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FARMERS START BACK-FIRE

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OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 15.—The government campaign to reduce the cost of living has not caused any thrills in Washington. Notwithstanding daily announcements of the seizure of as many thousands of eggs here and there, the price of eggs has not dropped one cent. So it is with other foodstuffs seized, and the farmers of the country now are becoming aroused and starting a back-fire because they say the fight discloses an unwarranted animosity toward the producers of food.

But there is always something to console the person of philosophical mind, and so it is with this struggle with the high cost of living here in Washington, which is similar to the conditions in almost every other city in the east. For instance, one can be glad he was not born a hero. Hay is selling for \$45 a ton, notwithstanding all that Henry Ford has done to reduce the demand for grain.

All of the storm over the Plumb plan of railroad ownership has blown over, because it conceded in Mr. Plumb and the railroad brotherhood officials made a sorry spectacle of themselves before the house committee on Interstate and foreign commerce. They can show that no one but the brotherhoods would benefit by the proposed plan, thereby admitting their selfish motives. Then the farmers began to protest and congress has dismissed the Plumb scheme, for a time at least, over the threatened railroad strike, the high cost of living and the league of nations, the country would be soundly awakened now by the old Mexican war, which never heals. The most fiendish murders of Americans in cold blood continue to be reported and it may be expected that the administration is going to be forced to do something.

And there is the unfolding sign that this country is going to do something in the sudden activity of all brands of pacifists and revolutionaries. Much propaganda has been put in circulation recently designed to convince the public at large that there is nothing involved in the differences with Mexico but all. Any resentment of Mexico's ruthless assassinations of Americans on either side of the border will be pictured as the work of Standard Oil, just as the same has been made of Carranza being forced into the war against Germany at the behest of Wall Street.

Mr. Wilson is being roundly criticized for creating the condition which means that ultimately the United States must go to war with another country which has been making war on this nation for years. In temporizing with the Carranza government in the face of the internationalization of American citizens who were legitimately engaged in Mexico the national feeling has grown up in that country that the United States will not give battle. But the criticism most heard is that Carranza should not have been recognized in the first place.

Those who were familiar with Mexico and knew anything of Carranza never approved his recognition, and time has demonstrated that Carranza bandit is no more humane than a Villa outlaw. They both commit murder in the same fiendish fashion and most of the murders of Americans recently have been the work of Carranzistas.

The front yard having been cleaned up, the United States government, though tardy about it, is getting ready to set the back yard in order. That means Mexico is on the calendar for some serious handling within the next few weeks if conditions do not improve, and improvement is the most remote expectation. President Wilson's trip to the Pacific coast, under certain today, and some declare it will be abandoned. But much depends on how the White House conference with the senate foreign relations committee beginning next Tuesday gets along.

If any of the eight airplanes which have been attached to the coast guard protection in Oregon have been withdrawn they will be returned to the state at once, General Mencher, chief of the air service, telegraphed to army headquarters at San Francisco this afternoon. This action was taken on protest from Governor Olcott transmitted by Senator McNary, in which it was complained that the planes were being removed from Oregon.

Whether any reduction will be made in the freight rates on the Oregon coast points to the east will be decided after receiving a full report from the Portland traffic committee, the railroad administration has decided. In the meantime increased rates which were to have become effective August 5 are suspended. A hearing may be set at which representatives of the wool-growers will be invited to appear.

Louis Edwards, of the 247th marching gun battalion, being sentenced for stealing wine in Belgium aroused such bitter protests from his home folks at Montevideo, Wash., has been ordered to the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth, according to a telegram today from the commandant at Fort Leavenworth to Representative Albert Johnson. This seems to mean that Edwards will be honorably discharged on August 28. The soldier was given a sentence of five years after trial by a court-martial.

Witnesses of soldiers in the world war or on the Mexican border will receive credit for their husbands' service in lieu of residence when taking up homesteads, under the terms of a bill by Representative French of Idaho, reported out today by the house public lands committee.

Representative Hawley's bill relieving mining claimants of assessment work for 1919 became a law today after approval by the president.

WILSON STAYS OBDURATE (Continued From First Page.) without reference to the league of nations issue. Wilson Intimation Amusing. The intimation of the president yesterday that in case the peace treaty fails of ratification he will send Senators Long and Knox to Europe to make a new treaty caused more amusement than interest here today. Friends of the two republican senators said they welcomed the suggestion, but that if such a plan had occurred to Mr. Wilson when

he was selecting the original peace delegates the situation as regards the treaty would be much more favorable than it is today. This latter suggestion led back to the subject of how the peace negotiations were handled for the United States at Paris. It is revealed that one or two factors who are opposing the treaty in its present form were members of the senate committee on foreign relations recently, intending to put some searching questions to Robert Lansing, secretary of state and member of the American peace delegation. After listening to Secretary Lansing's testimony for a while these senators found that their hearts had melted and they decided to withhold their interrogations.

Lansing Alibi Established. It was indeed pathetic to listen to Mr. Lansing telling how little he knew about the negotiations at Paris, although he was head of the American state department and ordinarily would have been the supreme counselor of the president and other members of the commission on such an occasion. Mr. Lansing was frank in admitting that he was ignored in the discussion of practically every point and that no one knows the processes by which certain agreements were made with the other nations except Woodrow Wilson and Colonel House. Mr. Lansing's alibi was so perfectly established that his inquisitors gave up in despair. The status of the league fight in the senate may be summed up as follows: There are 44 senators who would vote for the league covenant without change, 39 senators stand ready to vote to reject the treaty and covenant in their entirety. The remaining 22 senators believe that the treaty and covenant can be modified to eliminate the objectionable portions, and therefore, that the administration must gain 29 votes to ratify the treaty as it stands and the opposition must win three votes to reject it.

MORE CADET CORPS URGED ORGANIZATION IN SMALLER HIGH SCHOOLS EXPECTED

Establishment of Further Reserve Officer Units Impossible, Hence Adoption of Substitute Policy.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Organization of cadet corps in the smaller high schools of Oregon in lieu of reserve officers training corps units, which cannot be established in all the schools because of the present shortage of officers, is urged in a letter received by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, from the district inspector of the war department committee on education and special training.

"Colonel Howard has informed me of the interest you have taken and the assistance which you have rendered in the establishment of military education in the high schools of Oregon," says the letter, "and since there has been an important development recently in connection with this work I hasten to advise you of it.

"As we have feared for some time, it will be impossible to establish additional reserve officers training corps units in the smaller high schools at this time. The present law allows only 200 active officers for the duty and all of these must have at least five years' commissioned service. As a substitute, institutions are now being organized to organize cadet corps as provided under an order issued by the war department in 1918.

"We feel that the work of establishing some system of military training in the schools of the nation is too important to be neglected entirely or even deferred until circumstances are more favorable.

"The assistance you have rendered this office in the past has been invaluable and I hope you will see fit to help us further in the work in Oregon. You may be interested to know that we have many applications on file from Oregon as from our other three states combined."

OXEN SLOW BUT SURE Primitive Means of Transportation Used on 500-Mile Trip. PROSSER, Wash., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Driving an old-fashioned ox-team in a new-fashioned manner, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dingman have just passed through Prosser and expect to reach Spokane the forepart of next week. Mr. and Mrs. Dingman are en route from Glendale, Or., to Garwood, Idaho, about 46 miles east of Spokane. They have already been a month on the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Dingman created a sensation at the city camp grounds which is being frequented by transient tourist parties every night. The ox-team found accommodation underneath a giant walnut tree alongside a half-dozen high-powered automobiles and the contrast between pioneer travel in the days of '51 and the present fashion of eating up the distance between the east and the west was very striking.

TRAGEDY OF COREA TOLD TO SENATORS

Eighteen Million People Said to Be Facing Extinction.

JAPANESE RULE USURPED

Little Nation's Protest to United States in 1905 Ignored, Says Former Envoy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Professor Homer B. Hulbert, who went to Korea for the state department in 1882, and who later acted as an envoy for the Korean government for a number of years, filed several attempts to get a hearing before the senate foreign relations committee today an extensive recital charging Japanese brutalities in Korea as bearing on the treaty provision giving German rights in Shantung to Japan. He declared Japanese rule in Korea had become unbearable and that unless the Koreans were made free "the world must look on and see the rapid extinction of a nation of 18,000,000 people."

Professor Hulbert said that in 1905 he delivered to the state department after several attempts to get a hearing a letter from the emperor of Korea, bitterly protesting against a Japanese protectorate in Korea, and that Elihu Root, then secretary of state, later wrote that the emperor's letter was laid before President Roosevelt. Although he was the accredited representative of the emperor, he said, he was refused an opportunity to see the president.

"But on the day before I was admitted at the state department," he stated, "I was called to the administration, without a word to the emperor or government of Korea or to the Korean legation, and knowing well the contents of the undelivered letter, accepted Japan's unsupported statement that it was all satisfactory to the Korean government and people.

Professor Hulbert said he also gave to the state department a cablegram from the emperor, declaring the protectorate had been "extorted at the point of the sword and therefore is null and void."

"There is no right solution," continued the statement, "except the restoration of the complete independence of the Korean people. They have always been so abused and insulted by the Japanese that the continuation of any Japanese control is simply unbearable. The Koreans will not consent to it, and either they must be made free or else the world must look on and see the rapid extinction of a nation of 18,000,000 people who are intrinsically far more 'civilized' than are the Japanese themselves."

Kelso Legion Post Elects Officers. KELOSO, Wash., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Organization of the Guy Rathbun Post, No. 25, American Legion for this district Thursday at a meeting of ex-service men in the Kelso Commercial club, and officers were elected to serve until after the state election is completed. Permanent by-laws will be drafted. The officers are: commandant, Russel Carothers; vice-commandant, Francis Harter; adjutant, Frank Groce; financial officer, Waldo Harris; historian, Frank Wilkinson.

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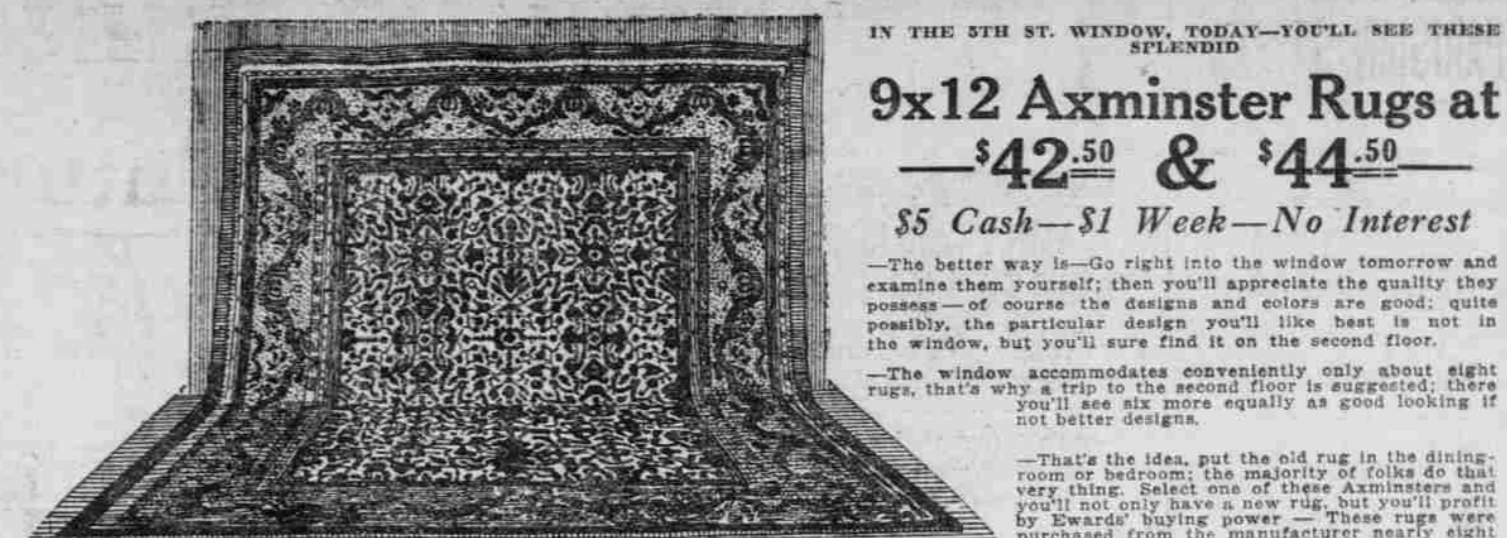
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—The window accommodates conveniently only about eight rugs, that's why a trip to the second floor is suggested; there you'll see six more equally as good looking if not better designs.

—That's the idea, put the old rug in the dining-room or bedroom; the majority of folks do that very thing. Select one of these Axminsters and you'll not only have a new rug, but you'll profit by Edwards' buying power. These rugs were purchased from the manufacturer nearly eight months ago.

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Dining Room

An elegant 48-inch quarter-sawn flush rim top table that opens to 6 feet; quarter-sawn oak buffet with long plate mirror and six extra heavy and sturdily built chairs, all finished in hand-rubbed wax to match the living room suite. Eight pieces as displayed. \$139.65

Bedroom

Hand-decorated "Blue Birds and Blossoms" white enamel suite of five pieces. No two decorated alike; on one the blue birds are flying, on the other, the blue birds are resting in the blossomed branches of fluttering in the air. Yes—it's an exclusive Edwards design. The five pieces as illustrated. \$111.00

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