

### JAPAN IS READY TO RENOUNCE HER HOLD ON SHANTUNG

Japanese Peace Commissioner at Paris Says His Country Would Restore Province Immediately.

### EAGER TO SETTLE QUESTION

Should China Enter Negotiations With Neighbor, She Can Get Peninsula Within Six Months.

Paris, July 17.—"We are prepared to restore the full territorial rights over Kiaow Chow to China within six months."

A member of the Japanese peace delegation made this statement Wednesday. For diplomatic reasons he requested that his name be withheld from publication, but emphasized that his statement means just what it says. He continued: "We are exceedingly anxious to settle the whole question and we ask nothing better than the return of this territory, in accordance with the treaty of 1915."

"It is necessary, however, that China enter into negotiations with us, which she has hitherto declined to do."

### NO WRITTEN PLEDGE

The Japanese delegate flatly denied the assertion of Philippe Millet, prominent writer on international affairs, to the effect that Baron Makino, chairman of the Japanese peace commission, handed the big four a formal, written, secret understanding providing for restoration of Shantung to China.

"Such a written promise," continued the correspondent's informant, "already is contained in the treaty of 1915, as well as in the notes of September, 1915."

The Japanese peace delegation will allow no plenipotentiary to doubt the sincerity of that pledge by asking a written assurance.

"It is true that verbal assurance was given to the big four in this respect, but no formal written instrument was given, which, anyhow, would be entirely superfluous in view of our existing formal undertakings."

### CHINA SAFEGUARDED

Millet's article about the alleged secret written pledge says in part: "Baron Makino's promise to Clemenceau, Wilson, Lloyd George and Orlando was secret but nevertheless formal. None can doubt its sincerity. However, the only way to quiet American apprehensions is to publish the text, which Japan should now do. France and Britain never would have consented to the Shantung clause if they thought it involved the dismemberment of China."

### Doctor Loses His Library, Result Of Lighted Match

Medford, July 17.—After Dr. E. H. Porter, proprietor of the Medford sanitarium, had cleaned his office woodwork with gasoline and had dusted and rearranged his library Tuesday night, he lighted his pipe and admiring the result. Absent-mindedly he threw the match away. It landed in the pan of gasoline which he had been using. The fire which resulted destroyed his library, which he valued at \$2000, and damaged the office. Firemen put out the flames.

### Luthor Visits Medford

Medford, July 17.—Stewart Edward White, noted author, who recently returned from military service in France with the rank of major, and Mrs. White visited Medford Monday. Later they will return for two weeks of fishing and sightseeing.

### Better Livestock Discussed

Medford, July 17.—Special meetings of the Jackson county fair bureau have been held in the various sections of the county in the interest of better livestock. C. M. McAllister, representative of the Portland Union Stock Yards, and County Agent C. C. Cate, were the chief speakers.

### Lieutenant Reaches Home

Medford, July 17.—Lieutenant George Vilas has arrived home from overseas service.

### SWEETHEARTS NUMEROUS IN CASE OF NEW

LOS ANGELES, July 17.—(I. N. S.)—Disclosing that Freda Lesser was warned against Harry S. New, her slayer, when they first met, the existence of a third sweetheart of the slain girl became known today.

The girl's romance with this third sweetheart ended abruptly when she accepted the attentions of New.

A neighbor of the Lessers, who asked that his name be withheld, told the story of the hidden love chapter in the slain girl's life, today. He said that before Miss Lesser met New she had a sweetheart who was about her age and who called at her home several nights of each week. Then she allowed New to call and take her out in his automobile and they had a sweet-heart's quarrel.

During this quarrel, it was said, the boy told the girl that New was not the class of man she should accept attentions from and warned her that he would eventually harm her.

The girl ignored this protest, it was said, laughing away the fears of the boy as only a jealous outburst. The boy was never seen at the Lesser home again. From then on New was the only man she went out with or who called at her home.

### Theodore Roosevelt Will Speak in City To Legion Members

Theodore Roosevelt Jr., son of the late Colonel Roosevelt, will be in Portland September 17 for three addresses, according to announcement Wednesday of Barge E. Leonard, chairman of the speaker's bureau of the American Legion and president of the Multnomah Bar association.

The addresses will be before the bar association at luncheon and the University club at dinner. In the evening he will address ex-servicemen and civilians either at the Auditorium or Multnomah hall.

Mr. Leonard received a telegram from the president of the Legion announcing Mr. Roosevelt's dates in the Northwest. He was in Portland but one day, as it was impossible to get a permit in such form as to allow his presence in Oregon the week of September 25, when the Legion holds its state convention.

Although Mr. Roosevelt is dated for the Washington engagements September 18 and 19, Mr. Leonard hopes to get him to Pendleton to speak at the Round-Up September 20.

### American Soldiers Received as Heroes By London Crowds

London, July 17.—(I. N. S.)—London today saw the third parade of American soldiers since the beginning of the war. A composite regiment composed of 2500 of General Pershing's veterans arrived at Waterloo station during the morning and marched down the Strand and through Bird Cage Walk, while Londoners madly cheered them.

The regiment will have a six days holiday and every doughboy will be treated as the honor guest of England. The British authorities have provided an elaborate program.

The composite regiment is made up of eight men from every infantry company of six American divisions in addition to a scattering of natives.

### Bill to Aid Drouth Stricken Introduced

Washington, July 17.—A bill appropriating \$5,000,000 to purchase stock food and seed wheat for farmers in drouth-stricken districts was introduced in the house Wednesday by Representative Sinclair, North Dakota.

### ORDER RESTRICTS FLOUR SHIPMENTS

Wheat or Its Products Can Be Imported or Exported Only by Observing Rules.

Washington, July 17.—(U. P.)—President Wilson, in a proclamation Wednesday, forbade import or export of wheat or wheat flour except under regulations to be prescribed by the United States wheat director.

Wilson this afternoon issued an executive order increasing the guaranteed price of \$2.28 a bushel for wheat at Galveston and New Orleans to \$2.30 a bushel, retroactive to July 1, last. The order authorizes the food administration's grain corporation to purchase the wheat at that price at the said markets.

The president also raised from \$2.28 to \$2.30 per bushel the price of wheat at the terminal markets of Galveston and New Orleans in order to "more properly regulate the flow of wheat of the crop of 1919," to the two markets named.

The president in a separate proclamation stated that by July 15 all dealers in wheat and bakery products with stated exceptions would be required to obtain licenses from the wheat director.

The exceptions are: (a) Bakers and manufacturers of bakery products consuming less than 50 barrels of flour a month; (b) retailers and farmers or cooperative associations of farmers or other persons with respect to the products of any farm or land owned, leased or cultivated by them; and (c) common carriers.

### Prineville Resident Takes His Own Life

Prineville, July 17.—E. A. Beckenstein, agent of the City of Prineville railway at this place, committed suicide Monday with a small caliber revolver. He leaves his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Charles Ross of this city. Mr. Beckenstein came to Oregon seven years ago in search of health. Poor health caused him to end his life. He was born at Elizabeth, N. J., November 18, 1869.

### Huns Would Rebuild Devastated District

Paris, July 17.—(U. P.)—Members of the German reparations commission at Versailles proposed to the allies Wednesday that German engineers and workmen rebuild the destroyed cities in northern France as a part of their reparations, using German materials.

Under the German plan the French would submit plans and specifications for the city they desired to be erected, and the Germans would take the job the same as a contractor.

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One bottle of Hires Household Extract, some sugar and a yeast cake—these three ingredients mixed according to directions, make eighty glasses (forty pints).

Hires Household Extract is pure—just herbs, roots, berries and bark—old fashioned woody kind of flavors, including wintergreen, birch bark, ginger, sassafras and juniper. Sixteen flavors in all and not a substitute among them!

Make some home-made Root Beer today—once you've tried it you'll never be caught "treating" again!—Adv.

### Toy Manufacturing Plant Endangered When Fire Spreads

Childhood's hopes for another Yuletide were almost blasted Wednesday when flames consumed the plant of the Valentine Manufacturing company, East Tenth and Lincoln streets, which makes dolls, toys and hobby horses.

Backfire from the boiler room sent flames up a sawdust chute to the second floor, where the dust is stored in a bin for fuel. Before any of the toy-makers knew about it, the fire had destroyed the bin and spread to the factory proper.

Fire apparatus arrived in time to prevent destruction but firemen said if the blaze had raged 10 minutes more, nothing could have been saved. The damage was less than \$100.

### Camouflaged Booze Sold by Bartender And His Old Chief

San Francisco, July 17.—(I. N. S.)—The first arrest for violation of the wartime prohibition act by a San Francisco saloonkeeper was made Wednesday with the arrest of John Sullivan and Charles Reed, his bartender. The two men will be arraigned before United States Commissioner Krull.

Department of justice agents visited the saloon and reported that they were served whiskey. One of them asked for ginger ale.

"Ginger ale on top?" asked the bartender, it is reported. "Sure," answered the operative and he says he received a highball.

A milk bottle full of whiskey was received as evidence.

### Mine Claims to Be Heard

Medford, July 17.—The War Minerals Relief commission will be here July 28 to begin hearings on applications for relief by 174 chrome and other mining men.

### COMMISSIONER SAYS FACTS ARE GARBLED BY COUNTY AUDITOR

Only Four Auto Tires and Six Plugs Purchased, Declaration of Holman.

That he bought only four automobile tires and not six, as charged by County Auditor Sam Martin, for use on his privately-owned automobile operated by him in the transaction of the county business, was the statement made Wednesday by County Commissioner Rufus C. Holman. The commissioner indignantly assailed the county auditor for what he says was a malicious misrepresentation of the entire facts concerning the amount of supplies and fuel which he has purchased at the county's expense during the last year.

"In the first place," said Mr. Holman, "I used my own tires all last year and paid for them out of my own pocket, notwithstanding the fact that my machine is used almost entirely in connection with my duties as county commissioner. It would appear from Mr. Martin's statement that the amounts which he claims I have spent on my machine cover but the first six months of 1919, whereas they cover a period of two years."

"Mr. Martin charges me with the purchase of 12 spark plugs, whereas I secured only six. The purchase of the gasoline books was done to avoid a rise in price scheduled to come at the time we bought them. Since that date there have been two increases. Furthermore, the amount was intended to cover the entire year."

Commissioner A. A. Muck announced that he would accept Mr. Martin's ruling in refusing to pay for gasoline and supplies for the automobiles of the com-

### Government to Lend Money to Stockmen

Washington, July 17.—The government is to lend money to cattle raisers in order to encourage beef production. Senator Kendrick of Wyoming announces. The senator, after a conference with the war finance corporation, and the federal reserve board, announced that loans, on proper security, would be made to persons interested in increasing beef exports.

### Experiment Station At Union Inspected

Eastern Oregon Branch Experiment Station, Union, July 16.—President W. J. Kerr and Regents Walter M. Pierce, J. K. Weatherford, Jefferson Myers and H. Von der Hellen of the Oregon Agricultural college, accompanied by Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Weatherford, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. and Mrs. Woodruff of Albany and Addison Bennett of Portland, examined the experiment station here Saturday.

### ROMANCE BEGINNING IN HEARING OF BIG GUNS COMES TO END

Clyde Barney, Ex-Soldier, Is Charged With Non-Support of French War Bride.

A romance which started while the thunder of the guns was echoing over the plains of France, in one of the small villages which served as a billeting place for American troops and which culminated in the return to Portland after the armistice of John Clyde Barney with a 17-year-old French "war bride," has had a disastrous termination, according to the story told in the office of District Attorney Walter Evans by Henri Labbe, French consul in this city. As a result of the tale, Mr. Barney said to be the son of a contractor at Cascade Locks, is in the county jail charged with non-support. Mr. Barney is charged with deserting his bride two weeks after their arrival

in Portland and failing to provide for her support. The American Red Cross has been looking after her for some time and it was through the information that it furnished that the warrant for Barney's arrest was sworn out. According to the wife, who is in delicate health, Mr. Barney left her with but \$5 shortly after their arrival here and since she has had no word from him. She says she married Mr. Barney under the name of Clyde Raymond O'Neil and that her parents in France furnished him the money to bring her to America.

### Roof Garden Bars Stockingless Girls

New York, July 17.—(I. N. S.)—Following an encounter with one stockingless miss, who had been reading about the latest Paris fashion, a New York roof garden today displayed the following sign: "Bare-legged ladies, with or without escorts, are not permitted on this roof."

Association Head Quit. Medford, July 17.—A. C. Allen, state horticultural commissioner, has resigned as manager of the Rogue River Valley Fruit and Produce association, because of the press of personal affairs. Alfred Carpenter has taken charge.

## More July Clearance Reductions Silk Dresses Attractively Priced

Three Groups of Georgette, Taffeta, Satin, Crepe de Chine Frocks Specially Priced

At \$15.75 Clever styles in rose, tan, taupe, black, gray, navy—plain and figured. —One of black taffeta has an unusual skirt with ruffled insets at the sides, round neck and bell sleeves.

At \$19.75 Superior quality and attractive modes mark this group. Colors, navy, gray, flesh, white, lemon yellow, tan, Copen, green, black, maroon. —A cool green taffeta features a panel front and back, with ruffled side panniers. The round neck is outlined in rose and the sleeves have bell cuffs.

At \$29.50 Splendid assortment of beautiful gowns, many elaborately beaded or embroidered. Blue, brown, rose, mahogany, Copen, black, navy. —A smart frock in Copen shows a peplum effect, shirred over cords, a small pleated vestee of cream Georgette and a distinctive cuff.



### CAPES AND DOLMANS SPECIAL \$12.50

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—Excellent for fall—good outing skirts formerly selling at \$7.50 to \$10.

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—Two models—one with triangular pockets, buckle trimmed, the other with clever pockets and belt, offset with pearl buttons.

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