

SEALATORS CHANGING PAGE TEXT

Republicans by Strict Party Vote Are Cutting Out America From All Treaty Commissions.

Series of Amendments Proposed by Sen. Fall Are Adopted by Foreign Relations Committee.

Washington, Aug. 26.—(I. N. S.)—By a straight party vote of 9 to 7, the Republicans in control of the senate foreign-relations committee agreed today to amend textually the treaty of Versailles on a sweeping scale so as to eliminate representation by the United States on almost all of the commissions created by the treaty.

They decided to pass over the League of Nations and to leave the reparations commission untouched for the time being, but agreed to strike out the words "and associated powers" as including the United States from some 50 odd places in the document where the duties and powers of the various commissions were specified or described.

By a straight party vote of 9 to 7, Senator McCumber, (R. N. D.) being absent, the senate foreign relations committee adopted a textual amendment which provides for the elimination of the United States from the German-Belgian frontier commission.

The amendment was one of 23 sponsored by Senator Fall, (R. N. M.) all of which provide for the striking out by textual changes of American representation on various commissions created by the treaty.

Senator Fall argued that the commissions were to deal with domestic or international questions affecting European nations, and that the United States would be involved in entangling foreign complications if it were to be represented.

The nine Republican members, with the exception of McCumber, voted solidly for the amendment.

3 ARE NECK AND NECK IN AIR RACE

Lieutenant Austin B. Crehore Is Badly Injured When Plane Crashes Into Tree.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 26.—(I. N. S.)—Lieutenant Plumb, who is neck and neck with Major Schroeder, now on the opposite end of the New York-Toronto aerial race, arrived safely in Albany at 3:59 on his return trip. Hurred preparations are being made for Plumb's departure for Mineola field on the last lap of the race.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 26.—(I. N. S.)—The great New York-Toronto aerial derby this afternoon developed into a thrilling neck and neck race between Lieutenant M. J. Plumb, Sergeant G. R. Coombs and Major R. M. Schroeder.

Lieut. Plumb, who reached Toronto from Mineola at 11:45, started on the return flight 15 minutes later, arriving in Buffalo at 12:30. Meanwhile Coombs and Schroeder, who had arrived at Mineola last night, were doubling back on their tracks for the Canadian city as fast as their powerful planes could carry them.

FLIERS WHO MET WITH DELAYS MAKE NEW STARTS

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 26.—(I. N. S.)—Fourteen fliers in the Toronto-New York aerial race left Albany field early this morning. Two, Lieutenant-Colonel Barker, No. 50, and O. S. Palmer, No. 52, were first in the air. They left for New York at 7:26 and 7:41 respectively.

Other pilots who left here for Syracuse this morning were: Lieutenant Chandler, No. 14, at 6:37; Lieutenant Holt, No. 26, at 6:58; Captain Steinhilber, No. 39, 7:09; Colonel Archie Miller, No. 3, at 7:13; L. W. Bertrand, No. 35, at 7:33; Captain Dewey, No. 32, at 7:56; Major Gilkinson, No. 12, at 7:58.

Lieutenant Hogan, in No. 4, and Lieutenant Adams, in No. 42, who reached here last night, left shortly after 8 o'clock and returned to Mineola as a result of mishaps. It is expected they will make a new start. Lieutenant Weisenborn also returned to Mineola but is not likely to resume his flight because of smashing his machine in the take-off this morning.

Lieutenant Crehore Injured

Fish Smothered By Fine Moss Is Decision After Examining Lake

Warden Clanton Believes Moss Entered Klamath Waters by Underground Passage.

Death of thousands of fish in Klamath lake was not the result of an explosion or an eruption, but was caused by the discharge through some subterranean passage of a great amount of brown moss, which smothered every living thing it came in contact with. This opinion was expressed this morning by R. E. Clanton, master fish warden, who returned from Klamath lake Monday evening.

"It was first reported, when the thousands of dead fish were seen floating on the lake, that the water of the lake was muddy as from a great subterranean explosion or eruption," says Clanton. "I was unofficially quoted as believing this was the cause of the great loss of fish life in the lake."

Clanton was in the Klamath district when the mysterious killing of the fish was first noticed. He says he arrived

SANTA FE TRAFFIC REPORTED TIED UP

General Manager at Los Angeles Says Walkout of Yardmen Has Crippled Operations.

Los Angeles, Aug. 26.—(I. N. S.)—Seven hundred machinists and boilermakers of the Los Angeles shops of the Southern Pacific returned to work today. Representatives of the men explained the shop employees had been ordered back because nothing was to be gained by this particular group remaining idle.

Los Angeles, Aug. 26.—"All traffic over the Santa Fe between Barstow and San Francisco is now tied up," it was announced at the office of A. G. Wells, general manager of the Santa Fe, this morning. "The walkout of the yardmen at Bakersfield and at Barstow this morning has so crippled traffic that we cannot move trains in any direction."

The Southern Pacific lines at 10:15 o'clock this morning were completely tied up in California south of San Luis Obispo to the coast line, Fresno on the valley line, and west of Yuma, Ariz.

At the Salt Lake offices at the same hour it was announced: "No change in complete tie-up in main line trains between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, but local trains are being run in Nevada and Utah."

The complete tie-up by rail has practically ceased. Thousands of tourists in this center of that industry are marooned.

The paralysis has reached out until it touches California. "At Yuma, Ariz., to the southeast."

Only by means of ocean boats can tourists leave here and these boats have experienced a few mishaps.

"The only appreciable effect of the act of the 'big four' leaders ordering the steam line men back to work was spread of the strike northward and southward and an expressed determination of the leaders here to 'see it through to a finish.'"

Whereas, the national officers of the rail men have refused to sanction the strike, the strikers have the whole-hearted backing of the state federation of labor, which professes to be in accord with the A. F. of L.

California C. Murphy, president of the Daniel C. Murphy state federation of labor, in a statement to the United Press, declared that "Los Angeles is the battle ground of labor in California."

Murphy charged an organized attempt by employers to force a return to pre-war conditions.

With food piled up in the railroad yards, but with no one to move it, Los Angeles could starve. Gasoline is being rationed by motor truck, but the supply is rapidly diminishing because of the extraordinary demands now that the streets are empty.

4-CENT WAGE REJECTED; WILL OTE

Federated Trades Committee Announces No Strike Will Be Taken Until Action by Unions.

Matter of Future Decision, Now That Trainmen Failed to Get All They Asked, Up to Workers

Washington, Aug. 26.—(I. N. S.)—Rejecting on behalf of the railway shoppmen the railroad administration's offer of 4 cents an hour increase, the committee of 100 this afternoon called upon the members of the federated trades to summon special meetings to take a secret vote upon the acceptance or rejection of the proposition.

At the same time it was made plain that no strike would be authorized until final action has been taken by the individual unions.

A letter was sent by the committee to the National Association of Masterlisters, the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers, the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers, and the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers International Alliance, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, stating:

"The attached letter of the president of the United States accompanied by the proposition of the director general were delivered to your committee in conference at the national committee in conference at

SLIGHT DISGRUNTLED SAYS LEAD BETTER

Accused Officer Says Major Has Cherished Grief Since His Dismissal From Post.

Major Sligh is a disgruntled old man, cherishing a grudge against fancied enemies for fancied slights, in the opinion of Major Fred W. Leadbetter, who is charged with "tempting bribery" and other serious matters, in Major Sligh's testimony before the Frear sub-committee investigating the spruce production of the government at the Chicago hearing.

After he had read Major Sligh's testimony, Major Leadbetter said: "This is nothing more than the foolish effort of a disgruntled old man to discredit the fact that my activities in the spruce end of the equipment division of the aircraft board."

HELD HIM UNBALANCED

"After having made repeated charges of bribery and other misdeeds attending over a long period during which I paid no attention to him, believing in his innocence, I was now justified under oath and made statements that seem to me to necessitate some reply."

"His broad charges of bribery seem to have simmered down to a fanciful account of a reported interview made, he states, in October, before I was in any way connected with the spruce end. There is not the slightest basis in fact for these insinuations, and as for the statements that I was instrumental in depriving the poor old man of his position, the facts are exactly opposite. I never mentioned the matter of taking over the spruce department to Colonel Deeds or Colonel Montgomery, the chiefs of the equipment division, but was peremptorily ordered to assume this duty."

"As to the Vancouver mill property, I particularly refused to operate the mill in the lumber industry known as General Disque insisted upon using as most available, I refused to take pay for their use. The government used for a long time 285 trucks, as well as planers and other machinery, for which it paid nothing. These same trucks since their return after hard usage have in part been rented at \$1 a month each."

"The Vancouver cutup plant, as everyone in the lumber industry knows, was a temporary installation only and could in no event make any permanent difference in the value of Vancouver real estate."

MAJOR FIGURES WRONG

"Major Sligh's statement that \$150,000 is 10 times the value of the Vancouver mill, to which he referred, is in line with his many other false statements. The actual book value of the property today is twice \$150,000 and has never been less. The property is at present bringing a rental of \$1000 a month."

"If Major Sligh's accusations against all his other fancied enemies are based upon as little fact as is the case in these vicious and unwarranted attacks upon me, they can have but one effect, which is to react upon my witness and tend to discredit not only his statements, but even the statements of those who are not striving for relief from fancied wrongs, but really to give unprejudiced testimony to help clear up a situation that is of great importance to the Pacific Northwest."

Mormon Prophets Predicted Failure Of Nations League

Utah Senator Quotes Joseph Smith's Revelations to Prove Peace Far Off.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Senator Smoot of Utah, the economic expert of the senate, today discussed references made by him in a letter to an editor in Utah with reference to revelations made to Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon church, which Senator Smoot believes have a direct relation to the existing international situation.

In his letter Senator Smoot said that passages from the prophets in the Book of Mormon showed clearly what is to be the destiny of this nation and that the revelation to Joseph Smith as contained in the Mormon doctrine and covenants showed that a world peace is not yet in sight.

From section one of the "Doctrine and Covenants" Senator Smoot quoted the following revelation to Joseph Smith in 1823:

QUOTES JOSEPH SMITH

"For they have strayed from my ordinances and have broken my everlasting covenant. They seek not the Lord to establish his righteousness, but every man walketh in his own way and serveth the image of his own heart, and in the likeness of the world, and whose substance is that of an idol which waxeth whole and shall perish in Babylon, even Babylon the great, which shall yet be builded again."

"Wherefore I, the Lord, knowing the calamity which shall come upon the inhabitants of the earth, called on my spirit the Joseph Smith, Jr. and gave unto him from heaven and gave him commandments. I am no respecter of persons and will that all men shall know that the day is quickly cometh, the hour which we have set in hand, when peace shall be taken from the earth."

This revelation, according to Senator Smoot, is typical of other revelations given to the Mormon "Doctrine and Covenants," showing that universal peace will not come until the second coming of the Lord. Senator Smoot said that the day is quickly cometh, the hour which we have set in hand, when peace shall be taken from the earth."

As to the destiny of the United States, which he said is to own and control by standing alone, Senator Smoot quoted the following passages from the Book of Mormon:

"Book of the Prophet Ether, chapter 1, verse 12: 'Behold this is a choice land and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage and from captivity and from all other iniquities under heaven and if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ, who hath been manifested by the things which we have written on the plates.'"

QUOTES PROPHET NEPHI

"Second book of the Prophet Nephi, chapter 10, verse 10: 'But behold, this land, saith God, shall be a land of thine inheritance on the gentiles shall be blessed in land.'"

"I believe this land, now called America, was held in reserve by God for ages with a view of establishing on truth and liberty and from this land truth and liberty would be carried to the farther ends of the coast on the land who shall raise up unto the gentiles."

"I will fortify this land against all other nations."

"And he that fighteth against Zion shall perish, saith God."

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Secretary Daniels Is Homeward Bound On U. S. S. New York

Aboard U. S. S. New York, Aug. 25.—(Delayed)—U. S. Secretary Daniels and his party left Hilo, H. T., aboard the dreadnought New York for Monterey, Calif., at 1 a. m. today. He expects the New York to make fifteen to seventeen knots, arriving at Monterey on the morning of August 31.

On February 17, 1918, the Secretary and Mrs. Daniels and their party spent Sunday visiting Kilauea volcano near Hilo.

HIGH COST SESSIONS ON TODAY

Housewives of Portland Will Listen to Reports and Make Suggestions at Open Meeting.

Union Meat Company President Discusses Matter of Prices and Answers Many Questions.

With prices still remaining high after weeks of study by federal, city and independent investigators, the mass meeting of housewives scheduled to meet at 2:30 this afternoon gave promise of becoming an "indignation meeting," as well as a gathering for exchange of views.

Food, clothing, rents, all were to come in for scrutiny in following up on the list of articles initiated at previous meetings of the women. The impression prevailed today that Monday's session of the food administration's fair price committee had accomplished for the most part what it had set out to do, and established a basis for future constructive work.

The committee of five has prepared its report for this meeting. This report is based upon a careful personal survey of market conditions, upon conference with the city auditor and upon discussion of city ordinances with C. C. Hindman, deputy city attorney, appointed by Mayor Baker to chastise combined bakers and aid purse-weary housewives.

The committee plans to suggest changes in the city ordinances, it is understood.

A large attendance at the mass meeting is expected.

USE SUGAR WITH CARE, IS WARNING

Movement of 200,000 Sacks to Middle West Is Likely to Cause 60-Day Shortage.

Canning industries will be cared for, but the strictest economy in sugar must be practiced by the Portland housewife for the next 60 days, say representatives of local wholesale grocers. Housewives today were unable to purchase sugar in sack quantities, though canning is now at its height.

"We have received instructions that 200,000 sacks of beet sugar must be moved to the middle west," said a representative of Lang & Co. this morning. "This will materially affect Portland consumers. Our jobs are now confined to their sales to five sacks to a customer and in some cases only one sack. Refiners are reserving sugar for canning purposes, and purchases will be restricted to all orders on file are filled. Sugar will naturally be dished out in small quantities for the next 30 days."

"The first grinding of the new beet sugar will not be available until the middle or latter part of September," said a representative of Wadhams & Kerr.

"The situation is even more acute because refiners have sold so much more sugar than they expected to sell. They have been shipping east for the government, and have had to withdraw entirely from the market until January. This condition would ordinarily be relieved by the beet sugar. After the grinding of the beet sugar, it will take 30 days to supply orders, so that it will probably be October before any new sugar will be available."

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Labor Repudiates Reds Bolshevism Is Downed

Gompers Tells of Battle Veteran President of A. F. of L. Returns From Europe to Face New Problems.

By Fred S. Ferguson

New York, Aug. 26.—(U. P.)—Final and definite repudiation of Bolshevism by organized labor of Europe and America was effected by the defeat of the famous "Bolshevik" resolution by a committee of the international labor congress at Amsterdam. Samuel Gompers said today in a statement issued shortly after his arrival here from Europe. The statement added that the repudiation extended also to "the entire effort to involve labor unions in international revolutionary movements of any kind."

"I am glad that the published reports of the Amsterdam conference may have failed to note the remarkable stand taken on Bolshevism and near Bolshevism," said Gompers.

BOLSHEVIKS OVERWHELMED

"The Bolshevism resolution was killed by the committee of which I was chairman. In fact, no acknowledged Bolshevism unions were present for the resolution. The resolution was made very little headway among the European labor unions outside of Russia, Italy and a few minor countries."

"However, there is a more dangerous near Bolshevism indulged by men of the Socialist parties, who are now in power in international revolutionary movements of any kind. It is true that the majority of delegates professed more or less socialist doctrine, but they have finally definitely repudiated the persistent and ceaseless efforts of the Socialist parties to utilize the unions for a revolutionary purpose."

Gompers returns today from Europe to face the most serious and complex situation that has arisen during his entire regime as president of the American Federation of Labor.

Gompers is 69 years old. For 37 years he has directed the labor movement of America as president of the American Federation of Labor. And due to the power that has come to labor the entire country was looking to Gompers today for an announcement of policy.

CRITICAL MEETING COMING

With strikes in progress or pending throughout the country, workers demanding increased wages and coupling their demands with protests against the high cost of living, observers believe the most critical meeting of the labor executive council in Washington Thursday will be the most important in its history.

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OUTRAGED WATER SUPPLY

Barely Enough Entering Conduits From Bull Run to Off-set Daily Use in Portland.

Sprinkling Privilege May Have to Be Cut Off Unless Extreme Economy Is Observed.

Announcing that Portland's water supply is at the lowest ebb in its history and urging the people to restrict water use to the absolute minimum, City Commissioner Mann today declared that only 47,000,000 gallons per day is entering the conduits from the Bull Run river. This is barely the minimum quantity now being used daily at Portland's faucets.

The commissioner announced that unless extreme economy in water is practiced, it may be necessary to cut off the sprinkling privilege entirely until the river is replenished.

The lowest ever previously recorded at the Bull Run headworks was 48,000,000 gallons in 1914. Thus the supply today is 1,000,000 gallons below the most critical period in the history of the waterworks.

Mann pointed out that the average flow of water at this season is 65,000,000 gallons. In July, the average daily use is 64,000,000 gallons. In August, the use is somewhat less usually, he said, but even so, ordinarily the supply is more than sufficient to cover.

"In case of a big fire, it would be necessary to curtail all irrigation from the city mains," said Mann. "We should conserve now. It may be of interest that the entire supply of water stored in reservoirs is only 120,000,000 gallons, barely enough for four days should the main supply be impaired."

Mann has been spending much time at the headworks of late studying the flow and figuring how to increase it.

U. S. WILL OPEN RETAIL STORES

War Department to Dispose of Clothing, Blankets, Food and Tobacco.

Washington, Aug. 26.—(U. P.)—Retail and mail order stores will be opened September 25 by the war department to sell direct to the consumer, both over the counter and by mail, commodities held as army surplus. It was announced today.

Huge quantities of socks, underwear, shirts, raincoats, blankets, gloves, tobacco, soap and other articles will be sold at stores.

Stores will be opened at some supply cities, including San Francisco, and also in other large cities throughout the country.

War department experts are now preparing catalogues of goods to be put on sale. These will be made available at every postoffice and postal sub-station in the country. The postoffice department has been requested to establish parcel post sub-stations in each of the cities in which mail orders may be handled promptly.

Goods will be distributed evenly throughout the country. All goods will be sold at fixed prices. Mail order goods will be sold at regular prices, plus cost of delivery.

The new plan for disposition of army surplus is even broader than the plan by which surplus food was sold through the agricultural department and the surplus clothing and other articles were handed to postmasters who sent them to some supply offices and distributed them to consumers. Under the new plan the postmasters will be eliminated and the goods will be sold by mail or buy from the army direct.

Special Law Needed For Truck Purchase

Washington, Aug. 26.—(I. N. S.)—Because of an adverse decision by the comptroller of the treasury, the several states, desiring army motor trucks for use on state works will be unable to continue the purchase of these trucks through the agricultural department without special legislation by congress.

The comptroller has ruled that the sale is not authorized by law. Representative Kahn, chairman of the house military affairs committee, today said he will submit to the house this week a bill making such sales valid.

Missing Aviators Found by Mexicans

Samuel Gompers



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In Chicago the labor party movement is said to overshadow the strength of the A. F. of L. The same conditions are beginning to be felt in New York.

Gompers has always opposed a labor party. But the leaders of the labor movement are now confident they will force a new decision. No one in touch with the situation is willing to hazard a guess as to what the decision may be, in addition to working out a definite policy and program for future action the following are a few of the immediate situations Gompers has to meet:

MANY STRIKERS INJURED

Threatened strike of steel workers, whose representatives are now in New York seeking to lay demands for increased wages before the United States Steel corporation.

The railroad shopmen's demands, which President Wilson asks be held in abeyance during the high cost of living fight.

The railroad problem: At the executive council meeting at railroad men's heads, representing the four brotherhood and 10 other railway unions, will urge strong endorsement of the Plumb plan.

The miners' situation for nationalization of mines. This issue is scheduled to be voted on at the miners' convention in Cleveland next month.

Gompers' long-standing management he had standing in Paris in order to catch the George Washington and get home at the earliest possible moment.

McARTHUR WILL COME WITH FLEET

Will Visit Proposed Naval Bases in the Columbia District With Admirals Kean and Parks.

Representative C. N. McArthur has heeded the urgent requests of the Portland and Oregon Chambers of Commerce and Astoria and will come to Portland with the vessels of the Pacific fleet assigned to the Columbia river, to conduct naval officials on an investigation of proposed naval sites and bases in the Columbia district.

Admirals McKean and Parks and several other officials have decided to visit the proposed sites in the Columbia river. The commercial bodies and the two cities on the Columbia were particularly anxious to have McArthur come to Portland to conduct the investigating commission around the various sites selected as he was the only man obtainable who knew both Columbia river conditions and the officials and committee affairs of the navy department.

McARTHUR GETS 30 DAYS LEAVE FROM CONGRESS

Washington, Aug. 26.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Representative McArthur will leave Washington on Thursday for San Francisco, where he will witness the review of the Pacific fleet, leaving a few days later for Portland and accompanying Admirals McKean and Parks on an inspection of the proposed sites for a submarine base at the mouth of the Columbia river.

McArthur says he will urge upon Secretary Daniels and Admiral Rodman the largest possible representation of vessels at Astoria and Portland. The trip was requested, he states, by state and Portland Chamber of Commerce, and by reason of the service which he may be able to render later as a member of the naval affairs committee. He believes his absence from Washington will be justified. He has obtained a 30-day leave of absence.