



NORTHWEST WANTS CHANGES IN LEAGUE

Undercurrent of Unrest Is Scented by Wilson.

MASSES DEMAND MORE FACTS

Reservationists Predominate Over Opponents and Others.

PORTLAND TO GET DETAILS

Full Explanation to Clear Up Public's Hazy Ideas of Covenant Are Anticipated.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 14.—President Wilson left here tonight at 10 o'clock for Portland, where he will speak tomorrow night.

BY JOHN W. KELLY.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 14.—(Staff Correspondence.)—After having received a ton of gold braid from the Pacific fleet and attended services in the First Presbyterian church, President Wilson spent a day of rest preparatory to bringing his message of the league of nations to Portland. Already members of the presidential party are making inquiries regarding the Columbia highway and are asking for information as to Portland in general. The weather bureau, which reports daily to the party, has promised cool, clear weather for Portland.

In the Pacific northwest, public sentiment on the league of nations falls into three divisions. First are those who favor Mr. Wilson's league of nations as it stands; second, those who want no league at all; third, those who favor a league with reservations or some modifications of the plan advocated by the president.

Changes in League Wanted.

Of the three groups, the third has the greatest preponderance. After watching Mr. Wilson's audiences in this, the enemy's country, the home states of Senators Borah and Poindexter, the conviction is borne in that only a small percentage of the people are willing to swallow his programme hook, line and sinker. There is a considerable element which objects to a league, this objection not being based necessarily on a desire to keep America free from foreign alliances so much as on a bitterness to powers of the league. Then, too, among these obstructionists are those who are disciples of unrest and those who have leanings to Germany and the bloody rulers of bolshevik Russia. It is no concern over America which inspires this antagonism to the league, but quite the contrary. There may be some significance in the fact that the objectors include almost entirely the radical, dissatisfied element.

Masses Friendly to League.

The great mass of people are unquestionably friendly disposed to the league idea. They believe in the principle and consider the experiment worth testing. They hesitate, however, to stamp with unqualified approval Mr. Wilson's plan. They think that America should be safeguarded carefully.

Mr. Wilson demands that the covenant be ratified without the crossing of a "t" or the dotting of an "i." He insists that the instrument is perfect, and consequently should be adopted without reservation or amendment. To those sincere Americans who are nervous on certain points, Mr. Wilson states that their fears are groundless, as the document contains the very safeguards asked. It is merely a matter of phraseology, argues the president, so why change the original?

Northwest Not Satisfied.

To those other critics who are more belligerent, the president asks if they can suggest anything better. It is palpable that the public of the Pacific northwest is not quite clear in its own mind, nor completely satisfied, notwithstanding Mr. Wilson's explanations. His main idea—that of league—is indeed, but some doubt exists as to the present draft of the covenant being a masterpiece.

What alterations, deductions, additions or reservations should be made are things on which the public entertains vague, hazy, nebulous thoughts. Antagonism to the league by the obstructionists has not destroyed belief that the league is a good thing to have, but the obstructionists have caused the people to inquire whether the draft proposed and advocated by Mr. Wilson is as perfect a panacea as the president assures them.

Public Wants More Light.

The public wants more light. Whether Mr. Wilson will go more into detail in his address at Portland is not known. As a rule he does not prepare his talk, although occasionally he writes on a typewriter 80 or 100 words on a slip of paper, using these as points for elaboration.

The day Mr. Wilson is in Portland the report of the senate committee on foreign affairs is to become active in Washington, so there is a possibility that the president will go into detail in his auditorium speech. Mr. Wilson takes too much for granted for his audience. He apparently believes that in three-quarters of an hour he can convince an audience on subjects far more important than topics which Bryan Roosevelt, Taft, Hughes and other national men have discussed for two hours

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50 HURT IN OIL FIRE; LOSS TOTALS MILLIONS

EXPLOSION AT LONG ISLAND PLANT WORKS HAVOC.

20 Flame-Swept Acres Resemble War-Devastated Districts; Five Tanks Still Burning.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—With more than 50 persons injured and the damage already done estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, a fiery threat of further explosions of oil tanks at the fire which practically wiped out the Stone & Fleming Oil company's plant in Long Island City yesterday.

Five tanks of crude oil were burning late today. Should there be a sudden shift of the wind from north to northeast, many additional tanks in plants nearby would be threatened, as well as thousands of tons of coal.

The 20 acres of fire-swept territory looked like a scene in war-devastated France or Belgium. Tanks were crumpled up; huge steel girders lay in a tangled mass, few walls were left standing, and burning oil continued to flow along the surface of Newton creek.

Mayor Hylan made two trips to the fire this morning and once, standing within 100 feet of a tank when it exploded. He was deluged with water and oil, but insisted that he had not been in any danger.

ROOSEVELT TO RIDE IN AIR

Colonel to Fly From Portland to Pendleton Wednesday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—Lieutenant-Colonel Theodore Roosevelt arrived here today and will speak tomorrow noon and at Oakland tomorrow night in behalf of the membership drive of the American Legion.

His plans call for his departure tomorrow night for Portland, where he is to speak in Seattle Thursday and Spokane Friday. It was announced that on Wednesday he will fly from Portland to Pendleton, Or., to speak at the round-up.

RANSOM IS PAID MEXICANS

\$6000 Given for Release of Swedish Subject and American.

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 14.—Six thousand dollars, gold, was paid Mexicans late yesterday for the release of Dr. J. W. Smith, an American, and E. Monson, believed to be a subject of Sweden, who were taken from a train near Santa Eulalia, Chihuahua, yesterday according to telegrams received from Chihuahua City tonight.

They are expected to reach that city tonight.

NAVY CRIPPLED FOR MEN

Many Vessels Tied Up for Lack of Crews; Recruiting Drive On.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Demobilization of the navy demoralized the Atlantic fleet so far as man power is concerned, it was said Saturday at the navy department.

Scores of vessels are moored at navy yards with crews so greatly reduced that in many cases it is difficult and in some cases impossible to keep up steam. An intensive recruiting drive has been launched.

TONOPAH STRIKE TO END

Miners' Vote to Return to Work at Once Is Five to One.

TONOPAH, Nev., Sept. 14.—The miners, by a vote of 5 to 1, decided to end the strike that has for several weeks halted production in the Tonopah district and an order was issued last night to resume work at once.

A proposal by the operators to establish commissaries where staples of living will be sold at cost was accepted by the miners.

GRAIN ELEVATOR BLOWS UP

One Man Missing, 15 Injured at North Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 14.—One man missing and 15 men were injured, one probably fatally, in an explosion which partly wrecked the Burlington grain elevator in North Kansas City this afternoon.

Kansas City firemen worked nearly two hours before a line of hose could be run across a Missouri river bridge. The fire was under control late today.

COREAN NEWS IS SHUT OFF

Few Details of Attempt to Kill Governor-General Received.

TOKYO, Sept. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Little news has been received in press despatches from Korea since the attempted assassination of Baron Saito, the new governor-general, as to developments following that occurrence.

This may be accounted for by the derangement of the Korean telegraphic system because of a storm, reported by the newspapers.

200,000 HUNS NEAR POLAND

Army Reported to Be on Silesian Frontier Ready to Move.

PARIS, Sept. 14.—(Havas.)—A dispatch received here from Sosnowice in the government of Piotrkow, Poland, asserts that a German army, comprising a minimum of 200,000 men, is concentrated on the frontier of Silesia ready to be thrown against Poland.

BRITAIN WANTS U. S. TO SHARE IN TASK

Restoration of Europe Is in Lord Grey's Hands.

BID FOR FULL FAITH IS MADE

Viscount Will Make Trip to Try to Convince America.

MUTUAL POLICY PROPOSED

Appeasement of Ireland and Agreement Not to Compete in Size of Navies Are Suggested.

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In saying this it is not suggested that Lord Grey is a miracle worker or that it is in his power by the magic of his personality to resolve the discords of this distracted earth. But, if any one can redeem the catastrophe of Paris it is he.

Assurance of Good Will Offered.

"In Lord Grey we are sending to America the best mind of the nation, not a cunning mind nor a clever mind, but a mind noble in thought, disinterested in purpose, spacious of vision, moved as only great souls can be moved by the agony of these years and inspired by the single idea of rescuing the world from the pit into which it has fallen, and, it is to America that we need most to send such a messenger. Such a witness of our good will, such an assurance of our good faith."

"In the general chaos of affairs there is still one hope of world reconstruction. It is in the British people and the American people working together loyally for a common policy of appeasement. When the war ended, that hope was high but the golden moment was lost. Six precious weeks were wasted on a 'hang the Kaiser' election in this country, an election in which the mind of the nation instead of being moved to grand issues was saturated with the basest appeals to revenge and ignorance. We emerged from that saturnalia to the discussion of peace with the

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COMPLETE PROGRAMME OF WILSON-DAY EVENTS.

5 A. M.—President's train arrives at Union station.

9 A. M.—President and party detain and meet reception committee; presentation of Portland roses to Mrs. Wilson.

Automobile drive through business section and over Columbia river highway to Crown Point, for formal reception.

1 P. M.—Luncheon in honor of President and Mrs. Wilson at Hotel Portland.

5:30 P. M.—Venison dinner to visiting newspaper men at Press club.

8 P. M.—President Wilson to deliver only Oregon address at municipal auditorium.

11 P. M.—Presidential party leaves for California over Southern Pacific.

Route of Automobile Drive.

From Union station south on Sixth to Washington; east to Third; south to Madison; west to Sixth; north to Taylor; west to Broadway; north to Morrison; east to Fifth; north to Alder; west to Eleventh; north to Washington; east to Broadway; north to Broadway bridge; east on East Broadway to Sandy road, thence to Crown Point and Columbia river highway.

Returning—Cross Sandy river at Automobile club; west on Base Line road to 12-mile house; south through Gresham via Main street and Powell Valley road, stopping at fair grounds; west on Powell Valley road to Eighty-second street; north to Division; west to Sixtieth; north to Hawthorne; west across Hawthorne bridge; west on Madison to Fifth; north to Morrison; west to Sixth street entrance of Portland hotel, arriving at 12:30 o'clock.

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SILVER ORE IS TO BE SENT

Several Thousand Tons Will Be Shipped From Alaska, Yukon.

DAWSON, Y. T., Sept. 14.—Several thousand tons of silver ore will be shipped "outside" next spring from Yukon and Alaska, according to Volney Richmond, superintendent of the Northern Commercial company.

Half of this amount, he said, would come from Nixon Fork, near Iditarod, and half from Kantishna, near Fairbanks. The Stewart river country is expected to ship possibly 1000 or 2000 tons.

A number of other points, it is said, are developing bright promises in silver yield and much exploration work is to be done this winter. The Guggenheim have taken an option on the main group of claims staked on a fork of Duncan creek, a well-known gold placer producer.

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LANSING EXPECTED TO QUIT ANY TIME

Resignation Now May Be in Wilson's Hands.

EFFECT ON TOUR IS FEARED

Washington Is Sure Secretary Does Not Need Request.

LACK OF HARMONY FELT

News Accounts of President's Reception Do Not Indicate Any Great Success Along Way.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 14.—Interest turns today from the issue of who is having the most cordial receptions and the biggest crowds, the president or the senators speaking against the league, to this question: "What is going to happen to Robert Lansing, secretary of state?"

Developments at the foreign relations committee hearing of William C. Bullitt, formerly one of the advisers to the American peace commission in Paris, serve further to confirm rumors that the secretary of state has been out of harmony with the president on the peace treaty for some time. His own testimony before the senate foreign relations committee a few weeks ago indicated that he was not enthusiastic over certain provisions of the treaty.

Disapproval Not Expressed.

While he did not express his disapproval he manifested a desire then to have it understood that he never approved certain features of the peace pact and the league of nations covenant. If Bullitt's testimony can be believed, and there are reasons to accept it with the customary discounts, Secretary Lansing is not in accord with Mr. Wilson and a vacancy at the head of the state department may be anticipated at any time. The Bullitt testimony is necessarily subject to some discounts because Bullitt is admittedly a bolshevik sympathizer.

Had Secretary Lansing taken the pains promptly to deny Bullitt's statements he would have received the benefit of the doubt. But no denial from Lansing up to this afternoon makes comment permissible.

Discordant notes have been vaguely sounded by Mr. Lansing on several occasions and the Bullitt testimony is causing a few interested ones to go back through the files of the daily newspapers to see exactly what the secretary of state has been saying. It is noted that in an address to the American Bar association on September

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GIRL AND YOUNG MAN, CANOEISTS, DROWNED

THIRD OCCUPANT IS HELD BY HAIR UNTIL RESCUED.

Eugenia Ingman, 17, and A. V. Matney Drown Near Swan Island When Waves Upset Their Boat.

Through the overturning of a canoe in the Willamette river late yesterday Miss Eugenia Ingman, 17-year-old student of Jefferson high school, and A. V. Matney, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arville V. Barker, 1335 Fiske street, were drowned.

The drowning occurred near Swan island, in the lower Willamette harbor, about 6 o'clock. Miss Ingman was swimming beside the motor canoe, in which were riding Mr. Matney and Miss Hazel Halverson, 16. When waves from a passing boat overturned the canoe Miss Ingman was in some way drawn under the water. Matney was unable to cling to the overturned canoe and was drowned.

The rescue of Miss Halverson was effected by John Peterson, 80 Beach street. He was passing a canoe and managed to reach the girl and catch her by the hair. She was held on to the surface in this manner until other assistance arrived.

First reports to the police said that it was probably Clarence Twining who had lost his life. Matney and William Wing were joint owners of the boat and it was discovered later that it was Matney who was riding with the girls. The young man, who was born in Portland, is survived by his parents and a sister.

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CITY TO WELCOME PRESIDENT TODAY

Special Train Rolls Into Portland at 5 A. M.

PARTY DETRAINS AT 9 O'CLOCK

Throng to Glimpse Wilson in Procession Through Streets.

FAIR WEATHER FORECAST

Chief Executive to Get Official Reception at Crown Point; Citizens Eagerly Await Address.

In Portland, the citizens of Oregon today will be host to Woodrow Wilson, twenty-eighth president of the United States.

The president will come to Portland in the course of a tour through the nation, covering the western states in particular, only four states west of the Mississippi river being omitted from his itinerary.

Mr. Wilson's tour is made for the purpose of placing before the electorate his views on the league of nations pact and his appeal for support of the league plans he helped formulate.

Oregon will extend heartiest hospitality and will give him a respectful hearing.

Wilson's Train in at 5 A. M.

Citizens of the state will take pleasure in greeting Mrs. Wilson, who accompanies her husband.

Although Portland folk will have time for 40 winks after President Wilson's special train rolls across the steel bridge and into the yards at Union station at 5 o'clock this morning, indications are that they will harken to the musical chimes of the alarm clock and forego the customary beauty sleep. The presidential party will not detrain until 9 o'clock, but that will not prevent the assembly of a crowd that is expected to take the energies of militia and special police who will be on duty at the station.

Americans of the west want to see the man who bore so much of the weight of responsibility of the world war; they want to be able to say they participated in his welcome to the Rose City and helped extend the glad hand to Oregon's distinguished visitor.

Party Issues Sidetracked.

No event in years has created such a spirit of expectancy as the visit of President Wilson and his party. People from all parts of the state, and from other states where the party did not stop, have come to Portland, merely to catch a glimpse of the nation's chief executive, for comparatively few will be able to hear the address in the public auditorium tonight.

Difference of opinion on political questions will be forgotten while all Oregon observes a half-holiday in honor of the man who called the German bluff and held the militarists to a strict accountability, and Mrs. Wilson, sidetracked, save as the president wishes to refer to them, and men and women of all parties will unite with the one idea of making the city's guest and his companions feel that western hospitality is all that has been said of it.

President to Be Greeted at 9.

Promptly at 9 o'clock the reception committee, of which former Governor Oswald West is chairman, will greet the president and his party at the station. Those delegated to represent the city and state for this formality are Governor O'Connell, Mayor Baker, Mrs. Ben W. Olcott, Mrs. George L. Baker, Mrs. C. S. Jackson, T. H. Crawford, La Grande; Judge A. S. Bennett, The Dalles; Judge W. R. Bilyeu, Albany; C. S. Jackson, Edgar B. Piper and W. B. Ayer, Portland. In the presidential party are President and Mrs. Wilson, Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the president; Admiral Carey T. Grayson, White House physician; secret services operatives and 28 news writers and press photographers; Charles Swain, Gilbert F. Cloze, Warren F. Johnson and Edward W. Smithers, members of the staff.

Party to Ride Through Streets.

If promises of the weatherman hold good, President and Mrs. Wilson and party will be greeted this morning with characteristically charming, autumnal Oregon weather. There is just a possibility that before the party's stay in Portland ends there may also be a few of Oregon's characteristic showers—as though just to exhibit all the domestic varieties for edification of the visitors.

An optimistic citizenry is bound to embrace with ardent faith the portion of the forecast which promises a bright, fair morning today. As for the remainder, they will hope for the best. The official prediction for Portland and vicinity reads: "Fair, followed during afternoon or night by showers; cooler, winds becoming southerly."

Immediately following the welcome at Union station, the visitors will be tendered an automobile ride through the business section of the city and thence to Crown Point and the Columbia River highway, returning via Gresham, where a brief stop will be made at the county fair grounds. Arriving in Portland at 12:30 o'clock, President and Mrs. Wilson will be escorted to Hotel Portland, where C. S. Jackson as host will give a luncheon in honor of the visitors.

John D. Mann, chief deputy United

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