CHAMBERLAIN HOLDS LEAGUE IS NEEDED

Senator to Give Support After Changes Are Made.

PRESIDENT IS DESERTED

Six More Democratic Senators Are Ready to Go Over to Camp of Reservationists.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 7.—"I have declined to make speeches on the league of nations, though urged several times, because I did not wish to offer any discouraging objections," said Senator Chamberlain today. "There is much about it that I do not like at all, but I expect to see all of these objections overcome and overcome in such a way so that it will not be necessary to resubmit it to another peace conference. We must have a league.

"Although I have never said it, I do not mind saying now that I never would have supported the treaty without the modifications that were made regarding the Monroe doctrine and the provision for getting out of the league. I want to support the league and am confident that I will be able to do so. I have purposely refrained from any discussion of it because I did not wish to be misunderstood."

Democrats to Desert Wilson.

This statement is taken to mean that Senator Chamberlain agrees with those who hold that the league covenant can be greatly improved by mild reservations which will not necessitate reconvening the peace conference.

That president Wilson would have profited much more by going into the solid south instead of west on the present tour was indicated by all of the news of the treaty situation today. Six more democratic senators, it is understood today, are ready to go over into the camp of the reservationists, deserting the president in his fight for no amendments and no reservations. Announcement that Senator Overman of North Carolina is to follow his colleague, Senator Simmons, who has already joined the reservationists, came today.

Disintegration Speeds Up.

The disintegration of the president's forces is moving much more rapidly than had been anticipated. Already he has lost in the south Shields of Tennessee, Hoke Smith of Georgia, Simmons and Overman of North Carolina, Smith of South Carolina. Others who no longer stand with him among the democrats of Reed of Missouri, Gore of Oklahoma and Thomas of Colorado, and it is understood that Senator Myers of Montana is on the fence. Senator Walsh, democrat of Massachusetts, who has observed an ominous quiet recently, is to break the silence in a few days with a speech squarely opposing the league.

It was predicted today that by the time the president reaches the Pacific coast there will not be 20 senators standing with him in his present demands.

FIRE PREVENTION SOUGHT

State Deputies Conduct Investigation at Klamath Falls.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Fire hazards of Klamath Falls are being subjected to a rigid investigation by Deputy State Fire Marshals Stokes and Allen of Salem, who will spend 10 days or more in inspecting the entire city.

The deputies are here at the request of the city officials to assist in eliminating all fire hazards in Klamath Falls. Buildings, fire equipment, alleys, water supply and every possible item that enters toward securing better protection against fire will be thoroughly inspected.

FIRES ARE CONTROLLED

Volunteers in California Fight Blaze in Mono Forest.

MINDEN, Nev., Sept. 7.—Fires in the Mono national forest in Alpine county, Cal., in the vicinity of Markleeville and Woodfords, were put under control today by a force of more than 100 forest service and railway officials and volunteer fire fighters.

Towns and ranches threatened are considered safe.

MOVIE OPERATORS STRIKE

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the union men to the theater managers and one by one the managers of the federation before the strike actually went into effect. C. S. Jensen and J. J. Parker offered immediately to place an eight-piece orchestra in the Columbia theater and within 90 days a 12-piece orchestra in the People's. This offer was reduced by the union, which offered to reduce the minimum number of musicians to be employed in the Liberty, Columbia, Majestic, Peoples and Star to 30. This proposal was rejected by the managers. Saturday evening union men suggested a compromise to the managements of the Burnside, American and Princess theaters, but no agreement resulted.

All other issues of the union demands, barring the minimum number of musicians to be employed, have been granted by the theater managers. These involve a considerable advance in wages of operators, musicians, electricians and posters as well as minor changes such as the installation of comfortable chairs for operators and assistants for posters and electricians. The electrician's union enters but little into the matter, as but two houses, the Liberty and Columbia, employ regularly the services of an electrician. Union poster men are refusing to post billboard notices for theaters against which the strike is effective.

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PARIS PRISON IS TARGET

PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE IS ADMITTED INEFFICIENT.

Officers in French Capital Defended as Doing Best They Could Under Conditions.

PARIS, Sept. 7.—The congressional subcommittee continued its sittings yesterday in its investigation of the affairs of the American army. Major Bennett, inspector-general of the Paris district, replying to questions regarding the administration of the provost-marshal's office and soldiers' prisons in Paris, declared that the conduct of the provost-marshal's office was unsatisfactory and inefficent prior to February of this year. But he defended the officers of the Paris command generally on the ground that they had to contend with the most difficult conditions that were the outgrowth of the war.

Arrests were made of soldiers and officers of the American expeditionary force in Paris at the rate of 500 weekly during August, September and October, 1918.

Many of them were deserters, some of them were accidentally "absent without leave," but all were huddled together in four rooms in the rue Sainte Anne, in the same building where Brigadier-General Harts had his headquarters and the "A. W. O. L.s" mingled with criminals.

The witness said that a great many prisoners were brought to the rue Sainte Anne in an intoxicated condition and fighting mood, and it was necessary to use force. He admitted, however, that force had not always been wisely used.

Congressman Bland asked the witness why, if privates were condemned to be shot for going to sleep on duty, as occurred in two instances in the American expeditionary force, Generals Harts and Colonel Grinstead "who went to sleep at their posts" should not also be court-martialed.

Major Bennett replied that he did not think the officers in the Paris district should be court-martialed because he thought they did the best they could under the conditions. Asked if General Harts, by using all his influence, could not have got more space, so as to separate intoxicated men and criminals from accidental "A. W. O. L.s," the witness replied that he thought General Harts did all he could.

Representative Johnson asked the witness if American soldiers were not better treated in Germany than in the prisons of the American expeditionary force in Paris and Chelles, to which he replied:

"Perhaps they were in some cases."

MINERS RETURN TO HOMES

WEST VIRGINIA SITUATION TERMINATES PEACEFULLY.

Reports of Grievances in Logan County Held Untrue; Trains Carry Men Back.

CHARLESTON, W. V., Sept. 7.—The several thousand miners who took up a march across country yesterday with the avowed purpose of forcing non-union miners in Logan county to organize, were prevailed upon today to desist in their efforts after almost hourly telephone conferences throughout the greater part of the day between Governor Cornwell in this city and Frank Keeney, president of district 17, United Mine Workers. The men were started back to their homes late this afternoon from Danville and Clothier, where they had camped overnight. They were brought back in special trains sent to the rendezvous by the governor, and the union officials said that all would return to work tomorrow morning.

The men had taken up the march without instructions or counsel with President Keeney. Reports that are said to be false and misleading inflamed the miners and with one section of the little army it was determined to remedy the reported conditions in Logan county.

In announcing tonight that he would make a statement tomorrow, Governor Cornwell said there had been some mysterious radical influence working about this part of the state. The false reports were spread to radical newspapers and these were mailed to every miner within reach in this part of the state. The governor said he will call upon the mine officials of th district and also the officers of the national organization of mine workers to investigate.

AUSTRIA TO SIGN TREATY

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sembly by representatives of countries detached from Austria.

The Bulgarian treaty has been finished and will be sent to the powers having limited interests in it tomorrow. The document will be communicated to the Bulgarian delegation within the week.

Man's Victim Is Own Daughter.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Harry Elmore, charged with a statutory offense, was found guilty by a Lewis county jury yesterday. Elmore's victim was his own daughter. D. O. Brooks, wh owas acquitted on a statutory charge against him, was immediately rearrested and will be charged with incest. Unable to furnish bonds of $1500, he is in jail here.

German Reply Received.

PARIS, Sept. 7.—The German reply to the supreme council's note informing Germany that she must alter article 61 of her constitution, giving Austria representation in the German parliament, because such a proviso was contrary to the stipulations of the Versailles treaty, was handed to Paul Dutasta, general secretary of the peace conference, this morning.

Alleged Swindler Jailed.

Charles H. Branch of Tacoma, charged with indorsing federal money orders, was brought to this city by Deputy United States Marshal Sequest and lodged in the county jail to await trial. Branch, it is said, has just finished a term at McNeil's island, where he served time for a similar offense.

U. S. BLOCKS REFORM, SAYS MEXICAN CHIEF

Progress in Southern Republic Declared Hindered.

EVIL PROPAGANDA CHARGED

Vicious and Persistent Pro-Intervention Campaign Is Said to Be Carried On in This Country.

BY ROBERT H. MURRAY.

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MEXICO CITY, Sept. 7.—(Special Cable.)—Included in President Carranza's message to congress was a long report from the Mexican foreign office, which was devoted almost entirely to Mexican-American affairs. It takes up in detail many of the matters of disagreement between the two governments, notably petroleum legislation and bandit attacks upon American life and property.

The report quotes extensively from the note sent by the American department of state to Mexico on December 28, 1918, protesting against the petroleum legislation, laying special stress upon the declaration of the department of state that the United States never had promised not to employ diplomatic intervention in behalf of its nationals when such a course was justified.

Attention is also called to a quotation from a speech by President Wilson, January 29, 1916, in which he said: "The United States has the right not only to protect life inside its boundaries, but it also has the right to demand equal and just treatment for its citizens, wherever they may go."

Propaganda in U. S. Charged.

The foreign ministry complains of the anti-Mexican and pro-interventionist propaganda carried on in the United State as follows:

"On their part, citizens of the United States interested in Mexico have initiated and are maintaining, with a perfect organization, an extraordinary and notably persistent campaign in the press of the United States with the purpose of impressing by all means public opinion in that country as well as the general mass of people and the representatives in both congressional chambers, so as to compel them to intervene in Mexico, with the purpose of bringing our laws into accord with their personal interests.

"They do not state frankly this last intention, but they claim as reason for intervention a lack of guarantees, which they pretend exists in our territory, because they think this is a better way of impressing public opinion.

"Unfortunately the government of Mexico receives suggestions from the government of the United States when we seek to institute reforms that may injure the interests of American citizens. These suggestions destroy deliberately our liberty for legislation and nullify our right to progress in accordance with our own ideas.

Respect of Sovereignty Urged.

"The Mexican government hopes that the northern republic will respect the sovereignty and independence of Mexico. To violate them, asserting lack of guarantees for its citizens or inconvenient legislation for its interests, will constitute a transgression of the principles of international right and international morale, and demonstrate that the worst misfortune of nations is to be weak and not able to protect themselves by force from stronger nations."

In support of the contention that Mexico has many just grievances against the United States, on the score of murders and assaults at the hands of United States soldiers and civilians, numerous cases are cited by the foreign office, which declares that although appropriate representations were made to the United States government, little or no satisfaction had been accorded to the Mexican government.

According to the foreign office, the United States has not complied with its treaty obligations regarding the extradition of criminals. In contravention of declarations that Mexican authorities have not employed sufficiently vigorous methods in pursuing and punishing persons guilty of killing or injuring Americans in the republic, the report cites numerous instances wherein it says this has been done.

Requests Reported Ignored.

Reference is also made to the recent exchange of notes and the intimation from the United States that if the lives of Americans continue to be menaced the United States would be obliged to institute a radical change of policy toward Mexico.

"On various occasions," the report says, "this government, through our embassy in Washington, has asked the United States to return to it the customs collected at Vera Cruz during the American occupation, without being able to obtain any satisfactory result or to obtain a categorical answer to the request."

Replying to the allegations that Mexico did not maintain a position of absolute neutrality in the war, the report says those making such allegations were not able to cite any act or omission on the part of the government which would indicate the least violation of neutrality. On the contrary, the foreign office declares, the rights of Mexico as a neutral were not always respected. It instances the fact that various units of the United States navy persisted in remaining in the Port of Tampico for indefinite periods, on pretense of protecting American nationals.

Concerning the exclusion of Mexico from the league of nations and President Carranza's recent repudiation of the Monroe doctrine, the report says:

League Held Unsatisfactory.

"Some of the nations, including Mexico, were excluded (from the league.) Not that Mexico had so conducted herself as to merit such exclusion or had made any request to be admitted into this international organization. She did not request admission because the bases which sustained the league did not establish, either in respect to the organization or the performance of its functions, a perfect equality for all nations and for all races.

"As the peace conference in Paris discussed the question of the Monroe doctrine, the government of Mexico thought fit in this case to declare publicly and officially to notify the governments friendly to Mexico that it did not and would not recognize that doctrine, inasmuch as it was established without the volition of all the peoples of America, without their having been consulted, and because the doctrine costituted an attack upon the sovereignty of Mexico and forcible tutelage over the American republics."

PEACE DELAY IS DEPLORED

LONDON PAPER SAYS FOES OF PACT AIDED.

Authors of Document in Europe Declared Tying Hands of Defenders in America.

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LONDON, Sept. 7.—(Special Cable.)—In an editorial the Daily News says: "It can not be concealed that while the peace treaty is under attack in the United States its authors in Europe are doing their best to tie the hands of its American defenders. The dispute between the allies and the German government is on every ground to be deplored.

"It arises out of the provision which the allies insisted on inserting in the treaty, that Germany should respect absolutely the independence of Austria and agree that that independence shall be inalienable except with the consent of the league of nations.

"Taken in conjunction with the frank proposal in the French chamber that Belgium shall be associated with France in guarantee treaties similar to those expected from England and America the whole incident gives evidence of a temper in Paris that will act like a tonic to the foes of the treaty in America."

MISSING LAD WRITES HOME

Marvin Zehner of Hubbard Promises to Return Soon.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Marvin Zehner, who disappeared from his home at Hubbard on April 30 and who has been sought by officers in all parts of the Pacific northwest, has written a letter to his mother that he is well and will return home soon.

Young Zehner failed to disclose his whereabouts, although the postmark on the latter indicates that it was mailed on a train somewhere in the vicinity of Albany. The lad's father believes he left home because he thought his father would not allow him to attend school.

Realty Men Apply for License.

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