

ARTICLE ON TREATY, SAYS MR. WILSON

Lodge Reservations Held Fatal to Treaty.

OBLIGATION DECLARED CLEAR

Idea of Recreant America Unthinkable, Says Chief.

ISSUES HELD BECLOUDED

President, in Letter to Senator Hitchcock, Restates Opposition to "Nullifying Reservations."

WASHINGTON, March 8.—President Wilson restated for democratic supporters today his opposition to any peace treaty reservations which would weaken the full force of article 10 or materially impair provisions of the league covenant.

Without saying specifically what qualification he would or would not accept, he wrote to Senator Hitchcock, administration leader, that almost all reservations he had heard suggested were "in effect virtual nullifications" of the treaty articles to which they applied.

"I hear of reservationists and mild reservationists," the letter added, but I cannot understand the difference between a nullifier and a mild nullifier."

Moral Obligations Clear.

Discussing article 10, the president wrote that there was "no escaping the moral obligations expressed in positive terms in this article," though there could be no objection to explaining in an interpretation the constitutional methods by which such an obligation would have to be fulfilled. The "very heart" of the covenant, he reiterated, would be imperilled by weakening article 10.

The letter, written in response to a request that he confer with Senator Simmons of North Carolina, in charge for the democratic side of the senate in current negotiations for a compromise, follows:

Issues Declared Clouded.

"My dear Senator Hitchcock: I understand one or two of your colleagues do me the honor of desiring to know what my views are with reference to article 10 of the league of nations and the effect upon the league of the adoption of certain proposed reservations to that article. I welcome the opportunity to throw any light I can upon a subject which has become so singularly beclouded by misapprehension and misinterpretations every kind.

"There is no escaping the moral obligations which are expressed in positive terms in this article of the covenant. We won a moral victory over Germany far greater even than the military victory won on the field of battle, because the opinion of the world swung to our support and the support of the nations associated with us in the great struggle. It did so because of our common profession and promise that we meant to establish 'an organization of peace which should make it certain that the blood shed power of free nations would check every invasion of right and serve to make peace and justice the more secure by affording a definite tribunal of opinion to which all must submit and by which every international readjustment that cannot be amicably agreed upon by the people directly concerned shall be sanctioned.'

Promises Clear to All.

"This promise and assurance were written into the preliminaries of the armistice and into the preliminaries of the peace itself and constitute one of the most sacred obligations ever assumed by any nation or body of nations. It is unthinkable that America should set the example of ignoring such a solemn moral engagement.

"I feel that I could not look soldiers of our gallant armies in the face again if I did not do my utmost to fulfill the high purpose for which they fought.

Methods Not in Question.

"I think we can dismiss from our minds the idea that it is necessary to stipulate in connection with article 10 the constitutional methods we should use in fulfilling our obligations under it. We gain nothing by such stipulations and secure nothing not already secured. It was understood as a matter of course at the conference in Paris that whatever obligations any government assumed of whatever duties it undertook under the treaty would have to be fulfilled by its usual and established constitutional methods of action.

"Once or twice in meetings of the conference, when the treaty was under consideration, 'reservations' were made to that effect by the representatives of individual powers and these 'reservations' were invariably received in the way in which men who have need for business and not for talk always receive acts of scrupulous supererogation—listened to with

GOLD IMPORTS CONTINUE

Shipment of \$1,250,000 on Way to U. S. From England.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Gold valued at \$1,250,000 is being shipped from England today to this country, according to announcement made here by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. This is the first large shipment in several months. Gold coin worth \$3,000,000 also has been received from Canada at the sub-treasury here. A large amount was received here from the same source last week.

W. H. SAVAGE HEADS STATE FAIR BOARD

LIVESTOCK ARENA AND ROADS TO BE BUILT.

Horse Show and Americanization Day to Be Features of 1920 Show at Salem.

SALEM, Or., March 8.—(Special.)—W. H. Savage of Corvallis was elected president of the state fair board here today to succeed M. L. Jones, who will retire from the board at expiration of his term on April 1. A. C. Marsters of Roseburg was named vice-president.

The board approved plans for improving the fair grounds through the construction of a system of macadam driveways and cement sidewalks at a cost estimated at between \$10,000 and \$15,000. An arena for the judging of livestock also was approved by the board and will be installed at a cost of \$3000.

The horse show will be among the features of this year's fair, according to a decision reached by the board, as will Americanization day which will fall on Friday. For this occasion there will be speakers of nationwide prominence, and all persons naturalized during the year preceding the opening of the fair will be admitted to the grounds without charge.

The premium list which has been extended to include many classes of exhibits not exhibited heretofore, will represent funds 10 per cent greater than posted at previous fairs.

Another meeting of the board will be held next month, when additional plans for this year's fair will be completed.

Although James Linn of Salem, who will succeed Mr. Jones on the board, will not assume his duties until next month, he was seated at today's meeting in order that he might get in touch with the plans being made for this year's event.

PRESIDENT OUT FOR RIDE

Photographers Prohibited, Though He Looked Picture of Health.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—President Wilson went riding today in an open automobile. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, Rear-Admiral Grayson and Wilmer Bolling, Mrs. Wilson's brother.

The president wore a heavy cloth overcoat and a golf cap. He looked the picture of health. It was his second public appearance since he took to his bed last October after his western tour.

The police again prohibited photographers from taking pictures of the president.

A bright sun was shining, but some of the snow from last week's blizzard still was on the ground and a sharp wind was blowing.

The president was out just an hour, driving through Rock Creek park.

RICH GOLD STRIKES MADE

Grant County Lead Yields Ore Assaying \$35,500 to Ton.

CANYON CITY, Or., March 8.—(Special.)—Several rich strikes of gold quartz have been made lately in Grant county, the last being that made by Ralph Curl on Canyon mountain, about three miles east of Canyon City.

Yesterday a report of assay was returned to Mr. Curl on an average sample from a five foot lead that he has been following. The assay report was \$35,500 per ton. The lead is free milling ore. Franklyn Jensen, who has been working in the vicinity of the Curl mine, also reports a rich strike on his claim.

TENANTS PROTEST RENTS

San Francisco Hotel and Apartment Men to Take Legal Action.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Announcement that they will seek a writ of mandamus in the state supreme court tomorrow directing the state railroad commission to pass on high apartment and hotel rates here was made by officials of the San Francisco Tenants' Protective association here today.

This action was to be in addition to actions to be filed in the superior court against the extortionate acts of certain landlords.

An active campaign for new members of the Tenants' Protective association was started today.

GIRLS DEFY COLD RIVER

Albany Young Folk Enjoy Swim in Willamette Even if It Is Cold.

ALBANY, Or., March 8.—(Special.)—Eight Albany young people went bathing in the Willamette here Saturday and said they enjoyed their swim despite the fact that the water was cold. It was a beautiful spring day.

The party of bathers was composed of Misses Glenna McDaniel, Orah Gilchrist, Maude Miller, Olga Jackson and Ruth McDaniel, and Kenneth Ross, Leonard Olene and Orville Smith.

STATE ATTACKS I. W. W. DEFENSE

Rebuttal Moves Swiftly With Sharp Thrusts.

RAID ON HALL IS DENIED

Vanderveer Makes but Little Headway in Quiz.

LEGION MEN TAKE STAND

Records of Hotel in Portland Used to Disprove Charge That Hubbard Instigated Attack.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

MONTESANO, Wash., March 8.—(Special.)—Not until the paraders were under fire, with the whiz of bullets in their ears, and with the windows of the I. W. W. hall bursting to the blast of rifle, did legionnaires break ranks in Centralia's Armistice day parade.

More than a score of youthful veterans, participants in the parade and eyewitnesses of the tragedy testified to this effect today when called by the state in rebuttal, as witnesses in the trial of the 10 Centralia radicals who are charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm. Under cross-examination their testimony remained practically unshaken.

Rush After Fire Admitted.

Of those who testified, two were service strikers who admit that they did race toward the hall with hostile intent—but only after they realized that the ranks were under fire and heard shots from the hall itself, whence the I. W. W. poured out a volley. These witnesses were Eugene "Dutch" Pfitzer of Chehalis and Lawrence Stevens of Centralia.

Rebuttal testimony for the state moved swiftly—30 witnesses having undergone direct and cross-examination when court adjourned this afternoon. In each instance, the testimony of the witness was directed by the state against some major contention of the defense—and in several instances toward the impeachment of testimony hitherto given by witnesses for the defense.

"Rope" Is Frayed Clothelike.

The grisly significance of the "two coils of rope" carried by two civilians in the parade, according to witnesses who testified for the defense, was dissipated by rebuttal testimony to the effect that two paraders picked up a frayed piece of clothelike from the street and jested with it, and with one another, as the line moved forward.

Against the contention of the defense that F. H. Hubbard, prominent Centralia business man, who has been charged by the I. W. W. with having sponsored a hostile conspiracy against

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INQUIRY ORDERED AT HOFF'S REQUEST

CONDUCT OF STATE TREASURER GOES TO GRAND JURY.

Probe Likely to Consume Several Days Owing to Nature of Evidence to Be Heard.

SALEM, Or., March 8.—(Special.)—Charges that O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, purchased for the state securities for which he paid exorbitant commissions to the brokers and that part of these securities were bought at a figure above the market quotations are to undergo grand jury investigation, according to a letter prepared by Governor Olcott today and sent to Attorney-General Brown.

Upon receipt of the governor's letter Mr. Brown said that the main investigation probably would be conducted by the Marion county grand jury, although other inquisitorial bodies might be summoned in the event of this being deemed necessary to make the probe of such scope as urged by the executive. The Marion county grand jury meets in Salem March 15 and it is not improbable, according to officials, that the persons making the charges against Mr. Hoff will be summoned to present their evidence on that day. Because of the nature of the evidence to be introduced, which will include the books and records of the treasurer, it is the opinion of officials that the inquiry will consume several days.

Governor Olcott called the investigation upon the receipt of a letter from Mr. Hoff asking for a complete inquiry of the charges made against him by a Portland newspaper. Mr. Hoff's letter to the governor reads: "In view of the recent articles published in a Portland newspaper concerning the purchase of securities by this department for the benefit of the industrial accident commission trust funds, wherein the method of handling such trust funds has been questioned and the public led to assume that this trust is not being properly safeguarded, I most respectfully request that you take steps looking to a thorough investigation of all matters concerning the conduct of this department, which, in your judgment, would best satisfy whatever interest the general public may have in the matter.

"The records of this department are, and always have been, subject to scrutiny by any and all who have felt an interest in the matter, but in light of the above, an investigation is especially desired at this time."

In his letter to the attorney-general Governor Olcott said:

"Acting under the authority vested in me by section 2, chapter 195, of the general laws of Oregon of 1915, I am calling upon you to appear before a grand jury of Marion county charged by the I. W. W. with having jurisdiction for the purpose of managing and conducting an inquiry and investigation into the matter of the purchase of securities by the state treasurer's office. I desire the scope of this investigation to be sufficiently wide to cover all transactions having to do with the purchase of securities by the state treasurer or his assistants, and more particularly the transactions covering purchases of bonds of the city of Warrenton, city of Reedsport, city of Monmouth, Port of Bay City, city of Oakland, city of Yamhill and city of Rainier, with the exception of the I. W. W. with having such action, make such report or such

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DANIELS INDORSES ASTORIA NAVAL BASE

IMMEDIATE ACTION FAVORED BY SECRETARY OF NAVY.

Development of Pacific Held Essential by Chief in Committee Meeting.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Immediate and extensive enlargement of naval docking and basing facilities on the Pacific and legislation to provide a naval reserve force of at least 200,000 were advocated today before the house naval committee by Secretary Daniels.

The secretary asked authority to start construction of a new naval base on San Francisco bay below Mare island and urged that \$10,000,000 be made available at once. He first estimated the cost at \$75,000,000, but later said it might be done for \$40,000,000.

Among the recommendations made by the secretary were: Establishment of submarine and destroyer bases at Port Angeles, Wash., and Astoria, Or.

Mr. Daniels requested permission to accept a tract of 115 acres of land from the city of Astoria free from incumbrance on which to build the proposed destroyer and submarine base.

Other recommendations were: Development of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as a supply base for the fleet with facilities for repair and upkeep. Improvements at Guam, to permit of its serving as a fueling and repair station for ships en route to the far east and as a fueling base for United States merchant marine vessels.

Enlargement of the naval base at Bremerton, Wash., to permit of caring for a larger fleet. "Bag habits" are the main repair and docking yards for capital ships," said Mr. Daniels.

Development of San Diego, Cal., as the main base of the Pacific fleet while on the southern Pacific drill grounds.

Ultimate establishment of a fueling and supply base in Alaska at a place to be determined later.

Expressing the belief that in the next war as in the last the United States would send its troops into the enemy's country, Mr. Daniels said a large navy and strong naval reserve were "absolutely necessary."

BAN ALL TOBACCO IS AIM

Smokeless America by 1925 Is Dream of Anti-Cigarette League.

CHICAGO, March 8.—A smokeless America by 1925 is the aim of the international cigarette league, organized as successor to the anti-cigarette league, it was announced here today.

"Save the girl," is one slogan, and an effort will be made to enlist every girl in Chicago in the "clean life army" of the league.

"Bad habits are the beginning of criminal careers," explained Miss Lucy Page Gaston, executive superintendent, telling why the cigarette habit should be squelched.

A campaign for \$100,000 to carry on the league's work will begin soon, according to Miss Gaston. Public schools and women's clubs will be enlisted in the cause as well as churches, if possible.

Superintendent Stands Pat.

Mr. Nagel is chief deputy in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction. Upon receipt of the reply to the governor's message, Mr. Nagel declined to make public the contents of the message, but announced that the notices would go forward for the conference on the date as first named by Mrs. Preston. It is understood the state superintendent stands upon the declaration contained in the legislative message to the teachers, that "the people everywhere are interested in the people's great institution, the public school."

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No reply to the governor's second message had been received either at the executive offices or at the office of the state superintendent at the closing hour and the notices for the conference were put in the mails this evening.

Teachers Contemplate Bills.

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GOV. HART DEFIED BY SCHOOL HEAD

Teachers to Meet During Special Session.

OLYMPIA FACES CONGESTION

Instructors Will Work for New Bills Is Belief.

EXECUTIVE'S APPEALS VAIN

Mrs. Josephine Corliss Preston Fails to Comply With Request for Postponed Meeting.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 8.—(Special.)—Efforts to limit the work of the extraordinary session of the legislature called by Governor Louis F. Hart to convene March 22 to the minimum required to ratify the federal suffrage amendment and provide for continuing the state educational institutions received a decided setback today when Mrs. Josephine Corliss Preston, state superintendent of public instruction, refused to comply with the governor's telegraphic request that the state conference of county and city superintendents and city principals of public schools called to meet in Olympia on the opening day of the extra session to press legislative action to meet imperative needs of the public schools of the state be deferred one week.

Mrs. Preston issued the call Saturday from Washington, D. C., and notices of the conference were being prepared at her office here today to be sent to public school superintendents and teachers.

Governor Hart, when advised the conference, which will bring several hundred school workers to the capital, had been called, addressed the following telegram to Mrs. Preston at Chicago, where she is today on her way to Olympia:

"The legislature convenes in extraordinary session March 22. This will test capacity of Olympia hotel accommodations to the limit. Would it be possible to defer the educational conference one week? If so, please wire Mrs. Nagel."

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OREGON WELCOMES RAIN; MORE COMING

REMARKABLE WINTER DRY SPELL AT LAST BROKEN.

Precipitation Means Much to Farmers—Storm Warnings Go to All Along Coast.

After an unusual period of clear weather, almost without interruption since the first of the year, yesterday brought a rain storm which, according to weather reports, promises to be the curtain-raiser for a period of typical wetfoot days. A drenching rain continued throughout most of the day, with now and then a brief respite, and the forecast last night was for more rain today.

With the coming of the rain came a southeasterly wind which, on the coast, gave promise of developing into gales. Storm warnings went up all along the coast last night in anticipation of a period of storm and gales, and the ocean, rough and smooth at noon yesterday, was somewhat ruffled by evening. Measurement of the wind on the coast at 5 o'clock last night showed a movement of 43 miles per hour.

With a deficiency in rainfall most unusual for this time of year, and recorded as 19.7 inches since September 1, the rainfall is hailed with relief by farmers throughout this section. The total fall for the 24-hour period ended at 5 P. M. yesterday was .15 inch. The forecast for today is for rain, with southerly winds, while the forecast for Oregon and Washington is for rain with southeasterly gales along the coast.

That the rain is widespread, extending practically throughout the northwest, is indicated by reports from the various weather stations last night. From every observation point in the two states, messages of rain or of cloudy weather, Baker, Marshfield and Roseburg in Oregon and Walls Walla, Tacoma and Seattle in Washington all reported rain, while Medford, North Yakima and Spokane reported cloudy weather.

2 MURDERERS EXECUTED

Ohio Prison Guard Kills Self Because of Strain on Nerves.

COLUMBUS, O., March 8.—A double electrocution took place at the Ohio penitentiary early this morning when Jacob Edinger and Edward Ness, both of Cincinnati, paid the death penalty for murder.

Twenty minutes before the two men were marched to the death chamber, W. D. Shoemaker, a guard in the prison hospital, shot and killed himself. The double electrocution was said to have affected his nerves.

14 LOST AS SHIP SINKS

Swedish Steamer Argo Is Fast in Baltic Sea.

STOCKHOLM, March 8.—Fourteen persons were drowned in the sinking of the Swedish steamer Argo in the Baltic sea.

The steamer was en route from Stockholm to Copenhagen when she was struck by a mine. The ship was carrying 14 passengers and a crew of 100. The mine was believed to have been laid by a German submarine.

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