

## SOVIETS BEGIN TO FORM U. S. PARTY

Nonpartisan Party and Labor Support Proposed.

### MEETING HELD IN CHICAGO

Unswerving Records of Men Connected With "Committee of Forty-Eight" Leave No Doubt as to Status.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 24.—The formation of a soviet party in the United States is seen in the recent meeting of the "committee of forty-eight" in Chicago. A new political party, it is announced, is to enter the next campaign which promises to co-operate with the non-partisan league and the labor party.

Two names connected with the new organization seem to explain the character and intention of the proposed party. One of these men is the editor of the Dial and publisher of a multiplicity of pamphlets bearing these self-explanatory titles: "Vote From Russia," "Withdraw From Russia," "Soviet Russia and the American Revolution," "Decree on Land" and "Decree on Workers' Control."

LeSean's Record Unswerving. The other personage was one of the most advertised mortals in several states during the political campaign last year in Minnesota, Idaho and North Dakota. He is Arthur LeSean, former secretary of the non-partisan league, L. Seur is not best remembered by his association with A. C. Townley, president of the non-partisan league, recently convicted in the Minnesota courts on a charge of disloyalty. LeSean came to fame in his own right just after the United States entered the war against Germany. He wrote a letter to William D. Haywood, head of the I. W. W., with reference to some propaganda work that he had been doing in co-operation with the I. W. W. In this letter he divulged some of his sentiments with regard to war by asserting that: "We must not forget our fight on the liberty issue and our fight on the liberty issue and our fight on the liberty issue."

War Is Called "Damnable." This letter he addressed to Haywood with this affectionate salutation, "My dear Bill." He referred to the war as "this damnable war business."

This letter was published broadcast in several states last year to show the character of non-partisan league leadership.

An unusual situation is afforded this early in the campaign of publicity now being conducted by the democratic national committee. It is one of the first instances where a party organization has taken part in the campaign of one of the contenders in a strictly party contest in which all of the candidates are members of its own party.

Ferris to Run for Senate. It is taken for granted that the administration has given the order in this case, and that no means are to be spared to defeat Thomas Pryor Gore, the billed senator from Oklahoma, re-election. Scott Ferris, a member of the lower house from Oklahoma, announced a few days ago that he would be a candidate for the senate, and since that time the press bureau of the democratic national committee has been busy getting his name before the public.

The latest interview intended to help Mr. Ferris, sent out to all the newspapers, is one of something more than a column, in which the candidate tells what an ardent champion he is of the farmers in this fight to lower the cost of living. It was known that the administration was out to beat Gore, but this open use of the democratic party organization in the primary fight has been somewhat of a surprise to republican speculators. Senator Gore recently announced that he would support reservations to the league of nations covenant, and this has angered the White House to the point of eagerness to have the national committee get busy for Ferris.

## BERRY ACREAGE IS BOUGHT

RIVER BOTTOM LAND NORTH OF SALEM WILL BE USED.

Faith in Future of Industry Is Indicated by Extension in Culture of Logan Vines.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Faith in the future of the loganberry industry in the Willamette Valley is evinced in the recent purchase of large tracts of river bottom land north of Salem by a number of local business and professional men.

Senator Leachman, at the head of one department of the Pheasant company, and W. B. Walton of the Ladd & Bush bank have purchased from Charles Winkler his fine 160-acre farm situated in South Bottom. It is understood that this entire tract will be set to loganberries and other fruit.

Frank Nowak of Brooks also has acquired a two-acre tract in South Bottom, a portion of which will be set to berries.

M. L. Jones, owner of several hundred acres of land in the South Bottom country, is making plans to engage in loganberry culture on an extensive scale, and will set his entire tract to berries and other fruits early next spring.

Sam Brown of Gervais and L. H. Roberts of Salem each have 30 acres of vines in full bearing.

L. H. McMahon has transferred his extensive holdings to other Salem parties, the former Oliver Beers tract passing under control of the Hunt Brothers Canning company. His ranch property, known as the Judge Hubbard farm, has been purchased by H. S. Gile, general manager of the Pheasant company. The Pheasant company, now capitalized at \$1,500,000, will specialize in loganberry on its newly acquired farm.

## PHONE RATE HEARING NEAR

PORTLAND TO PROTEST INCREASE OF JULY 28.

Public Service Body to Investigate Necessity for Advance and Fairness of Higher Charges.

Consideration of the recent increase in rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company will be begun by the public service commission at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in the courthouse. The hearing was called

by the commission and residents of Portland are to appear in opposition to the increase.

Last fall the company applied for an increase of rates, and after hearings before the public service commission a new schedule, which partially met the desires of the company, was put into effect on May 2. On July 28 a further advance was put into effect through the authority of Postmaster-General Burleson. It is for the investigation of this second increase that the hearing will be held by the public service commission.

The increase of May 2, it is asserted, was justified by increases in wages and operation expense last fall, while the increase July 28 was necessary because of the fact that higher wages had been obtained by the operators and electricians following their recent strike, increasing operating expenses of the company \$225,000 annually.

It is asserted by the city that Postmaster Burleson did not have the legal authority to grant the rise of July 28, as under the recent act of congress the telephone systems returned to private ownership on June 5.

The principal work of the commission, it is said, will be to inquire into the necessity for the recent increase and the fairness of the present rates.

## GRANT MAYS DROPS DEAD

HEART DISEASE FATAL TO CENTRAL OREGON STOCKMAN.

Vice-President of Cattle Company Operating in Montana Succumbs; Funeral Tomorrow.

Grant Mays, one of the leading stock raisers of eastern and central Oregon for many years, dropped dead of heart

disease at the Belle Court apartments in Portland yesterday. Mr. Mays was 53 years of age and had been a resident of Portland for the past four years.

He was a native of Watson county, and came to Portland from The Dalles. Mr. Mays returned home only yesterday morning from Montana, where he had been on a business trip. He motored with Mrs. Mays to the home of a friend whom they had entertained at breakfast and after returning started to pass into the next room, when he turned, called the name of his wife, and dropped to the floor. Dr. A. E. King, an old friend of the family, was summoned, and decided that death had been the result of an apoplectic stroke.

Mr. Mays was vice-president and general manager of the Mays Cattle company, operating in Montana. He was also manager of the Mays Brothers' cattle interests in Oregon. He was a member of the Elks lodge and past exalted ruler of Elks lodge 203 at The Dalles. He leaves a widow, Vesta Bolton Mays, besides four brothers and two sisters: Benton Mays, The Dalles; F. R. Mays, Portland; Edwin Mays, Maupin, Or.; Robert Mays, Edmond, Cal.; Mrs. A. R. Thompson, Van Nuys, Cal. and Mrs. L. E. Crowe, Portland. Funeral services will probably be held Tuesday at The Dalles.

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## WHAT WILSON WILL DO NOBODY KNOWS

End of Fight With Senate Is Problematical.

### DEADLOCK HELD POSSIBLE

Should Executive Appeal to People Senate Might Attempt Peace, But Signature Query Is Raised.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—How far President Wilson may go in his fight for unqualified senate acceptance of the peace treaty is a subject of increasing speculation in official and diplomatic circles.

With the group of reservation republicans apparently determined to write their qualifications of the league of nations covenant into the ratification itself, and with republican leaders predicting that the senate will annul the Shantung provision and perhaps other sections of the treaty, an interesting set of possibilities presents themselves.

There has been no authoritative expression of the president's probable course should the treaty be returned to him with textual amendments or reservations written into the ratification. He told the foreign relations committee Tuesday, however, that he would consider either method of qualification as tantamount to reopening negotiations with Germany.

Should amendments or reservations be inserted, an eventuality which democratic senate leaders deny is likely but which the republicans say is certain—the next move would be up to the president.

What he would do is a question on which those who have talked with him disagree but a discussion of what he would be authorized to do under the law and precedents reveals a general agreement that several courses would be open.

Summed up, the discussions contemplate that he might take up the question of changes in the treaty by diplomatic correspondence; return to Paris and ask that the peace conference be reassembled for negotiation of a new treaty; send a new delegation to reopen negotiations—or pocket the treaty and refuse to proceed further unless the senate receded from its position.

Return to Paris Possible.

The possibility of Mr. Wilson's return to Paris to straighten out the points raised by senate qualifications is one which some senators say would be entirely in line with his course thus far in the peace settlement.

To send an entirely new set of peace delegates also would be admittedly within the president's power and in that connection republicans have disputed mentioned Senator Hitchcock's statement that the president laughingly suggested Senators Lodge and Knox as possible selections to negotiate a new treaty should the present one be amended.

That the president might permit the negotiations to stand in a deadlock by declining to take up with other governments any changes suggested by the senate involves perhaps the most interesting possibilities of all.

Senate Might End War. Should President Wilson adopt that course and then appeal to the country, republican senators said the senate would adopt a resolution declaring the war at a status quo and the surrounding such legislation as seemed necessary to restore a complete peace. Whether such a resolution would require the president's signature was a disputed question, however, and Mr. Wilson is known to object to any such method of ending the war.

## Y. M. C. A. WORKER PRAISED

W. R. BRIDGES RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS SERVICE.

The Oregonian Proofreader Is Highly Commended for Duty in Paris Department.

William R. Bridges of 221 East Forty-sixth street has just returned to Portland after service overseas with the Y. M. C. A. since October, 1918, making an excellent record. Before enlisting he was employed as a proofreader on The Oregonian.

Praise is given Mr. Bridges' work in a letter received by the Y. M. C. A. headquarters from Sidney Morse, manager of the records department at Paris, which contains the following paragraph:

"Mr. Bridges was assigned to his arrival on the recommendation of Mr. Harris of our archives bureau. He was first assigned to the task of handling the official roster and incidentally to the work of office manager for the department, handling problems of supplies, furniture, etc."

"The roster, as you know, contemplated the setting up of dope sheets of a printed list of secretaries in overseas service with their names, addresses, nationality, period of service, etc."

"The difficulties of checking, proof-reading and revising these lists have been enormous, and Mr. Bridges has followed up this painstaking, detailed, inside job with a degree of patience and conscientious attention to duty that is in my judgment beyond all praise."

## RED CROSS RATES DRIVE

MEMBERS FOR 1920 TO BE ENROLLED NOV. 3-11.

\$15,000,000 to Be Raised to Complete Obligations to Soldiers at Home and Abroad.

A nation-wide Red Cross campaign will open Monday, November 3, and close Armistice day, November 11. The object of the third Red Cross roll-call will be to enroll members for 1920. In addition a general appeal will be made for \$15,000,000 to enable the American Red Cross to complete its war obligations at home and abroad. Chapters will seek funds for local programmes. This was the announcement made Saturday by R. V. Holder, general manager of the Portland chapter. "Just

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how much the Portland chapter will be compelled to add to its proportion of the national quota is unknown at this time," he said.

During the war there were two annual Red Cross campaigns. The war fund drive in the late spring and a Christmas roll-call for membership. The only campaign this year will be the one in November and its succeeding years there will be only an annual roll call in which the American Red Cross will seek the re-affirmed allegiance of the American people