

# WEST'S CAMOUCAGE EXPECTED ACTIVE

## Members of Oregon Delegation in Congress Look for Effort to Defeat McNary.

### TRIP TO EUROPE IS START

#### Promise to Campaign Oregon for Governor Looked Upon as Camouflage Since Recent Announcement of Candidate.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 5.—The return of Oswald West from Europe and his statement in an interview that he would "deem it a great honor were he chosen to represent the good people of Oregon in the United States Senate," marks the beginning of the Senatorial campaign.

Evidently Senator McNary has been waiting for West to speak the word that starts the contest, for he has been noticeably inactive in politics since his nomination.

Although West says he will spend no money, and will not campaign in his own behalf, the fact that he is going out on the stump for his running mate, the Democratic candidate for Governor, makes him an active candidate for the Senatorship. He would like to have McNary's seat in the Senate, and he will welcome all the help his friends can give him.

#### Pre-Primary Attitude Recalled.

Among members of the Oregon delegation there has been doubt and speculation as to the course West would pursue. In view of the fact that his attitude toward McNary, there was some belief that he would not stand as a candidate for the Senatorship, but, while allowing his name to appear upon the ballot, would advise his friends to support McNary. In fact, before the primaries, West made a public statement which was generally construed as an expression in favor of McNary's return to the Senate.

But there has been a growing belief among members of the delegation that West would be a more or less active candidate if a survey of the situation caused him to think the chances anywhere in the neighborhood of 50-50.

#### Trip to Europe Preliminary.

His trip to Europe was interpreted as a preliminary to a campaign—a sort of foundation in fact. The selection of West as a specialist upon ocean shipping problems was looked upon as more political than practical, for West, although thoroughly familiar with public land and reclamation matters, also with railroad rates and regulations, has had no experience whatever with the practical difficulties of loading and unloading ships—which was the principal question he was sent to Europe to study.

Quite naturally, since he could not supply any particular expert knowledge of the subject, it is concluded he had been sent in order to identify him with the war and give him a special advantage in politics. Several eminent Democrats have gone to Europe and returned without any apparent end accomplished except to strengthen themselves on the stump. Political speeches in these days must be made up chiefly of win-the-war talk, and a trip to Europe furnishes the basis for speeches of that kind.

#### McNary's Record Holds Good.

When West was advocating the nomination of McNary as against Stanfield, one of his arguments was that McNary had supported the war measures in Congress, and that record still holds good, with one possible exception. McNary has voted for almost everything that has come to Europe and returned without any apparent end accomplished except to strengthen themselves on the stump. Political speeches in these days must be made up chiefly of win-the-war talk, and a trip to Europe furnishes the basis for speeches of that kind.

#### ENJOYABLE DANCE GIVEN

##### 125 Couples Attend Event Given in Connection With Community Service.

Under the auspices of the Portland War Camp Community Service, the B'nai B'rith gymnasium girls gave an enjoyable dance in B'nai B'rith building last night to men in uniform, about 125 couples being in attendance. The young ladies have affiliated with the National League for Woman's Service, and are subject to call for entertainment work.

Chaperons last night were Mrs. L. Sweet, Mrs. B. Levoff and Mrs. Leibe. Mrs. Gryce, of the National League for Woman's Service, is director in charge of all social activities, and the B'nai B'rith dance was supervised by Major Naomi Sweet, assisted by Captains Gussie Weiser, Helen Levoff, Hannah Lebow, Pearl Abrahamson, Rachel Sweet, Dolly Weiser, Deborah Sweet, Fannie Kesin, Pearl Leibe, Annette Hurwitz, Mollie Segal and Evelyn Segal.

#### PEACE MOVE IS REPORTED

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eously to approach President Wilson with the object of having him make representations to the other entente allies for a general armistice and negotiations looking to peace.

PARIS, Oct. 5.—Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey have resolved simultaneously to ask President Wilson to make representations in their interest for a general armistice and negotiations for a general peace, according to a Berne dispatch to the Havas Agency.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The immediate suspension of hostilities has been pro-

posed by the imperial German Chancellor, Prince Maximilian, in the Reichstag, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Tijd.

The entente allies are to be asked to state their terms.

#### Dispatch of Envoys Mentioned.

The Chancellor's proposal embraced also the dispatch of plenipotentiaries to a neutral place to discuss the question of a league for national arbitration and disarmament.

The plenipotentiaries are further to be empowered to discuss the creation of a federal Austria, the right of self-determination for Russian frontier states, the restoration and indemnification of Belgium, autonomy for Alsace-Lorraine, and the return of the German colonies.

The terms of the entente allies will be asked at the same time with the object of forming a basis for the consideration of these important questions.

Other advice says that the Chancellor has not yet made the statements credited to him regarding the suspension of hostilities, the appointment of plenipotentiaries and the request for the allies' terms.

But that it was understood he would make such proposals.

#### STOCKHOLM, Oct. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Prince Maximilian of Baden, the new imperial German Chancellor, is willing to accept President Wilson's 14 peace conditions, according to reports received from Berlin by circles closely connected with the Foreign Office here, even though this for many reasons may not be thoroughly demonstrated in his statement before the Reichstag.

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct. 5.—Prince Maximilian of Baden, the new German imperial Chancellor, yesterday visited the Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Spanish Ambassadors at Berlin, according to the German press.

#### Speech Deemed Important.

The Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, says that the speech which Prince Maximilian will make today in the Reichstag will be an important one.

#### PARIS, Oct. 5.—The Austro-Hungarian Minister at Stockholm has been charged to request the Swedish government to transmit to President Wilson a proposal to conclude immediately a general armistice and to start without delay negotiations for peace.

This announcement is made in a Berne dispatch to the Havas Agency.

#### Proposal Given Out.

The text of the proposal follows:

"The Austro-Hungarian monarchy, which has made only defensive warfare and has borne witness several times to its desire to put an end to the bloodshed and conclude an honorable peace, proposes by representation to President Wilson to conclude immediately with him and his allies a general armistice on land, on sea and in the air and start without delay negotiations for peace."

"These negotiations will be based on the 14 points in President Wilson's message of January 8 and the four points of his speech of February 12 (February 11), 1918, and those equally of September 27, 1918."

#### All Expected to Come In.

In transmitting this dispatch, the Berne correspondent of the Havas Agency says:

"Germany and Turkey must take the same steps as Austria. Meanwhile the semi-official news agency at Berlin withholds the news, evidently awaiting the meeting of the Reichstag, which will be held this afternoon."

"The Imperial Chancellor, Prince Maximilian, certainly will make an important announcement in the Reichstag, which has assembled four days in advance of the regular time."

"The action of the Austrian government has been preceded by a number of conferences with representatives of Berlin and Hungary, both civil and military, and representatives from the states of the German confederation."

#### AMSTERDAM, Oct. 5.—(Reuter's.)—The new peace note of Baron Burián, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, will declare that all of President Wilson's terms have been accepted, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung, which is quoted in the Dutch press. The note will be published immediately.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 5.—The Russian note to Turkey published by Vorwarts concludes, according to a Berlin dispatch:

"The Russian government is obliged to state that in consequence of the action of the Turkish government the treaty of Brest-Litovsk, which was to have established peaceful relations between Russia and Turkey, is null and void."

It is understood that this applies only to the clauses in the treaty concerning the relations between Russia and Turkey.

#### AMSTERDAM, Oct. 5.—The Berlin Tageblatt gives the text of the programme of the majority parties in the Reichstag, which will form the basis of the new German policy.

Note of 1917 Reiterated.

The first clause provides for adherence to the government's reply to the Papal note of August 1, 1917.

The second clause declares readiness to join in a league of nations based on equality and free economic development.

(Third clause missing.)

The fourth clause says that peace treaties hitherto concluded must form no hindrance to the conclusion of a general peace. In the Baltic provinces, Lithuania and Poland popular assemblies are to be created at the earliest possible moment.

Clause five provides for the establishment of the independent federative state of Alsace-Lorraine, with full autonomy corresponding to the demand of Alsace-Lorraine for a popular assembly.

Clause six demands the carrying out without delay of electoral reforms in Prussia and reform in those states which are still without it.

Clause seven aims at the co-ordination of the imperial government and the government representatives from Parliament to carry out a uniform imperial policy. Strict observance of all constitutional responsibility is demanded, as well as the abolition of all military institutions that might serve to exercise political influence.

#### Steel Restrictions Not Modified.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 5.—The highways committee of the Council of National Defense has informed Senator McNary there will be no modification of the restriction of use of steel for culverts and bridges and that such use will be permitted only where road work is helpful to the prosecution of the war.

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# SORORITIES ADD 79

## University Societies Admit New Members.

### 33 ARE PORTLAND GIRLS

#### Preferential Bidding System in Effect—This Year for First Time Proves Successful—New Members Announced.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Sororities at the university held their annual pledge day today, announcing 79 new members, 33 of whom are from Portland. The preferential bidding system, in effect this year for the first time, proved successful.

Under the new plan each girl receiving one or more bids, upon being notified by a committee of pan-Hellenics listed her choice of fraternities and received just one bid to the house standing at the head of her list. She then went at once to the fraternity house of her choice.

The number of girls pledged this year is unusually large, due to the increased freshman enrollment, this year's freshman class of 290 being the largest in the history of the university. The sororities announce the following new members:

Delta Gamma—Betty Epping, Hood River; Lois Hall, Eugene; Clem Cameron and Bernice Miller, both of Portland; Grace Young, The Dalles; Pauline Cook, Dallas; Helen Loughey, Dallas; Ruth Naab, Aberdeen, S. D.

Delta Delta Delta—Marian Dunham, Dorothy Graham, both of Portland; Lena Mortenson, Salem; Blanche Warren, Bly.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—Phoebe Gage, Mary Evans, Alice Evans, Emma Garbade, Hazel Young, Eleanor Spall, Doris Pittenger, all of Portland; Lelia Marsh, Decorah, Iowa; Anna May Chipping, Hood River; Lois Barnett, Frances Tate, Norma Medler, Agnes Brooks, Helen Huntington, The Dalles; Brownell and Janet Frasier, Eugene; Mildred Apperson, McMinnville.

Kappa Alpha—Margaret Biddle, Caroline Cannon, Anne Shea, Miriam Holcomb, Elizabeth Kirby, Lucille Evans, Barbara Shepherd, Helen Buckley, Mary Hegarty, Margaret Geraldine Pilkington, Marcelo Carlock, all of Portland; Margaret Phelps, Pendleton; Margaret Thompson, Bend.

Phi Phi—Laura Rand, Genevieve Haven, Margaret Winbiger, all of Portland; Margaret Fell, Eugene; Elsie Lawrence, Medford; Ethel Gaylord, Nell Selma, William, Marjorie Roberts, Clara Calkins, Marjorie Dezell, Bab Keavitt, all of Klamath Falls; Narcissa Jewett, Gardiner.

Chi Omega—Margaret Steuder, Josephine Connor, Gladys Farrall, Virginia Giles, all of Portland; Louise Sheahan, Oregon City.

Phi Beta—Madge Calkins, Helene Kuykendall, Geneva Stebno, all of Eugene; Lillian Brock, Hood River; Evelyn Hopson, Bernice Craig, of Salem; Helen Nelson, Pendleton; Madynne Bolander and Helen Houghton, Portland.

Theta Phi—Dorothy Reed, Isabel Kidd, both of Portland; Ila Nichols and Helen Carson, both of Hood River.

### EARLY PEACE NOT LIKELY

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to the point of dealing with the enemy on the basis of confessed defeat for the German arms.

In the official view here, Maximilian hopes to find a way to save Germany from this abasement without completely abandoning the idea of a negotiated peace.

Analyzing the propositions which he is expected to make, officials find that they are in general a combination of the ideas set out in the Reichstag resolution of July, 1917, with those of Count Burián, the Austrian Foreign Minister, and with some concessions demanded by the Social Democrats at their latest meetings.

#### Guarantees Held Necessary.

Regarding the first, looking to an immediate suspension of hostilities, it is suggested that an armistice might be granted, or rather a suspension of attack by the allies, agreed to, long enough to permit the central powers to effect withdrawal of the military forces from all occupied territory, but even in such case, adequate guarantees certainly would be exacted for the honest performance of this obligation by Germany and Austria.

The proposal to send plenipotentiaries to a neutral place to discuss questions of a league for international arbitration and disarmament is regarded as a transparent effort to anticipate the peace council and probably would not be entertained for a moment for that reason.

The same objection lies against discussion of the federalization of Austria, the right of self-determination of the Russian border states, restitution and indemnification of Belgium, autonomy for Alsace-Lorraine and the return of the German colonies.

#### Joint Payment Rejected.

"It is not doubted that the reference to Belgium attributed to Maximilian involves payment of an indemnity by joint contribution of all the powers, an idea already scornfully rejected by the

entente, and autonomy for Alsace-Lorraine in the German scheme probably means a plebiscite, which would not return those provinces to France, now that nearly a autonomous administration has been driven out.

The reported intention of Germany, Austria and Turkey to seek President Wilson's good offices to arrange an armistice, like the other moves said to be impending, would be received here as nothing more than a continuation of the efforts instituted by Count Burián as far back as last January, and repeated several times since, to trap the entente into concessions by a professed acceptance by the central powers of the terms of settlement laid down by President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Although the State Department reiterated today that nothing official had been heard of new peace overtures by Austria-Hungary through Holland, the new German government, according to information here through diplomatic channels, is preparing to propose peace to the United States and to the allies.

#### Terms of Peace Stated.

The basis will include the following provisions:

Universal limitation of armaments. Guarantees for the freedom of the seas.

Equality of opportunity and the "open door" in all international industrial and commercial fields.

Evacuation by Germany of all occupied territory, including Russian, in accordance with the principle of no annexation.

Return of her colonies to Germany.

#### Plebiscite Provision Named.

A plebiscite for the inhabitants of Alsace-Lorraine to determine their own wishes as to their territory if it elects to remain in Germany.

Autonomy for the Croats and Slavonians of Austria-Hungary and for Bohemia and Slovakia.

An independent Poland.

A plebiscite for the Russian Baltic provinces.

An independent Ukraine.

No indemnities, except such as may be international subject matter in the interest of the smaller nations devastated by the war.

Institution of a league of nations to comprise all independent governments, which may become signatory to the convention creating it and which would include provisions for the election of a court for the determination of all justifiable questions between nations if the latter desire to submit their cause to that tribunal, the submission of the cause being made compulsory if that should be necessary to avoid an open rupture.

#### Austria Reported Ready.

Austria-Hungary, it was asserted, is prepared to come to an arrangement respecting a rectification of the Italo-Austrian frontier, recognizing the justice of Italy's claims, and an extension of the Italian boundaries in the Trentino, but denying Italy's further territorial claims as extravagant and unjustified.

Germany, according to this report, would recognize the loss by Turkey of Palestine, but would insist upon the return of Mesopotamia to the Ottoman government, while granting autonomy to Arabia, to Syria and Turkish Armenia.

Before making a public peace proposal, the dispatches further set forth, the government must first be qualified to speak for it, is expected to sound out representatives of America and England in preliminary conversations, but addressing the United States particularly.

#### Hun to Pose as Reformed.

By acknowledging Germany's adherence to the principles declared by President Wilson as the necessary basis of the future order of international life, the government, the dispatch says, will come before the allies and America in the guise of a reformed nation, with more liberal provisions for the sharing of the home service section of the people, and with assurances of that people's desire to participate in the realization of the ideas enunciated by President Wilson for making sure was impossible.

#### Mother Seeks Soldier Son.

Mrs. Myrtle Mason, a former resident of Bellingham, Wash., is asked by the Bellingham Red Cross to send her name to the home service section of the Bellingham chapter in order that her son, who is now on his way to an Army camp, may get into communication with her.

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Portland's first cottage in the campaign for 200 additional dwellings for accommodation of shipyard workers will be erected in the downtown district, if some patriotic lot owner will give the committee the use of a tract of land on which to erect it. Vice-Chairman Powers issued a call yesterday for property owners to list with him vacant tracts which might be suitable for the cottage and a selection will be made early this week, so that operations may be started without delay.

It is the purpose of the executive committee to use the cottage as headquarters during the campaign now under way, in order to facilitate the work outlined during the last few days.

Members of the committee were

greatly disappointed," said Mr. Powers yesterday, "in not being able to secure the old Ainsworth building at Third and Oak streets, which had been tendered, but which subsequently was leased by the Government for use of the United States Employment Bureau. We have looked all over the city for a building suitable for the purpose, but without success, and have concluded to call on some patriotic citizen to tender the use of a lot on which can be erected a building for our organization."

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