



INTERPRET PROVISIONS NEW TREATY

Republican Senators to Discuss Treaty With President Offer Plan to Speed Ratification.

Administration Adherents Give No Objection if Efforts Are Not Made to Strip Covenant.

Washington, July 18.—(I. N. S.)—Republican senators who were to discuss the peace treaty with the president at the White House today, as well as those who conferred with him there yesterday, expressed the opinion today that the senate's ratification of the document might be expedited by an agreement that senators be permitted to interpret the senate's acceptance of certain of the disputed provisions in a resolution of ratification.

Administration senators stated that if the senate's proposed interpretations were confined to explanatory ones—and could in no way be construed, technically or otherwise, as actually amending or "reserving" the text of the treaty—they could see no objection to them if they were confined to the Monroe doctrine, the constitutional right of congress to involve the United States in war, immigration, the tariff and other domestic questions.

Senator McCumber of North Dakota, a Republican advocate of the League of Nations, who spoke yesterday, said he regarded his conference with the president as "too confidential to discuss" admitted that he was still of the opinion that the president's desire to have the treaty speedily ratified by the senate might be realized if those senators opposed to the ratification form were allowed to record explanations of how they regarded the league covenant, the Shantung settlement and other provisions which they have assented.

It was learned that the president had informed Senator McCumber, as well as Senators Colt of Rhode Island and Nelson of Minnesota, the other Republican senators, he saw yesterday, that he was unwillingly opposed to the ratification of the treaty without the proposed amendments or reservations his antagonists might attempt to bring up in the senate or in the senate foreign relations committee, as the adoption of a single material change in the text of the treaty would constitute a violation of the 21 nations whose peace committee.

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HOTEL CORNELIUS SOLD TO MONTANAN

W. C. Culverston of Missoula Purchaser at Price Announced as Upwards of \$50,000.

With various rumors circulating concerning the purchase of various hotel properties in Portland, it was announced this morning that the Hotel Cornelius at Park and Alder streets, has been sold to W. C. Culverston of Missoula, Mont., for a consideration of over \$50,000.

Mr. Culverston has been interested in hotel property in various parts of the West for a number of years, having first owned property in Kansas City and later at Missoula. The Florence hotel at Missoula is owned by Mr. Culverston.

YANCOUVER MEN SELLERS

Stoked in the Hotel Cornelius, named after the Cornelius family, who were the founders of the hotel, are Messrs. Paris and Marin, real estate dealers of Vancouver. The hotel is a seven story structure and is especially known to visitors from the Willamette valley and Southern Oregon.

Mr. Culverston said this morning that he planned to renovate the building throughout, bringing it up to the standard of his other hotel in Montana, which he intended to dispose of shortly. Considerable improvement will be made on the first floor and new furniture will be placed in a majority of the rooms.

READY FOR BUYERS WEEK

It is the intention of the new owner to have the hotel ready for the many guests expected to be in Portland during "Victory Buyers' week."

As a stranger in the city and a future permanent resident and hotel promoter, Mr. Culverston expressed the wish this morning that his new owners get a better understanding of progressive hotel management as it is understood in Portland.

PERSHING AND MARCH WILL BE GENERALS

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson this afternoon conferred with congressmen to confer the permanent rank of general on John J. Pershing, commander in chief of the American expeditionary forces, and Chief of Staff Peyton C. March; and the permanent rank of admiral on Admirals William S. Benson, chief of naval operations, and William S. Sims, who was in command during the war of American naval forces in European waters.

The president's message follows: "I take the liberty of calling your attention to a matter which I am sure is at the heart of the whole country, and which I have had very much in mind throughout all these months when we were trying to arrange a peace that would be worthy of the spirit and achievements of the men who won the victory in the field and on the sea. After mature reflection, I earnestly recommend that you give the permanent rank of general to John J. Pershing and Peyton C. March, expressing the law in such a way as to give precedence to General Pershing; and that you give the permanent rank of admiral to William S. Benson and William S. Sims. I take it for granted that I am only anticipating your own thoughts in proposing these honors for the men upon whom the principal responsibilities devolved for achieving the great results which our unconquerable navy and army accomplished."

"WOODROW WILSON."

LAWYER'S ATTENTION WAS NOT DESIRED

Portland Woman Named in Case of Marriage Contractor Says She Repulsed His Love.

The old, old story of an elderly man pursuing a young woman who could only repulse his attentions was related today by Mrs. Edna Poindexter, attractive young Portland widow, telling about the way her name came to be connected with that of Charles W. Ward, wealthy and elderly San Francisco.

Ward's letters to Mrs. Poindexter have been made public incident to the arrest of Mrs. Alice Wilson of San Francisco at the residence of the contractor for an alleged illegal operation on her daughter, Alice Wilson, said to be under contract of marriage to Ward.

Mr. Poindexter and his wife were drowned in a Central Oregon lake in company with Vernon A. Forbes, a Bend lawyer, about a year ago.

"I met Charles W. Ward while I was staying at the Benson hotel in Portland engaged in settling up the estate of my husband," said Mrs. Poindexter. "He pursued me with his attentions. He made repeated proposals of marriage. I did not know that he was divorced. He would have given me everything he had, but I refused his statements. I repulsed his attentions from the beginning and accepted from him only the most incidental favors such as a diamond bracelet for my birthday. I have been taught to treat old age with respect and I tried to treat him with respect. But he quickly showed that he was not worthy of it. He wrote me a number of letters, some times four or five before I would answer him, and in my answers stated that he had no money and that I did not desire his attentions. If those who are unscrupulous copies letters from the street in San Francisco, I am sure I will be completely exonerated. The statements that he paid my way to California is absolutely false. I paid my own way and I was with friends on my way to the East. I met him one day at the street in San Francisco, by accident so far as I was concerned. I did not want to see him, either then or later when he called on me."

Chicago Building Contractors Lock Out 100,000 Men

Chicago, July 18.—(I. N. S.)—Approximately 100,000 workmen affiliated with building trades unions in Chicago were locked out by building contractors today and millions of dollars' worth of construction work was halted.

INDUSTRIES. CUSTOMERS BE ARGUED

Columbia Basin Case Opening Next Monday Attacked Artificial Freight Rate System.

People of Columbia Ports and Interior Urged to Act To- gether to Win Great Struggle.

"Think together" in the appeal to all the people of the Columbia basin and ports of the Columbia as the hearing of the Columbia basin rate case draws near.

Mountains of evidence will confront Interstate Commerce Commissioners Hall, Daniels and Eastman in Portland next Monday.

THIRD VESSEL IS OBTAINED FOR RUN

New Ship for Portland-Orient Service Will Be Assigned for Fall Sailing.

Through the united efforts of the Pacific Steamship company, the Chamber of Commerce and C. D. Kennedy, chief of the division of operations, United States shipping board in Portland, the third vessel for the Portland-Orient run has been released by the shipping board, according to announcement made this morning by the Pacific Steamship company.

The new steamer, which will be assigned for September sailing on the same run with the West Nunham, now in the Orient; and the Cozart, about ready to leave this port for the other side of the Pacific, is the Wawaloa, a 5,000-ton vessel, now being completed by the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation at Vancouver.

Frank O'Conner, manager of the Pacific Steamship company, says that the Wawaloa will be ready for sailing between September 14 and 28, and the company will now be able to operate the Portland-Orient run on a six weeks sailing schedule.

CHIEF FORESTER PORTLAND VISITOR

Henry S. Graves Discusses Need for Appropriation; To Ad- dress Chamber Monday.

Unless immediate action is taken in passing the appropriation bill at Washington, D. C., the forestry service in the Pacific Northwest will find itself in an embarrassing position.

TODAY FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THIERRY

ONE year ago today Marshal Foch launched the great offensive that drove the Germans out of the Chateau-Thierry salient, the first of the series of aggressive operations that brought the enemy to his knees.

The veteran First and Second American divisions attacked on the opening day and nine American divisions had participated when the salient was wiped out.

The Twenty-sixth division (New England National Guard) attacked northwest of Chateau-Thierry, captured Torcy, Belleau and reached Bourches village.

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Case of Alleged Neglect to Report Accident Put Over

Charges of failing to report an accident filed against C. E. Rogers and violating the prohibition law filed against Jess Brecht were set over to municipal court today until July 22 for trial. Rogers drove the wagon into against Jess Brecht, who was set over early Tuesday morning, when Mrs. Ethel Hughes was killed. Brecht is ac- cused of selling intoxicating liquor to Bendon and LeRoy Massey.

For slaughtering animals within the city limits, Carl Fritzer was fined \$15 and George Ropp, \$20. Ross Davis was sentenced to serve a 60-day sentence on a drunk charge. Howard Cryzier and Charles Millholten, arrested at the same time were fined \$10 each and given one day in jail.

Bela Kun, Soviet Leader in Hungary, Refuses to Resign

London, July 18.—(I. N. S.)—Bela Kun, the red dictator of Hungary, has refused to resign in favor of the Socialists, in order to avoid military intervention by the allies, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich today, quoting the Frankfurter Zeitung.

Karolyi Coming to U. S.
Copenhagen, July 18.—(I. N. S.)—Count Michael Karolyi, famous Hungarian statesman, has left for America, the German newspaper Kreuz Zeitung learns. Bela Kun is reported to have allowed the count to retain his fortune.

FRUIT HELD "BOAT" FOR RAILROADS

Charge Made at Freight Hearing of Effort to Saddle Deficits on Prosperous Coast Industry.

Percentage Increase in Rates Is Fought on Ground Northwest Would Be at Big Disadvantage

An alleged effort to saddle upon the Northwestern fruit industry in a season of abnormal prosperity the deficits amassed by Eastern and Southern railroads, while the Northwestern roads fairly roll in wealth, was the chief object of attack at the morning session of the interstate commerce commission hearing on perishable freight tariffs today.

Growers and shippers of Oregon, Washington and Idaho played their first inning in the contest against the application of the new and severe tariffs covering iced, heating, switching and actual hauling charges proposed for Northwestern fruit by the railroad administration, when Leonard Way, rate expert of the public utilities commission of Idaho, called to the witness stand.

ANARCHIST CHARGE REACHED AT TRIAL

Editorial Which Brought About \$1,000,000 Libel Suit Is Read in Court.

By Harry Reutlinger
Mt. Clemens, Mich., July 18.—(I. N. S.)—For the first time since the trial began 10 weeks ago, the heart of the Henry Ford-Chicago Tribune libel suit was reached today, when the editorial entitled, "Ford Is an Anarchist," was read in court.

The editorial did him \$1,000,000 damage, was on the stand and listened quietly to the reading.

By the mutual agreement of the attorney for the Tribune and the attorney for New, the date for New's trial was set for October 27.

Demurrer Is Filed To Holmes Complaint

Minnesota Floods Destroy 50 Homes

St. Paul, July 18.—(U. P.)—State officials rushed aid to Thief Lake and Mud Lake townships near Holt, Minn., today, where 50 families were reported homeless as a result of floods. Heavy rains have inundated an area 25 by 30 miles there. Governor Burquist was advised that the situation was serious and that the state circuit court in Marion county this afternoon.

Raynham Gives Up Flight Over Ocean

St. John's, N. F., July 18.—(I. N. S.)—Captain Frederick P. Raynham, whose second attempt last yesterday to "hop" off on a flight to the British Isles ended disastrously, said today that he probably will ship his damaged Martin plane home on the liner Gramplan, leaving in a few days, and return to England himself.

MOTHER LOVE DEFIES BARS

RS. LILLY BURGER is loyally standing by her son, Harry S. New Jr., accused of slaying his sweetheart, Freda Lesser of Los Angeles. Mrs. Burger was photographed by International Film Service as she embraced her son in his cell.



NEW PLEADS NOT GUILTY OF CHARGE

Arraignment Held Before Crowd That Jams Courtroom; Trial Is Set for October 27.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 18.—(I. N. S.)—While a large crowd, mostly women and girls, filled the courtroom and struggled for admission to the corridor outside, Harry S. New, Jr., confessed slayer of his sweet-heart, Freda Lesser, pleaded not guilty to the grand jury indictment charging him with murder in the first degree before Superior Judge Gavin W. Craig today.

The crowd that sought to catch a glimpse of the slayer was the largest that has ever assembled in courtroom No. 10 in Los Angeles. For an hour before New was taken into court every seat in the spectators' section was occupied and a dense throng surged at the courtroom doors.

New was the first of the prisoners due for arraignment to be called before the judge. He was neatly arrayed in a dark blue suit, white linen collar and a silk shirt. When he was asked to plead to the indictment he showed no sign of nervousness and answered in a low but audible voice: "Not guilty."

Steel Company Asks For Lower Rates to Northwest Points

Requesting a reduction in rates on iron and steel articles shipped from Midvale, Utah, to Pacific coast points, the Utah Iron and Steel company has submitted tentative set rates to par- ticular points in place of higher class and commodity rates to the Portland district freight traffic committee for approval. A hearing is scheduled on the matter for August 7.

The rates asked by the steel company on the 100 pound basis are as follows: Spokane, Wenatchee, Ritzville, Ellensburg, North Yakima, Astoria, Eugene, Coquille, Dufur, and Seaside, 50 cents; Baker, 40 cents; Heppner, 60 cents; Vancouver, B. C., 55 cents; Pendleton, 45 cents; Tillamook, 60 cents; Marshfield, 75 cents and Bend, 70 cents.

Airplane Mail to Take Regular Rate

Washington, July 18.—(I. N. S.)—Airplane mail was reduced to a price basis same as all other first class mail by order of Postmaster General Burson this afternoon. The rate formerly was 5 cents an ounce, with 10 cents extra for special delivery. Under the new rate it will be 3 cents an ounce, with 10 cents extra for special delivery.

LIVES AND PROPERTY IN DANGER

Several Towns Are in Path of Flames; Much Timber, Many Ranches Reported Destroyed.

Strong Winds Increase Danger; Forest Service Is Recruiting Fighters Wherever Possible.

Spokane, Wash., July 18.—(U. P.)—Nineteen forest fires are sweeping portions of Western Montana and Northern Idaho early today, menacing several towns, numerous ranches and millions of feet of timber. Forest service officials are recruiting every available man for fighters, fearing a little headway will result in fires as serious as those of 1910.

St. Regis and Alberton, Mont., are in dire danger. Forest service reports are that the flames got beyond control and the towns are threatened from three sides. Strong winds are rapidly increasing the danger and a number of ranches thought safe yesterday are now almost certain of destruction. A heavy livestock loss is being reported.

Scarcity of available men to fight the flames is a serious handicap. The availability of asking soldiers to assist in the work is being considered. HEAVY DAMAGE ALREADY
About 30,000 acres of forest have been reduced to smoldering ashes and several towns are in danger of being completely destroyed. The Big Creek and North Fork Kallagoo, covering about 5000 acres in the Kellogg district, are moving slowly today, due to the shift in the wind. A slight wind Thursday night backfired blazes in many places, according to Ranger Rowe of the Kellogg district. Today a slight wind is blowing against the fire, retarding their progress.

PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION HELPS
Both the state and Pend Oreille Protective association are fighting the Blue lake fire, which is lapping up 400 acres east of Priest river.
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Valuable Timber Threatened
Aberdeen, Wash., July 18.—A long dry spell in the Pacific Northwest has made timber as it is a time for dangerous fires, and extra precautions are being taken. The rain has fallen practically for a month. Two Pulp company logging camps near Humptulips have been pulled out of danger by employees, who have been fighting a fire for two days. So far the flames have been confined to the slashings and no damage has been done to green timber or logging equipment.

FIRE FIGHTERS GO FOR
BOISE, IDAHO, IN ARMY AUTOS
Boise, Idaho, July 18.—(U. P.)—In answer to the appeal from federal and state officials, crews of men were loaded into big army automobile trucks and started for the scene of the disastrous forest fires in the yellow pine district in West Central Idaho. It is hoped 100 additional fire fighters will reach the scene of the fires. The forest fire campaign will be to keep the fire out of valuable timber in the forest reserves. A prospect of rain is expected to public lands not within the reserves.

Police Asked to Aid in Hunt for Escaped Convicts

Four men escaped from the Idaho penitentiary at Boise this morning, ac- cording to a wire received today by the local police, who were asked to assist in apprehending them.

The description of the men as given by Warden W. L. Gaddy follows: Fred Morgan, 32 years old, weight 150 pounds, 5 feet 9 inches tall, tattooed on right forearm, snake swallowing a frog and set aside \$10,000 to be used to equip his outfit. Nelson, 28, 150 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches tall, left middle finger broken, scar in the palm of his right hand. Joe Martin, 24, 160 pounds tall and slender, brown birthmark on right arm. James Baldwin, negro, 32, 150 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches tall, brown hair, eyes, nose on top of head, scar below left eye.

Embargo Against Atlantic Freight

New York, July 18.—(U. P.)—An embargo against all freight for government control in the coastwise vessels was ordered this afternoon by the railroad administration.

This action was precipitated by the continued failure of both sides in the seamen's strike to reach an agreement. The order affects freight destined to all Atlantic and gulf ports for trans-shipment.