

WASSER GAINS FIGHT FOR LEAGUE AND JUSTICE

President Declares World Demands Vital Peace Body.

"OLD SYSTEM" DENOUNCED

Conference Told That Day When World Was Ruled by Small Cortesies of Men Is Gone.

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troughed privilege to be permitted to open the discussion in this conference on the league of nations. We have assembled for two purposes—to make the present settlements which have been made under the old system, and also to secure the peace of the world, not only by the present settlements, but by the arrangements we shall make at this conference for its maintenance.

"The league of nations seems to me to be necessary for both of the purposes. There are many complicated questions connected with the present settlements, which, perhaps, cannot be successfully worked out to an ultimate issue by the decisions we shall arrive at here.

"I can easily conceive that many of these settlements will need subsequent consideration. The decisions which we make shall need subsequent alteration in some degree, for if I may judge by my own study of some of these questions they are not susceptible for confident judgments at present.

"It is therefore necessary that we should set up machinery by which the work of this conference should be rendered complete.

"We have assembled here for the purpose of making the present settlements that are necessary. We are assembled under very peculiar conditions of world opinion. I may say without straining the point, that we are not the representatives of governments, but representatives of the peoples.

"The burdens of this war have fallen in an unusual degree upon the whole population of the countries involved. I do not need to draw for you the picture of the world in which we are gathered back from the front upon the older men, upon women, upon children, upon the homes of the civilized world, and how the eyes of the government could not reach, but where the heart of humanity beats.

"We are bidden by these people to make a peace which will make them secure. We are bidden by these people to see to it that this strain does not come upon them again. We are bidden to say that it has been possible for them to bear this strain because they hoped that those who represented them would get together after this war and make such another sacrifice unnecessary.

"Demand for Justice Seen. "It is a solemn obligation on our part, therefore, to make permanent arrangements that will be rendered and peace maintained.

"This is the central object of our meeting. Settlements are necessary, but the action of the nations in the interest of peace and justice must be permanent. We can set up permanent machinery. We are able to set up a permanent decision.

"Therefore, it seems to me that we must take so far as we can a picture of the world in which we are gathered a startling circumstance, for one thing, that the great discoveries of science, that the quickening of the human spirit, that the thoughtful developments which have taken place in quiet leisure rooms have now been turned to the destruction of civilization." The powers of destruction have not so much multiplied as they have gained facilities.

"The enemy, whom we have just overcome, had at his seats of learning some of the principal centers of scientific study, and he has turned them in order to make destruction sudden and complete. And only the watchful and continuing vigilance of mankind can see to it that science, as well as armed men, is kept within the harness of civilization.

"It is a demand for League. "In a sense the United States is less interested in this subject than the other nations here assembled. With her great territory and her extensive sea borders, it is less likely that the United States should suffer from the attack of enemies than that other nations should suffer. And the ardor of the United States—for the society of nations is not an ardor springing out of fear or apprehension, but an ardor springing out of the love of mankind to keep in the consciousness of this war.

"In coming into this war the United States never for a moment thought that she was intervening in the politics of Europe or the politics of Asia, or the politics of any part of the world. The thought was that the world was now become conscious that there was a single cause of justice and of liberty for men of every kind and place.

"Permanent Settlements Wanted. "Therefore, the United States should feel that its part in this war should be played in vain if there ensued upon it abortive European settlements. It would feel that it could not take part in guaranteeing those European settlements unless that guarantee involved the continuous superintendence of the peace of the world by the associated nations of the world.

"Therefore, it seems to me that we must concern our best judgment in order to make this league of nations a vital thing—a thing sometimes called into life to meet an exigency—but at ways functioning in watchful attendance upon the interests of the nations, and that its continuity should be a continuing function; that they do not permit an interruption of its watchfulness and of its labor; that it should be the eye that watches the world, and that it should be the common interest—an eye that does not slumber, an eye that is every where, an eye that is everywhere.

"And if we do not make it vital, what shall we do? We shall disappoint the expectations of the peoples. This is what their thought centers upon. "I had the very delightful experience of visiting several nations since this time of the war, and I saw at every time the voice of the body of the people reached me, through any representative, at the front of the plea stood the body of the people. "Gentlemen, the select classes of mankind are no longer the governors of mankind. The fortunes of mankind are now in the hands of the plain people of the whole world. Satisfy them and you have justified their confidence not only, but have established peace. Fail to satisfy them and no arrangements that you can make will either set up or steady the peace of the world.

"T. S. Demands Are Told. "You can imagine, I dare say, the ten-

iments and the purpose with which the representatives of the United States support this great project for a league of nations. We regard it as the keynote of the whole, which expresses our purposes and ideals in this war and which the associated nations have accepted as the basis of a settlement.

"No Compromise to Be Made. "We have no choice but to obey their mandate. And because this is the greatest enthusiasm and pleasure that we accept that mandate, and because this is the keynote of the whole fabric, we have pledged our every purpose to it, as we have to every item of the fabric. He would not dare abate a single item of the programme which constitutes our instructions; we would not dare compromise on any matter as the champion of this thing—the peace of the world, this attitude of justice, this principle that we are masters of no people, that there are no such things as people in the world shall choose its

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SON OF PORTLAND JUDGE ENDS SERVICE IN NAVY.

Harland Tucker, son of Circuit Judge Robert Tucker, was a Portland visitor last week on his return to Los Angeles from eight months' service in the Navy. Mr. Tucker enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve at San Pedro, Cal., and was sent to the officers' school at the Great Lakes naval training station near Chicago. Later he was transferred to the school at Annapolis, Md., where he was about to receive his commission as Ensign when the armistice was signed. The young man returned to Los Angeles and resumed his role as leading man of the Morosco Theater of that city.

own masters and govern its own destinies, not as we wish, but as they wish. We are here to see, in short, that the very foundations of this war are swept away. Those foundations were the private choice of a small coterie of empires of unwilling subjects who were the aggressors of great powers upon the small. Those foundations were the holding together of empires of unwilling subjects who were the aggressors of great powers upon the small. Those foundations were the holding together of empires of unwilling subjects who were the aggressors of great powers upon the small.

Means to Peace Shown. "And nothing less than the emancipation of the world from these things will accomplish peace. "You can see that the representatives of the United States are here to never put to the embarrassment of choosing a way of expediency, because they have laid down before them the unalterable lines of principles. And that is why we have accepted as the lines of settlements by all the high-minded men who have had the beginning of this great business.

"I hope, Mr. Chairman, when it is known, as I feel confident the principle of a league of nations and mean to work out that principle in effective action, we shall by this single thing have lifted a great part of the load of anxiety from the hearts of men everywhere.

Wilson Speaks for Soldiers. "We stand in a peculiar cause. As I go about the streets here I see everywhere the American uniform. Those who come in the way of the war have uttered our purpose, and I am responsible for them; for it falls to men to formulate the purpose for which I seem to me to have taken the line of them, whatever it costs and whatever it may be necessary to do in honor to accomplish the object for which they fought.

"I have been glad to find from day to day that the United States is not standing alone in this matter, for there are champions of this cause upon every hand. I am merely avowing this, that you may understand why, perhaps, I fell to us, who are disengaged from the politics of this great continent and of the Orient, to suggest to this assembly that we should, in the name of the United States, and why it occurred to the generous mind of your President to call upon me to do this debate. It is not because we alone represent this idea, but because it is our privilege to associate ourselves with you in representing it.

"I have only to say, however, that I said to give you the fountains of the enthusiasm which is within us for this thing; for those fountains spring, it seems to me, from the same source, wrongs and sympathies of mankind, and the very pulse of the world seems to beat to the faintest in this enterprise."

LOYD GEORGE BACKS LEAGUE

British Premier Says England Is Strong for Peace Organization.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—At the conclusion of the reading of a translation of President Wilson's speech, Premier Lloyd George said: "I should not have interlined at all, but it was necessary for me to state how emphatically the people of the British empire are behind this proposal, and if the leaders of the British empire have not been able to devote as much time during the last five years as they have done to this question, the reason is that they were entirely occupied with other questions which had to be dealt with at that time. "Had I the slightest doubt as to the wisdom of this league of nations it would have vanished before the spectacle as I saw it in the British Empire. I visited a region which but a few years ago was one of the fairest in this very fair land of France.

"We drove for hours through what was a wilderness of desolation. It did not look like a country where there were habitations of men; it was torn and shattered and rent beyond all recognition. We visited one city which had been very beautiful, but there we saw scenes which no indemnity can ever make good.

"I do not know if we shall succeed in our task, but it is already a success that we have undertaken it."

BRAVERY OF TROOPS FROM WEST LAUDED

Lieutenant Ticer Recounts Deeds of Camp Lewis Men.

MAJOR RICHESON PRAISED

Returned Veteran of Argonne Fight Says Portland Officer Kept in Close Touch With Men.

First Lieutenant Glenn H. Ticer, of Portland, wounded on the fourth day of the 31st Division's participation in the battle of the Argonne forest, arrived in the city yesterday. He was welcomed by Mrs. Ticer, who was Annapolis, Md., where he was a first second street North, until the young officer returned in August, 1917, from the first Presidio training camp on his way to Camp Lewis.

Lieutenant Ticer was Adjutant of the First Battalion of the 34th Infantry Regiment, serving with Major E. B. Richeson, formerly of the Oregonian editorial staff. His praise for the efficiency and personal courage of Major Richeson was unreserved.

"Our P. C. (command post or battalion headquarters) was never in the rear," he said. "Major Richeson wanted to know how things were hotbed, where he could see more and be in better touch with the progress of the fight. There was some personal risk involved, for the entire battalion staff was put out of action in the first four days of fighting. Lieutenants Mirgins and Gileland, however, were not so fortunate, and Major Richeson being injured two hours after I was hit on the fourth afternoon.

The speaker was wounded in the left leg by the explosion of a high explosive shell, which killed two privates, wounded a lieutenant and a sergeant, commanding officer of the 34th, a French officer and six privates.

Lieutenant Noble Killed Early. "One of the first deaths among the officers of the 34th Infantry, and which came only with a shock, was that of Lieutenant Noble, a first lieutenant commanding 'D' Company of the First Battalion. He will be remembered as a grizzled hero of the Argonne forest, who married Miss Doris Smith, a Portland girl, shortly before the close of the first officers' training camp at the Presidio.

Little Hun, frightened and dispatched to a bayonet expert for the 31st divisional school of arms. His splendid physique and dexterity in battle made it a fond hope of his friends that if he was to be killed at all, that he first be given a good opportunity for a hand-to-hand combat.

He "went west" when his organization had just started over the top, lamented Lieutenant Ticer.

Each of the officers is placing from 10 to 20 men daily. Arrangements have been made to install women's divisions in each of the camps, the same as now in Portland and Salem.

Employers Create Positions. "With conditions improving I expect to see the wave of Bolshevism blow over soon. Everyone seems to understand the seriousness of the problem and where there is no work to be had employers are creating jobs to tide the situation over the next few critical months.

Millmen and lumbermen will be especially invited to attend the employment conference next Friday night, when employment conditions are being discussed. It was announced yesterday by Superintendent Conway of the Federal office in this vicinity are planning to renew activity within the next few weeks, it is believed, and the Federal office is making every effort to find out how many jobs thus will be created. With the resumption of lumbering operations and with other spring crops being up, the unemployment question is expected soon to be a thing of the past.

Applicants Secure Work. Specialists were in the majority at the soldiers and sailors' division at the late yesterday afternoon and the difficulty in placing some of the applicants was experienced. Captain Conwill is making plans to take care of the men expected from Camp Lewis next week or the following week. Most of the present applicants are being placed without difficulty.

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LABOR DEPARTMENT AIDS FEDERAL APPROVAL ACCORDED WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN.

Portland National Chairman Will Direct Organization of Work at Washington, D. C.

Employment conditions in the Western and Southern parts of the state are improving, according to the report of State Director Smith, of the United States employment service, who has just returned from inspection of several states. There are few without work at Marshallfield, Eugene and Medford, he reports.

Portland seems to have a monopoly on the unemployed men," said Mr. Smith. "I found conditions much improved in all towns visited and am much more optimistic over the unemployment question than a few weeks ago.

In the smaller towns I found preparations complete to take back all soldiers and sailors. The unemployment intelligent co-operation of city officials and employers on the general question of unemployment.

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UNION MEN UNDER ARREST

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ORDER OF JOHN C. POLLOCK, FEDERAL JUDGE FOR KANSAS, WHICH PLACED OPERATION OF THE KANSAS CITY—KANS. CARS IN THE HANDS OF THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL.

All Defendants Pleaded Not Guilty and Bond was Fixed at \$1000 in Each Case. Six had Obtained Bond Tonight.

Men Identified as Those Caught Riffing Madison-Street Home Friday Night.

That the burglars whom J. E. Rand, 830 East Madison street, found in his home Friday night are members of the I. W. W. is the opinion of Inspectors Golts and Howell, who with Inspectors

COLEMAN AND MORAK WERE ASSIGNED TO THE CASE. THE SURMISE IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE INTRUDERS PROMISED NOT TO Molest Mr. Rand because he was a working man, and the additional fact that Harry Blythe, who police say had been in the possession of the property in his possession when he was arrested yesterday, wore an I. W. W. pin.

Mr. Rand reported that when he entered his home about 10 P. M., and turned on the lights he saw one of the burglars standing partially hidden in a "What are you doing here?" he demanded.

"Just looking around," the intruder answered coolly. "Are you either a lawyer or a doctor?"

"No; I'm only a working man," Mr. Rand said. "I don't want anything from you," the burglar answered generously. "It's these other guys we want."

Thereupon Mr. Rand says, the burglar called to his confederate, who had crawled under a bed. "Come on out, this fellow is all right," the burglar called. The confederate, who, it later developed, was the leader of the two, crept out of his hiding place, and immediately took charge. Ordering Mr. Rand to open the outside door for safe passage, he then told the householder to back upstairs with his hands over his head. Mr. Rand says he saw a revolver glinting in the intruder's hand, and complied willingly, thinking, indeed, that he was rid of the intruders cheaply.

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