

## PORTLAND HOST TO DANIELS AND PARTY

### Secretary of Navy Has Big Tribute for River.

## COLUMBIA MUST BE DEEPENED

### Improvement Essential to Future Operations, He Says.

## PORTLAND HARBOR PRAISED

### Department Chief, Accompanied by Admirals—Members of Family Also With Him.

“The Columbia river must be deepened and widened. Its improvement is essential to future naval operations on the Pacific coast and also to future commerce on the western coast. The Columbia river is the greatest fresh water artery on the Pacific coast, and serves as the entrance to the wonderful inland empire. Such was the statement made by Secretary of the Navy Daniels yesterday after returning from an excursion in the Portland harbor on the United States Engineers' ship G. H. Mendell. He was accompanied on the tour by Rear-Admirals McKean and Parks, who are with him on his tour of investigations of rivers, harbors and bays on the Pacific coast. Max Houser, William Cornfoot, Drake O'Reilly, Harbor-master Speer and G. B. Hegardt, chief engineer of the Dock Commission, accompanied the naval officials on the trip.

### Party Reaches Portland.

Secretary Daniels and his party reached Portland early yesterday on a special train from Astoria. Together with Mrs. Daniels and two sons, Jonathan and Frank, Secretary Daniels had breakfast at the Multnomah hotel, where the party is registered.

Before leaving the hotel for the Stark-street landing, where the steamer Mendell was awaiting the party, Secretary Daniels spoke briefly before the second annual convention of the International Association of Fire Fighters, in session at the Multnomah hotel. At noon yesterday Secretary Daniels attended a luncheon held at the Chamber of Commerce, where he made an address in which he outlined the scope of the new Pacific fleet, which he said was now at home, and should not be considered as a visitor in the west.

Representative McArthur introduced the secretary, taking occasion to pay a tribute to the sterling qualities of the man who directed the operations of the sea forces of America in the far and commanding the Pacific, and fairness with which he had dealt at all times with the naval affairs committee of the house. That the secretary has a comprehensive knowledge of the magnitude and dignity of the country is reflected in the decision to station his flag on the Columbia river in the Pacific, Mr. McArthur said.

More than 600 Portland business men greeted the cabinet officer and party of high naval officers. In his address the secretary was frequently interrupted by applause. Speaking mainly in serious vein, the secretary referred to the president as “the greatest man in the world today,” and again in reference to his place in history as being one of assured distinction, and when his name was coupled with that of ex-President Taft, brought prolonged cheers from the assemblage.

This voice of approval was repeated when reference was made to the covenant of the league of nations and again when the battleship Oregon was referred to in laudatory way.

There was a vein of wit running through the talk, which was pleasantly informal, and the recital of anecdotes illustrative of the spirit of the American seaman or gallantry of soldiers and marines brought responsive appreciation from the auditors.

Portland Harbor Interests. Keen interest was evinced by Secretary Daniels and Admirals McKean and Parks during the trip in the harbor. Question after question in connection with the formation of the soil in the banks of the river, depths, width and other points, were directed by Admiral McKean to Mr. Houser and Engineer Hegardt. Admiral McKean showed a keen insight into the conditions in Portland's harbor and in the Columbia river. Thirty-five feet from Portland to the sea, the committee told the party, was the hope of Portland's officials.

That such a channel could be dug through co-operation of the navy department and the rivers and harbors committee of the United States corps of engineers, was strongly intimated by the naval officials. If any recommendations are made by Secretary Daniels in connection with the development of the Portland harbor, it will unquestionably be for the deepening and widening of the Willamette and Columbia rivers from Portland to the sea.

## BOSTON MOB LOOTS; POLICE ARE OFF JOB

### BREAKING OF WINDOWS IN SOUTH END REPORTED.

### Officers Turn in “Tools” as Crowd Cheers—Citizens Get Power to Make Arrests.

BOSTON, Sept. 9.—Taking advantage of the absence of police protection, a mob in South Boston tonight was reported to be breaking windows in stores and looting. Superintendent Crowley, government inspectors and 30 metropolitan park police officers were rushed to the scene. The strike began shortly before 6 o'clock tonight. The patrolmen reported at the evening call and turned in their revolvers, clubs and patrol box keys. A crowd outside police headquarters cheered the policemen as they began coming out, some in civilian clothing. The policemen voted for the strike last night after suspension of 19 officers by Commissioner Edwin U. Curtis, who found them guilty of violating rules in joining the union. Credentials giving the power of arrest have been issued to several hundred citizens.

## MAN IN OCEAN ALL NIGHT

### Gillnetter, Clinging to Overturned Boat, Washed Ashore in Morning.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—After an all-night battle for his life, John Lawson, Coos Bay gillnetter, who was carried to the open-sea when his small craft drifted below the deadline in the Rogue river, walked to Gold Beach to deny that he was dead. With his partner, Lawson had drifted over the bar during a heavy fog but the pair managed to row back. While his partner was making the gillnet line fast to the shore Lawson, who had remained in the boat, was drawn to sea. The craft was overturned but Lawson managed to cling to the boat until both were washed ashore in the early morning. In the meantime, his partner had hurried to Gold Beach and had reported Lawson lost.

## SOLOMON GOMPERS DIES

### Father of Labor Leader Passes in Boston, Aged 92; Was Blind.

BOSTON, Sept. 9.—Solomon Gompers, father of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, died at his home tonight. The labor leader was notified of the death at Chicago and will cancel engagements in the middle west to attend the funeral in New York Sunday. Mr. Gompers was born in Amsterdam 32 years ago, but later moved to London, coming to the United States with his family in 1863. For the past 20 years he has been blind.

## WAGE OFFER IS ACCEPTED

### 50,000 Railroad Workers Ask for Profit-Sharing Law.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—After a four days' conference here the American federation of railroad workers, comprising 50,000 men not in the brotherhoods and crafts, formally voted to accept President Wilson's proposition on wages as presented to shop men. Urging on congress an employee profit sharing plan, the federation asked all railway employees to elect representatives to speak for them in it.

## STEEL BUSINESS GROWS

### Increase Shown in Unfilled Orders for Month of August.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Unfilled orders of the United States Steel corporation on August 30 were 8,103,103 tons, according to the corporation's monthly statement issued today. This is an increase of 530,422 tons compared with the orders on July 31. The unfilled tonnage of July 31 was 5,178,661 and on June 30, 4,892,955. August 31, 1918, it was 5,759,942.

## VICTORY MEDAL PROPOSED

### Bronze Badges for All Veterans Is Idea of House Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Bronze medals for all discharged sailors, soldiers and marines to be known as “victory medals” are proposed in a resolution introduced by Representative Fell, republican, New York. The senate already passed a bill recommended by Secretary Baker for the issue of merit badges for efficient service.

## TREASURY VAULTS BULGING

### Additional Room Needed for United States Gold and Silver.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—The government has so much “coin of the realm” that it actually bulges out the walls of the vaults containing it. The treasury has asked congress to appropriate \$1,000,000 to make the vaults secure and provide additional ones. The treasury's gold and silver accumulated during the war.

## HONOR PAID U. S. ADMIRAL

### Morocco Makes Niblack Grand Officer of Ounissan Albuite.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—The order of grand officer of Ounissan Albuite has been conferred on Rear Admiral A. P. Niblack, U. S. N., by the sultan of Morocco. This is in recognition of his service on the Atlantic coast of Morocco and in the Mediterranean.

## FAIR PRICE BOARD SHAKE-UP IS AFOOT

### Women Accuse Members of Having “Interests.”

## REMOVAL OF CHAIRMAN

### Thomas D. Farrell Charged With Pigeonholing Issues.

## GUNTHER ALSO ATTACKED

### Housewives in Unanimous Resolution Advocate Appointment of Disinterested Workers.

Resolutions demanding the immediate removal of Thomas G. Farrell, chairman of the federal fair-price committee, and Emil C. Gunther, another of the members, and the substitution of disinterested persons in their places on the board were adopted yesterday at the housewives' mass meeting in Library hall. The motion was staunchly supported with a unanimous vote cast in its favor. The measure provides that the demand be made of Food Administrator W. K. Newell and that he be asked to put men or women on the investigating committee whose business interests are not identified with its findings. Mr. Farrell is a commission merchant and Mr. Gunther a grocer.

## Film-Framing Is Charged

Mrs. J. F. Chapman, chairman of the meeting, read a recommendation made by Mrs. George L. Williams regarding investigation of present food control regulations and corresponding with the Oregon delegation at Washington with a view of having them advocate the return of war-time limitations on prices and profiteering. “This recommendation, though acted upon favorably by the fair price committee,” declared Mrs. Chapman, “has brought no results. At the last meeting Mr. Farrell instructed the secretary to write to the attorney-general, instead of getting direct action. The whole thing is being film-flamed and is going through a long drawn-out process. Some of the members, I know, feel that the chairman is responsible for this.”

## Issues Reported Pigeonholed

A number of the women told of attending meetings of the committee and of being disappointed with the lack of progress it is making. Mrs. Henry Cave charged that everything important that comes up is pigeonholed by Mr. Farrell. Mrs. Chapman agreed to this, declaring that Mr. Farrell alone stands in the way of looking into the status of food control regulations. “Our committee attended one of those meetings,” said Mrs. F. O. Chapman, “and we noticed that Mr. Farrell blocks everything. It puts the committee in a delicate position, but I should think we, as outsiders, could make some suggestion to the food administration, which would place some one more fairly.”

## “YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, JACK OL' BOY, YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!”



## JOHN MITCHELL, NOTED LABOR LEADER, DEAD

### FORMER HEAD OF UNITED MINE WORKERS 49 YEARS OLD.

### Chairman of New York Industrial Commission Operated Upon Ten Days Ago.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, and one of the most widely-known labor leaders in the United States, died at 5 o'clock this afternoon at the Post Graduate hospital.

Mr. Mitchell was only 49 years old. Although he underwent an operation 10 days ago for the removal of gallstones, his condition had been reported as satisfactory and his death was wholly unexpected by friends.

With Mr. Mitchell when he died were his wife, his son and daughter. Governor Smith, who had called to inquire about his condition, arrived only a few minutes after he had breathed his last. Since 1915 Mr. Mitchell had been chairman of the New York state industrial commission. He also served as president of the state food commission, chairman of the federal food board, president of the New York state council of farms and markets, and as a member of the federal milk commission for the eastern states. His home was in Mount Vernon.

## RUNAWAY CAR HITS HOUSE

### Big Truck Crashes into Kitchen, Frightening Family.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—The family of T. G. Frohn thought an earthquake had struck their home when a motor-truck, owned by H. C. Wyatt of Mount Hood, plunged down a 25 per cent grade on Sixth street and demolished the rear of the building. Mr. Wyatt lost control at the top of the steep street.

Although he stayed by his car, frantically trying to apply the brakes, the big machine gained momentum and was traveling 30 miles an hour when it jumped an embankment and tore into the Frohn kitchen. Fortunately all members of the family were in the front of the house. Mr. Wyatt was thrown from his seat as the truck struck. His injuries were only slight bruises.

## PIPE BURSTS; SIX KILLED

### Second Engineer and Five Firemen on Melville Dollar Victims.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—Second Engineer J. McRae and five Chinese firemen lost their lives when the main steam pipe of the steamer Melville Dollar burst on the voyage from Shanghai to Manila September 4, according to a cablegram received here today by the Robert Dollar Steamship company, owners of the vessel. Chief Engineer Fraser was badly scalded but will recover. The Melville Dollar was en route to Vancouver, B. C.

## POTASH PLANT DESTROYED

### Loss at Lakeside, Neb., Given at More Than \$500,000.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 9.—Word reached here today that one of the state's largest potash reduction plants was destroyed by fire at Lakeside, Neb., a few days ago with a loss of more than \$500,000. Spontaneous combustion of coal caused the fire.

## SONG PLAYS PART IN DISQUE UPLIFT

### Bit of Arlington Club Melody Recalled.

## SPRUCE PROBE IS ENLIVENED

### Sarcastic Tribute Paid to Major C. R. Sligh.

## UGLY WORD FREELY USED

### Charges of Profiteering Indignantly Denounced as Groundless by Major F. W. Leadbetter.

Testimony in the spruce probe, as it developed before the congressional committee on aircraft expenditures, ranged yesterday from the statement of one witness that Brigadier-General Bruce P. Disque, former chief of the spruce division, owed his promotion to a semi-humorous song, all the way to the statement of another witness that spruce produced under the cost-plus operations of the Warren Spruce company cost from \$1000 to \$5000 per thousand feet.

At sessions held in the federal building in this city the committee is urging forward the long procession of witnesses who must be heard before the hearing comes to a close, presumably on Friday afternoon. It is the present plan of Representatives James A. Frear, Clarence F. Lea and W. W. Magee, who comprise the congressional tribunal, to leave for Sacramento not later than Saturday.

## Memorable Song Recalled

Auditors and committeemen smiled alike when Captain Cameron Squires, formerly of the spruce division, informed the hearing that John D. Ryan, former aircraft chief, had no overt motive in advocating the promotion of Colonel Disque to the rank of brigadier-general, but that the suggestion first came to Mr. Ryan when officers of the division improvised a song-poem, in which the promotion was patently hinted. This song, rendered at a banquet held in the Arlington club, one July day in 1918, wrought directly for the star that soon afterward appeared on General Disque's uniform.

The principal witness of the afternoon session was Major Fred W. Leadbetter, timberman and paper manufacturer, who served as liaison officer at Washington for General Disque during the war period, and whose tenure of official position was the subject of stringent criticism by Major Charles E. Sligh, formerly in charge of spruce affairs at the capital, when the latter appeared before the congressional committee at its Chicago sittings. Major Sligh was succeeded by Major Leadbetter.

In proof that Major Sligh entertained the highest regard for him prior to his displacement, Major Leadbetter stated that Major Sligh had written him a letter of appreciation.

## SOCIETY GIRL SAVES HOST FROM DROWNING

### ROGUE FISHERMAN IS PULLED ASHORE BY LINE.

### Wealthy Heroine From Boston Ties Rope to Tree on Bank and Plunges Into River.

MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—Miss Winnifred Mackay, a wealthy society girl from Boston, Mass., was the heroine late yesterday in the rescue of Roger Hall, proprietor of the Crater lake stage line, from drowning in Rogue river.

Hall, who is a veteran sportsman and experienced fisherman, took Miss Mackay and her two aunts, Mrs. W. Bercher Fonda and Mrs. Oliver Crocker Stevens of Boston, to Rogue river after their return from Crater lake. Recent rains have raised the river several inches, and Hall was swept off his feet and carried down stream several hundred feet. Seeing his predicament, Miss Mackay, who is skilled in sports, seized a rope from the car, tied it to a root on the bank and, taking off her shoes, plunged into the stream, attempting to swim to the rescue. She could make little headway, however.

Hall, meanwhile, had been swept into a shallow place and managed to cast his line to the young woman, who, with the aid of the chauffeur and her companions, tied a rope, reinforced by mud chains, to the line, and Hall was pulled ashore. “A few minutes more,” said Mr. Hall, “and I would have been swept from the shore. I was completely exhausted and could make no headway with heavy waders on. I cannot praise Miss Mackay too highly. I owe my life to her heroism.” In gratitude to Miss Mackay, Hall presented a valuable gold quartz stickpin, which he had worn for many years, to the young woman.

## NEW TRUST LAUGHS AT LAW

### 1920-Model Combination Calls for Legislation, Says Colver.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—New laws to “control the 1920-model trust” were asked of congress today by Chairman Colver of the federal trade commission. He told the house judiciary committee present laws cannot touch the new business development, which Colver described as a combination which strangles competition by common control of competing commodities. “The 1920-model trust is beyond the anti-trust laws and the vision of the courts,” declared Colver.

## HAVANA FLOODED BY SEA

### Cyclone Winds Pile Waves Over Sea Wall—Families Flee Homes.

HAVANA, Sept. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Cyclonic winds swept in from the gulf tonight, driving mountainous waves over the sea wall which were flooding adjoining sections of the city at some places to a distance of six blocks. Many families fled from their homes, with the assistance of firemen and police. No fatalities were reported.

## \$30 A MONTH BONUS ASKED

### Bills Introduced for Soldiers and Sailors Involve \$1,400,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—All members of the Wisconsin delegation in the house introduced identical bills today proposing bonuses at the rate of \$30 a month for each month's service of soldiers, sailors, marines and Red Cross nurses. It was estimated \$1,400,000,000 would be required to make the payments.

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## WILSON SAYS PACT WILL HELP LABOR

### Capital Also to Be Put on Its Feet.

## THREE SPEECHES ARE MADE

### St. Paul and Minneapolis People Enthusiastic.

## HYPHEN HELD UN-AMERICAN

### German Intrigue Being Revived to Fight League, President Declares.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 9.—Readjustment of the cost of living, President Wilson declared here tonight, must await the re-establishment of a complete peace basis which will put labor and capital on their feet.

In two addresses the president asserted that the connection between acceptance of the peace treaty and amelioration of living conditions was a direct one and that the world was looking to America to take the lead in restoring the world to a sound economic basis. Mr. Wilson spoke in the morning at a special session of the Minnesota legislature and in the evening at a public meeting at the St. Paul auditorium. During the afternoon he also addressed a meeting in Minneapolis. Tomorrow he is to speak in Bismarck, South Dakota.

## Audience Packs Auditorium

For his night meeting here the president found the auditorium packed, city authorities estimating the crowd at more than 14,000. As the president stepped on the platform the audience arose and sang “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Mayor L. C. Hoegson, a republican, introduced Mr. Wilson as “a great spiritual leader of American democracy,” whose power was written “in the hearts of his people.”

Opening his speech, Mr. Wilson said there were no political considerations in his speech-making trip for the treaty. It was an American issue, he declared, and he had come out to the people rather to “hold counsel” than to make a fight against anybody. Despite the varied national origins of the people of America, said the president, a distinctly American type has been developed, and one of the distinctions of that type was the belief in equality as contrasted with the class distinctions of the other countries.

## Hyphenation Is Scored

Adding that there were “a great many hyphens” left in America, the president declared a “hyphen” the “most un-American” trait to be found in the country.

Because of its derivations, the president asserted, America was destined to be the mediator of the world. It was the only nation, he continued, “that can sympathetically organize the world for peace.”

Of the many delegations from foreign lands who appealed to him for a hearing in Paris, he said, all were able to point out that they had relatives in America. The league of nations, the president declared, had been misrepresented as a trap set to draw the United States into war.

## Arbitration Idea Recommended

Emphasizing the arbitration features of the league covenant, Mr. Wilson repeated many of the arguments he had used in previous addresses.

Since it had seemed to become possible that the league would fail, said the president, “the old intrigues have started off again.” “That hyphen between German and American” again has raised its head. “We know the former purpose of German intrigue in this country, and it is being revived,” said Mr. Wilson, adding that the purpose now seemed to be to keep America and Germany out of the league so that at some future time the two could unite, or one could hold the world off while the other accomplished its conquests. “There can be only one intelligible reason for America staying out of this,” said Mr. Wilson, “and that is that she doesn't want police—she wants war sometimes.”

The men who oppose the league, added the president, have so badly misinterpreted the American spirit that they eventually would have time to reflect in obscurity on the mistake they had made.

## U. S. Soldier Saves World

Just as the soldier of the civil war had saved the country, Mr. Wilson said, the American soldier “in this war had saved the world.” And just as a great nation had really been born from the civil war, so “a greater thing” would result from the sacrifices of the past few years. Saying that of course the league would not be an absolute guarantee, Mr. Wilson asked whether it would not be worth while if it reduced the probability even by 10 per cent. There were many cries of “yes, yes,” over the hall and then a burst of cheers. The crowd cheered again when the president added, “and I think it reduces it about 90 per cent.”

The president said it was a duty of the American people to support the league. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)