—Petitions for a referendum on the prohibition constitutional amendment will be filed within 24 or 48 hours in Maine, Michigan, Missouri and Nevada, according to announcement tonight from the western headquarters of the Association Opposed to National Prohibition. The referendum right, because of conflicting court decisions, is expected to be taken to the United States supreme court, as well as the constitutionality of the amendment, according to Levy Mayer, counsel for the association.

Referendum petitions have been filed in Ohio, California, Colorado, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Washington, and court action is contemplated in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Washington, where the petitions have been held up, the statement said. In Oregon, Utah and Idaho the courts have held that the right of referendum does not apply to a resolution ratifying a constitutional amendment, while, Mr. Mayer stated, the supreme courts of Washington and Ohio have decided the right does apply. An attempt to have the United States supreme court review the adverse decision will be made, he said.

### MOONEY REPORT MODIFIED

### "Invections and Immoral Accounts" Will Not Be Printed.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Speaker Gillett today agreed to have certain portions of the Denmore report on the Mooney case expunged to meet objections raised by the government printing office officials to language in the document.

Officials of the printing office said the report contained so many "invections and accounts of immoral happenings" that it would be improper for the employees to handle it.

The language objected to occurs in transcript of conversations alleged to have occurred in the office of District Attorney Pickert, prosecutor in the Mooney case, and obtained by means of dictaphone.

## MONTANA TOWN DAMAGED

### Six Buildings Destroyed by Fire at Ballantine.

BILLINGS, Mont., July 24.—Fire this afternoon had destroyed six buildings at Ballantine on the Huntley irrigation project, near here, and was still raging, but is believed to be under control, according to a telephone message.

The operator at the village telephoned a report of the blaze to the Billings fire department and then was forced by flames to leave her post. Practically the entire population of Worden, near by, is said to have gone to Ballantine to assist in fighting the conflagration.

## HEARING ON RATES TO END ON SOUND

### Session to Be Transferred to Seattle Tuesday.

## ATTORNEYS FIGHT FOR TIME

### Tentative Programme Adopted as to Schedule.

## PORTLAND CASE TO CLOSE

### Interventors Will Get Days Before Tribunal After Main Issues Are Completed.

Consideration of the question of readjustment of rates between Columbia river basin territory and Portland will continue at the Multnomah county courthouse until Monday and will resume at Seattle Tuesday, according to plans of the rate tribunal.

Chief Examiner Thurwell of the interstate commerce commission yesterday became referee for counsel representing the various interests involved in the Portland rate case. In discharge of his official prerogatives it became necessary that a division of the time be allotted to each complainant, defendant and intervenor, to the end that all might have their day before the court of rate adjustment. With two more days remaining of this week and the end of next week set as the ultimate limit for conclusion of the hearing at Portland and Seattle, Commissioner Hall declared that it would be essential that an understanding be reached in order that the evidence might all be completed.

### Hearings Are Cut.

It became the duty of the chief examiner to adjudicate division of about 12 days time to allocations that would squeeze the proceedings into not more than nine days.

Direct evidence in the Portland rate case will be completed tonight, according to the plans outlined, although several more witnesses are to be called. It was the intention to call eight more witnesses, but owing to the way developments have come, the number will be reduced, probably to about half that number.

Attorneys for the railroad administration said it would require three days to put in their side, and that they did not wish to be hampered in making a full and complete presentation. Combined intervenors' time was pared down to two days. The public service commission of Oregon asks for not less than one day for putting in its direct testimony, and anticipated equal time would be employed in cross-examination. In fact, it was the estimate of J. O. Bailey, assistant attorney-general, that three days might be necessary, but it was finally reduced to one day for

## PHYSICIAN IS CRUSHED WHEN AUTO IS UPSET

### DR. MALCOLM MCKINNON OF SAND POINT IS KILLED.

### Tour Through Eastern Oregon Interrupted by Accident That Results From Bad Road.

BAKER, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—Dr. Malcolm McKinnon, a prominent physician of Sand Point, Idaho, was killed early yesterday evening when his automobile overturned on the road near Haines, pinning the occupants under the machine.

Dr. McKinnon and his wife, accompanied by Attorney Sidney H. Smith and wife, also of Sand Point, were on their way to Yellowstone national park, making a tour of eastern Oregon on the way. The doctor had driven an automobile for about seven years and was considered a very good driver, and the probable cause for the accident was a hidden chuckhole in the road which caused the front wheels of the car to cramp suddenly, overturning the automobile and forcing Dr. McKinnon against the steering wheel.

Mr. Smith was the first to crawl out from beneath the wreckage, and he assisted the two women. Dr. McKinnon needed immediate attention and with the assistance of a farmer the victim of the accident was rushed to Baker. The doctor died shortly after the mishap and before arriving at the hospital.

### SHIP TO ENCIRCLE GLOBE

### Norwegian Vessel Has Schedule for Round Trip.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 24.—A trip which is the most ambitious ever scheduled, will be begun by the Norwegian motor-ship Semmelinde, expected to sail from Seattle soon for Portland to load lumber for Bombay, India. From India the Semmelinde will go to Marsailles, France with cargo and passengers and make her way back to Puget sound via the Atlantic.

The Semmelinde was launched here recently and is expected to have her first voyage before the end of this week. The vessel belongs to a Norwegian firm but is under charter to an American company.

## AUTO DROPS 100 FEET

### Mrs. H. P. Hartman, Portland, Is Hurt in Accident Near Marshfield.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. H. P. Hartman of Portland, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hansen, of this city, suffered one broken leg and severe bruises to the other when the Herman Edwards automobile went over a 100-foot embankment on the Loon lake road above Allegany.

The machine slid back down a hill when the driver attempted to change gear and overturned once before reaching the bottom of the gulch. Mrs. Manly Roberts of San Francisco, who was also in the car, was slightly injured. Mr. Edwards, his wife and three children were only slightly scratched.

## PASTORS IN BOXING BOUT

### Christian Church Ministers at Eugene Clever With Gloves.

EUGENE, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—Rev. E. V. Stivers, pastor of the First Christian Church of this city, and Rev. Harry Tuttle, of the Carlton Christian Church, staged a boxing bout at a picnic given at the Eugene church at Hendrick Park today. Persons who attended the picnic said that the ministers were quite clever with the gloves and showed training.

Other boxing bouts, with other sports, were witnessed by 300 members of the church.

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## LIGHTNING CAUSES FORTY NEW FIRES

### Crater, Santiam and Umpqua Forests Threatened.

## UMATILLA BLAZE IS CHECKED

### Western Montana, Northern Idaho Report Relief.

## BULL RUN FIRE LOCATED

### Critical Situation Reported to Be Existing in Northern Part of Michigan.

More than 40 fires, some of which may prove serious, were started by the electrical storm which was general over the state July 22, according to a statement issued yesterday by District Forester Cecil. Practically every office employe of the United States forest service is now in the field directing the army of fire fighters in national forests, and if the present warm weather continues, serious consequences can be expected.

Twenty small fires were started in the Crater national forest during Wednesday's electrical storm, but the Portland office has not yet been advised as to the seriousness of those fires.

Lightning was responsible for 17 fires within the Santiam national forest, 11 in the Detroit district and six in the Cascadia district. Of the 21 fires reported yesterday from the Umpqua forest, 18 were caused by the lightning.

### Two Under Control.

The Herman creek and Oregon Lumber company fires in the Oregon national forest are both under control.

The fire in the western division of the Umatilla national forest which has burned over approximately 640 acres, is now under control.

The forest fire situation in Washington is equally as serious as in this state, declares Director Cecil, and Forest Examiner Adam Wright left last night for Republic, Wash., to assist in the control of six fires in the Colville national forest which have already covered nearly 9000 acres.

Several fires are burning in the Columbia national forest, the most serious being on the Lewis river on the western edge of the old Lewis river burn.

Twenty men are fighting an uncontrolled fire at Eight Mile yesterday in Wenatchee national forest. This is in a high country where the timber is valuable only for watershed protection. Another force of 70 men is working under Ranger J. E. Bruckart on the Snoqualmie forest near Hazel, Wash.

### Old Burn Invaded.

Far up Fall creek, on the Latourel trail, fire is raging in an old burn within the Bull Run forest reserve. Unless a strong wind develops and sends the flames into the green timber, there is no immediate danger, according to information received yesterday by officials of the water bureau. The fire was definitely located yesterday by Elijah Coalman, forest lookout on Mount Hood.

In the meantime a party of five men who left Bull Run lake on Wednesday noon with fire fighting equipment were "groping their way" yesterday through underbrush and thick timber 14 miles above the headquarters of the water bureau in a vain effort to locate the fire which they started out to fight.

A messenger on foot was detailed from the headquarters by City Commissioner Mann as quickly as the location of the fire was ascertained. This messenger will inform the fire fighters of the location and it is probable, if all

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## "WHAT HAPPENED TO EUROPE" BY F. A. VANDERLIP, STARTS SUNDAY.

The promotion of bolshevism through the world required money. The men engaged in its extension didn't have it. They had to get it or fail.

How did they get it?

Vanderlip says, "The finest east money printing establishment in the world, next to the bureau of F. A. Vanderlip, engraving and printing in Washington, was located at Petrograd." Here they set out to counterfeit the bank notes of every country in which the bolshevik propaganda was at work. "Just how far this scheme has been successful," says Mr. Vanderlip, "no one professes accurately to know."

It is known, however, that millions of dollars of Italian, French, Russian, and even English banknotes have been counterfeited.

Read this intimate report by Mr. Vanderlip in his articles on "What Happened to Europe." They begin in The Sunday Oregonian next Sunday.

