

PRESIDENT WANTS TREATY FOR ISSUE

McCumber Sees Plan to Defer Senate Action.

SENATOR STILL HOPEFUL

North Dakota, on Visit to His Former Neighbors, Says Some Reservations Are Sure.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—President Wilson desires to make a campaign issue of the peace treaty, said Porter J. McCumber, United States senator from North Dakota, who was here today to visit his old friends and neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce L. Bogart.

Republican Victory Foreseen. "There will be, in my opinion," continued the senator, "a change of administration. The change will be brought about by a very decisive majority, and that change will come about whether the treaty is ratified or whether it is not ratified. As a supporter of some advanced step and agreement between nations to maintain the peace of the world I hope there will be no great delay in the ratification of some kind of a peace treaty, but one thing is certain, and that is there will be very little, if any, change in the reservations which were finally accepted.

Modification Not Likely. "If we were able to make some of the reservations less radical and to me more acceptable, we would lose votes in the final action and a sufficient number to defeat the ratification. These reservations, while some put this country in a selfish attitude, are, after all, no great reservation. It is not true, as many assert, that they take the heart out of the treaty.

They do operate as an amendment to article 10, withholding our assent to any binding obligation to protect the independence or territorial integrity of any other nation, but there is still retained the solemn obligation of every nation party to the agreement to respect the territorial integrity and political independence of every other nation.

National Honor Big Question. "In either instance," continued Senator McCumber, "we have to depend upon a sense of national honor. So, also, there is still retained the positive agreement on the part of each nation that in the event of a dispute with another it will either be submitted to arbitration, which would be entirely outside the treaty, or an investigation of the facts concerning the dispute by the council and the further agreement that no nation will make war upon the other until the facts have been fully ascertained and published to each disputant country and to the world.

Denial that Any Freight Embargo Has Been Instituted by Railroads of the central western region, owing to a shortage of cars, was made last night by local freight traffic officials, following the appearance of an item in

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PERSHING REPORT ON A. E. F. REMARKABLE

What It Doesn't Say Is as Interesting as Its Facts.

OWN POLICY IS STRESSED

Determination to Keep American Army Intact Emphasized—Offense at Soissons Urged.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Interest in the final report of General Pershing on the work of the A. E. F. has been intensified in army circles by the strained relations known to exist between General Pershing and General March, chief of the general staff. Army officers who have been associated with General Pershing consider that the report is as remarkable for what it does not say as for what it actually contains.

Another feature of the report which is attracting the attention of overseas officers is the emphasis which General Pershing lays again and again upon his insistence during the war that the American troops in France should be held under their own flag, except when emergencies arose which demanded their loan to the British or French armies by regiments, brigades or divisions.

Marked as are General Pershing's statements on this point, however, it is said that he had underrated the extremes in which he was pushed in carrying his contention, and it is understood to be the belief of certain officers and his principal subordinates, that only his insistence upon the organization of American divisions in the fall of 1918 enabled the allies to win the war.

General Pershing's friends likewise contend that he has slipped over the part which he played in inducing Marshal Foch to start a general offensive in the summer of 1918, instead of waiting until the spring of 1919.

Foch Ignorant of Offensive. "The bare truth is," said an American officer, in discussing the subject, "that Foch knew nothing about the Soissons offensive which started the crushing-in of the Marne salient. Several months before it was actually undertaken, then he abandoned it. Then he took it up again with Foch, and Foch said so. Then Foch changed his mind, and said it would be better to wait.

"Finally, about the end of May, Pershing became interested in it. He supported the idea, and in the end he argued Petain into attempting it. Petain's objection was that he had no shock troops available. Pershing's reply was that the first and second American divisions were available.

Petain's Objections Overruled. "Petain objected that they had just come out of the line," Pershing said. "Very well, put them in again." Petain objected once more that the American divisions had not been used in a general offensive. Pershing declared they could do it, and Petain gave in.

The offensive was undertaken as a local affair, and Foch did not know of it until he heard of the result. This will be proved, I think, when and if "that Foch knew nothing about the Soissons offensive" is published.

Similarly the opinion is held by American officers who were overseas that Pershing was the only one of the allied high command who had any definite conviction that the war could be won before the winter of 1918-19 set in.

LEGION ASKS PREFERENCE POSITIONS ARE WANTED FOR 1500 IDLE MEN.

Discharge of Aliens to Be Asked, if Necessary to Care for Men. Relief Fund Voted.

"No employer in Oregon is 100 per cent American who employs aliens while ex-service men walk the streets hungry and out of work."

Such is the slogan adopted by the Portland post of the American Legion at its meeting last night at Liberty Temple, and another thousand will be idle by the middle of January.

To take care of this situation, employers of Oregon must find places for ex-service men. It was declared at the meeting, and those who give preference

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CLAIMS DECISION HELD

COMMITTEE DELAYS REPORT ON AUDITORIUM BILL. Recommendation Expected Soon Regarding \$70,000 Contractor Asks From Municipality.

The claims of Hans Pederson of Seattle, contractor who built the municipal auditorium, and his bondsmen creditors, for an alleged deficit between the contract price and the actual expense entailed, amounting to \$70,000, were heard yesterday afternoon by the special board of inquiry, recently appointed by Mayor Baker.

No action was taken by the board toward a recommendation to the city council relative to the claim, but it is understood that such a recommendation will be drafted at a second and final session to be held in the near future.

It is definitely understood between the principals, city officials, contractor and bondsmen, that any recommendation made by the special committee will not be necessarily binding, inasmuch as the city admittedly is not legally bound to pay the deficit incurred by the contractor.

Testimony given before the committee was to the effect that the original bid for construction was \$217,000, and that later an additional \$70,000 was allowed for extra work in the completion of items included in the bid. The claim itself is not legally bound to pay the contractor, Hans Pederson, amounting to about \$70,000, and for \$50,000 borrowed by him to defray the expense of extra material, with interest. The combined amount is \$120,000.

GAS KILLS H. BERGER Sleeper Asphyxiated and Wife Is Made Ill When Pipe Bursts.

Henry Berger, aged 42 and married, was accidentally asphyxiated at his home, 2197 East Yamhill street, early yesterday, when a gas pipe in the home burst because of the cold weather. Mrs. Berger and their two children escaped.

Mrs. Berger was rendered violently ill by the escaping gas, but recovered. The two children escaped the gas fumes, as they were sleeping in another part of the house.

Mr. Berger, who is employed in the freight department of the O.-W. R. & N. company.

POWER GENERATOR MADE (Continued From First Page.)

some maximum. I know no reason why it should not last until time rots the insulation away from the wires."

Machine Not "Motion" Patent. Hubbard denies that his device seeks perpetual motion. He maintains that it taps the vast storehouses of cosmic energy and that the apparatus is founded upon sound scientific principles.

"I have hitched my wires to the tail of the universe, you might say," he said.

Hubbard has a high school education. His father is an electrical engineer, he said yesterday, and the family formerly lived in Spokane. It was while he was employed in charge of an air compressor at the Hercules

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WOULD-BE ROBBER FOILED

2 SHOTS FIRED IN ATTEMPT ON GROCERY STORE. Masked Man Makes Escape When George J. Smith, Proprietor, Offers Resistance.

Two shots were fired, with no casualties, during an attempt to hold up a grocery store owned by George J. Smith, at East Sixteenth and Clinton streets last night. The robber fled without obtaining anything.

Mr. Smith reported to the police that he dodged behind a partition and seized his revolver when the robber entered wearing a mask and carrying a pistol in his hand. When the proprietor appeared armed, the highwayman fled. Mr. Smith ran into the street and shouted, whereupon R. J. Stewart, ex-patrolman, who lives next door to the grocery, ran out of his home. The footpad fired one shot in reply. Captain Harms and his squad took five suspects to police headquarters and interviewed them, but charged none with the crime. They were: Fred Mankurtz, William Noonan, Thomas Moran, Edward J. Kelly and Peter J. Dowling. They were held for investigation.

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