

## WILSON EDICT MAY AID REPUBLICANS

### Treaty Stand Promises Strategic Benefit.

## PLANK DRAFTERS INFLUENCED

### Mention of Reservations May Be Omitted.

## PLAN IS ONLY TENTATIVE

### Broad Declarations Would Only Approve as Much of Pact as Party Has Favored.

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WASHINGTON, May 16.—So far as

President Wilson's message was timed in relation to political strategy, it may be assumed to have reference only to conditions in his own party. The democrats of New York had just failed to endorse him and the treaty. One day later the Illinois democratic state convention was held.

But the message has quite as much timeliness with regard to the republican party's platform on the league of nations. At the moment the president gave out his telegram the republican leaders were in the midst of reaching a harmonious agreement on the league of nations' plank in the platform.

Whether the president's announcement of his position will make it easier or harder for the republicans to formulate theirs remains to be seen. It could as well be one as the other. But that it will affect the negotiations now going on among republican senators there can be no doubt.

## Irreconcilables Are Aroused.

These negotiations were precipitated by the more or less official announcement that Senator Lodge would be making a statement at the coming republican national convention and would deliver the keynote speech.

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## AUTO KILLS PASTOR'S WIFE

### Driver, Blinded by Lights of Passing Car, Hits Woman.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 16.—Mrs. E. J. Ownbey, wife of the pastor of the New Home Baptist church across the state line in Oregon, was killed tonight while she and her husband were walking home after services. The edge of a motor car broke over the highway when T. D. Barkley of Pendleton, Or., attempted to pass another automobile, the lights of which blinded him, and he failed to see the couple. Mrs. Ownbey died a few minutes after the accident. Rev. Mr. Ownbey was slightly injured.

## STREETCAR HITS POLE

### Woman Hurt When Montavilla Car Jumps Track at Frog.

Mrs. Nellie Lake, 11 East Seventy-second street North, was injured last night when an outboard Montavilla streetcar at East Twenty-eighth and Glisan streets last night jumped the track and collided with a power pole on the northeast corner of the street. The car narrowly missed smashing in the front of a store on the street corner, but stopped a few feet from the windows. The heavy pole broke off short.

## SPokane Not Satisfied

### Many City Residents Held Not Enumerated in Census.

SPokane, Wash., May 16.—Industrial concerns of this city are making a check of their employees, it was stated here Saturday, in an effort to locate local residents who were not enumerated in the 1920 census. Approximately 40 names of persons said not to have been registered in the census so far have been reported to District Supervisor Scott, it was announced.

## SWISS IN CLOSE VOTE JOIN NATIONS' LEAGUE

### MEMBERSHIP IS ACCEPTED BY 400,000 TO 500,000.

### Pre-Election Campaign Is Marked by Bombarding Towns With Propaganda From Planes.

BERNE, May 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Switzerland today, in a referendum on the question of acceptance or rejection of membership in the league of nations, voted in favor of the proposition.

The vote was a narrow one, 11 1/2 of the cantonal votes being in favor and 10 1/2 against it. The popular vote in favor of the league was approximately 400,000, and against it, 300,000. The cantons of Basleville, Schaffhausen, Glarus and Uri rejected the proposition, while the French-speaking cantons of the French-speaking cantons were in favor of the proposition by a majority of 26,000.

The German-speaking cantons polled a majority of 10,000 against the league. It was foreseen that a large number of the French-speaking cantons would favor the league, while the German-speaking cantons were uncertain, the city of Zurich holding the balance.

Eight of the smaller cantons completely showed five against the league, while three favored it. In the larger cantons, the vote was close, except Neuchâtel.

GENEVA, May 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—The ringing of church bells at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon calling nearly 1,000,000 voters to the polls throughout Switzerland marked the beginning of the referendum.

The town was placarded and every household was bombarded with propaganda, and dropped from airplanes. President Motia spoke at various towns in favor of the league.

The Swiss militarists headed by Ulrich Wiler, ex-commander of the Swiss army, and the ultra-nationalists continued their strong campaign against the league up to the opening of the polls. Switzerland's vote on the league of nations was regarded as a serious test of the strength of the league.

## PRISONER OWN RESCUER

### Man in Hood River Jail Awakes to Find Building Afire.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 16.—(Special.)—R. Clay Crawford, held in jail on a charge of kidnaping W. M. Bailey, principal of the high school, of 1000, had a narrow escape at daybreak today when the old city hall and jail, the attic of which was gutted, caught fire from an overheated furnace.

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## CONGESTION LOSS PLACED HIGH

Interest rates at this time are so high as to make it out of the question for most of the manufacturing wholesalers and retailers alike are concerned that borrow to finance further production, according to treasury officials. It was said the congestion was costing the nation "millions a day" through under-production.

Wholesalers and retailers alike are suffering through the inability to obtain delivery of goods, railroad men said, and the resulting shortage threatens to bring about a general shutdown.

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## U. S. TO ACT SOON TO MOVE FREIGHT

### Nation-Wide Jam Grows More Menacing.

## SWEEPING ORDERS EXPECTED

### Priority of Food Over "Dead" Shipments Is Forecast.

## RATIONS ARE CONSIDERED

### Interstate Commerce Commission Experts Aiding Car Service Committee in Gathering Data.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—There were indications tonight that the government would act within 48 hours to break the nation-wide freight jam which for nearly a month has been slowly clenching its grip on the throat of industry.

Sweeping orders by the interstate commerce commission, granting priority of shipment for food, fuel and perishables were confidently awaited by railroad officials.

They expected the commission also to bar temporarily the transportation of all "dead" freight, so that necessary life could be rushed to communities where shortages will soon exist.

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## Data on Cars Sought

Its experts have been instructed to work in conjunction with the American Railroad association car service committee in assembling all available data on the car situation with a view to apportioning the supply where it would do the most good.

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## IRISH TOWN PASSES NIGHT OF TERROR

### POLICE SERGEANT SLAIN IN LONDONDERRY CLASH.

### Sinn Feiners and Loyalists Fight With Missiles—Theatergoers Besieged by Mobs.

BELFAST, May 16.—Rioting was renewed in Londonderry Sunday evening, the rival factions exchanging fire frequently in various parts of the city. The police were withdrawn from 10:30 until after midnight and unionist ex-soldiers wearing masks took possession of Carlisle road, driving pedestrians off the street. A former soldier named Doherty was shot and killed.

BELFAST, May 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Londonderry experienced a night of terror Saturday, part of the city being for hours at the mercy of riotous mobs. Sergeant Dennis Moroney, chief of the special criminal department of the city, was shot and died within half an hour. Londonderry thus gains the unenviable reputation of being the scene of the first police murder in Ulster since the opening of the assassination campaign on January 1, 1919.

The other casualties included James McCafferty, aged 18, shot in the chest; District Inspector McDonagh, wounded in the head with a stone while leading a police charge, and John McCullion, a former soldier, wounded in the head with a bayonet.

After minor disturbances early in the night the ill-feeling between the Sinn Feiners and loyalists flamed up. About 9 o'clock the air was thick with bottles, stones and other missiles, while revolvers were freely discharged. The police arrived and persuaded the loyalists to retire.

The Sinn Feiners continued their disorderly demonstrations and the police charged and scattered them into the side streets. The trouble culminated in a battle on the quay near the Great Northern station, where Moroney was shot down by the rioters.

Unionist crowds literally took possession of the thoroughfare near Carlisle square and stoned persons believed to be of different political persuasion. The audience at the Empire theater was stoned so furiously that they fled. The theater was returned, the doors being barricaded. Shortly before midnight troops were summoned and with their aid matters soon quieted down.

## SMOKE DIMS SUN'S RAYS

### Pull Over Mid-Columbia at Hood River Traced to Brush Fires.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 16.—(Special.)—The pall of smoke hanging over the mid-Columbia past week thickened last night, and today the sun's rays were dimmed, the smoke was so dense. The haze hanging over the river was so heavy that the opposite Washington bank could be seen only in silhouette.

The smoke, it was supposed, came from numerous brush and slashing fires. Crews of lumber camps back of Hoodriver were reported, having been engaged for several days to prevent brush fires from breaking their bounds.

## FATHER OF SLAIN TRAIN ROBBER DIES

### On Way to Morgue.

CHICAGO, May 16.—Mrs. L. E. Walton of St. Joseph, Mo., mother of Horace Walton, who was killed Friday in a fight with the police, after he had robbed the Illinois Central New Orleans express of \$70,000 and killed Patrolman William Roberts, claimed the body of her son today.

The train on which she came to Chicago also brought the body of her husband, who died of heart disease yesterday at Bucklin, Mo., while on his way here with his wife.

## MOTORCYCLE CRASHES INTO AUTO, THREE HURT

### E. D. PARRISH MAY SUCCEMB AS RESULT OF INJURIES.

### George Wright and Paul Drannon Severely Hurt—Accident Is Near Bertha Station.

As the result of an accident on the Capital highway south of Portland at about 9 o'clock last night, in which a motorcycle collided with an automobile, E. D. Parrish, Third and Clay streets, driver of the motorcycle, suffered injuries which may prove fatal and George Wright, 262 Clay street, and Paul Drannon, 429 Third street, aged 3 and 15 years respectively, who were riding on the motorcycle with Parrish, were seriously injured.

The accident occurred about three-quarters of a mile south of Bertha station, scene of the railway collision just a week ago which cost the lives of nine persons. Parrish's motorcycle, according to a preliminary investigation made by sheriffs, crashed into a motor truck belonging to St. Zevitt, 429 Sixth street, which was standing at the roadside. Both the truck and the motorcycle were without lights, it was stated following a preliminary investigation.

The three injured were removed to St. Vincent's hospital, where it was found that Parrish had sustained a fractured skull, broken arm and leg and was in a serious condition. George Wright was injured in the scalp and the state organization a decided advantage in the convention, which will convene at 10 A. M. tomorrow.

The contests of the Pierce and King county delegations will go before the convention tomorrow, committee meetings and the report of the credentials committee will have to be passed upon by the convention itself before the issue is finally determined.

Defeat Not Conceded.

While the facts revealed by the federal office holders tonight refused to concede their defeat, Mr. Todd in a statement claimed 843 of the convention's 116 votes for the state organization. In this he included Spokane county's 112 votes.

At a caucus of delegates from six southwestern counties this afternoon, it was decided, according to an announcement by those present, that the delegates representing would vote either for A. R. Tiltow, incumbent, or George F. Christensen, state chairman, for national committeeman in the convention tomorrow.

The county represented are Clark, Coville, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason and Skamania. Three other counties, Thurston, Wahkiakum and Klickitat, were said to have been represented at the conference informally, and while they did not bind themselves absolutely to vote with the other six, it was agreed tentatively, it was stated, that their delegates would likewise support Tiltow or Christensen. This would add 43 votes to the 116 votes represented by the six counties said to be definitely pledged.

More Than Majority Pledged.

A check of the delegations tonight, made public by the state organization, showed 843 votes in the convention, or 49 1/2 per cent of the total, pledged to support Tiltow, Christensen or Fullen for national committeeman. This count included only half of the Pierce county delegation and the convention tomorrow seat will be for the defense, the balance of 116 votes said to be definitely pledged.

The federals are boosting William R. Russ, mine owner of Tacoma, for national committeeman.

Selection of delegates to the national convention, it was conceded, will depend largely upon the attitude taken by the convention tomorrow on today's action of the state central committee. In view of the fact that the action of the state central committee today was devoted almost exclusively to settling the contest for King and Pierce counties, it seemed likely that all the business of the convention might not be finished tomorrow and that an adjournment might be taken to Tuesday morning.

## MEN RESCUED AT DAM

### Ropes Used to Haul in Pair After 3 Hours Clinging to Stump.

YAKIMA, Wash., May 16.—After clinging for five hours to a stump, balanced on the edge of a dam across the Yakima river at Union Gap, J. L. Bruce and William Walker were rescued last night, being hauled across through the rapid current by ropes which were floated down to them and which they tied around their bodies.

They were unconscious when taken from the water, but recovered in a short time. Bruce and Walker were fishing above the dam from a raft which broke its fastenings and floated over the dam. They saved themselves by leaping upon the stump as their raft went out from under them.

## FUNERAL CAB PRICE UP

### Increase of 20 Per Cent Is Announced at Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 16.—The Chicago Motor Liverymen's association today announced a 20 per cent increase in the prices of horses and cabs for funerals.

Wage increases to chauffeurs and highest cost of equipment were given as reasons.

## DEMOCRATS OPEN ROW AT SPOKANE

### Anti-Federals Win First Blood of Convention.

## KING COUNTY GROUP SEATED

### G. F. Christensen Appears to Have Advantage.

## FEDERALS DENY DEFEAT

### State Central Committee Votes to Allow Two Pierce County Groups Half-Vote to Member.

SPokane, Wash., May 16.—The "regular" or anti-federal forces of the democratic party of Washington this afternoon won the first skirmish in the democratic state convention when the state central committee by a vote of 16 to 13 seated on the temporary rollcall the King county delegation headed by Hugh C. Todd and Charles D. Fullen and voted to seat both contesting delegations from Pierce county and give each of the Pierce county delegates half a vote.

The action of the state central committee is regarded as giving State Chairman George F. Christensen and the state organization a decided advantage in the convention, which will convene at 10 A. M. tomorrow.

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## SHOE PRICES STAY UP WITH HIDES CUT HALF

### CALIFORNIA HOUSEWIVES FIND CHARGES INEXCUSABLE.

### Supply Reported Plentiful With Cost of Manufacture Estimated at \$1.80 a Pair.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—Mrs. Edward F. Scanlon, president of the State Housewives' league, following an investigation into the high cost of shoes, announced tonight that evidence of profiteering by retailers, manufacturers and jobbers had been found.

"These shoes this year are selling at a price 50 per cent lower than 1919," Mrs. Scanlon said. "Members of the league delegated to make this investigation have made personal canvasses of the leather industries of the bay district and the findings are startling. The finest grade of hides, that brought 70 cents a pound in 1919, are selling today at 40 cents. Sole hides that brought 48 cents a pound in 1919 are selling at 30 cents. We have made a careful study of the different elements that make up the retail price of shoes. We find that the labor cost on a pair of shoes never exceeds \$1.80.

"There is no shortage of leather. Hides by the thousands are stored in warehouses of the state. Incidentally, we found that there is no shortage of tallow, and the price of soap is beyond reason."

Retailers were interviewed who admitted that they sold shoes at 100 per cent in excess of their wholesale price. Sixty per cent of this was held to be overhead expense and the other 40 per cent to be legitimate profit. A dealer with 60 per cent overhead cost should not exist.

"No average pair of shoes should cost more than \$8, but we find the shoes that should be selling at this price marked at \$18."

Mrs. Scanlon said that the league would also investigate the sugar shortage.

## WATER TO RECEIVE ASHES

### Dust of Captain R. S. Church to Be Strewn on Elliott Bay.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 16.—(Special.)—From the deck of the ferry boat West Seattle, in which he formerly served as charter, the ashes of the late Captain Rodney S. Church, well-known Puget sound mariner, will be sprinkled on the waters of Elliott bay Sunday, May 30, by officers of the Washington association, No. 12, National Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots of America, of which he was a member.

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## SUFFRAGE ACTION SLATED

### Delaware House Is Expected to Pass on Ratification Today.

WILMINGTON, Del., May 16.—Final action on ratification of the suffrage amendment probably will be taken by the house at Dover tomorrow.

Following an appeal by Alfred I. Dupont for all prominent republicans in the state to go to Dover tomorrow to show their stand on the suffrage question, committee leaders were busy tonight in an effort to make a good showing. Mr. Dupont and his cousin, Dr. Coleman Dupont, formerly bitter political antagonists, will be among those attending the session in the interest of ratification.

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## HOWELL BOY FREE AT MURDER TRIAL

### Jury, Sent Back Once, Agrees After 17 Hours.

## 7 AT FIRST FOR CONVICTION

### Youth Remarkably Composed During Three Trials.

## LAD REFUSES TO TALK

### Prisoner, in Jail for Eight Months on Charge of Killing Leuthold Girl, Glad to Get Out.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 16.—(Special.)—Harold Howell, aged 15, has his freedom today after eight months in the county jail and three times failing trial in the circuits court on the charge of murdering Lillian Leuthold at Bandon on May 17, 1919. The jury in the third trial returned a verdict of not guilty at 2:30 A. M. today in the circuit court at Coquille. The jurors were out 17 hours.

At first they voted seven for conviction and five for acquittal and the balloting continued unchanged until toward the last when those who were for conviction went over to the other side.

The bullet, which killed the Leuthold girl, was said to be the main point of evidence which led to the belief of some of the jurors that the boy was guilty. They thought the bullet had been fired from Howell's gun, but finally admitted that it had not been shown that Howell fired the gun or killed the girl.

## Composure Is Remarkable.

The remarkable composure and manner of the defendant throughout all three trials and the way in which he testified when on the stand himself undoubtedly finally won his freedom. Howell from the first had said that he expected to be acquitted. Howell today said that he was glad to get out of jail.

His attorneys said that a little later he would likely make a public statement. Howell was brought to this city early this morning and after a visit here will leave tomorrow morning for a trip before going back to his parents' home in Bandon.

Dist. At. Torrey H. H. today said he had done all he could in attempting to find the murderer of the Leuthold girl and that with Howell acquitted there remains nothing to be done in connection with the case. The jury was out 17 hours.

## Parents Hear Verdict.

The only persons in the courtroom when the jury came in were Judge Coke, Attorneys John A. Kendall and John Collier, and the boy's father, the Howell boy and his mother and father.

The boy was asleep when the jury reported an agreement, and it was with some difficulty that the jailed awakened Howell. He dressed himself carefully before going to the courtroom and never returned to the jail, walking out of the courthouse with his parents and going to the hotel for the rest of the night. When the verdict was read Howell clasped his mother's hand and then walked over to the jurors and shook hands with