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### AGREEMENT ON MODIFICATION OF TREATY NEARER

#### Concessions by Both British and French Through U. S. Intercession Probable

### SECURITY OVER TEXT GROWS EMBARRASSING

#### Alleged Leak, German Rumors Raise Publication Sentiment.

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PARIS, June 6.—British and French delegates through American intercession are reported to be approaching agreement on the degree of modification of the German treaty. It is understood that changes in the terms will probably result in concessions by both groups, the French receding from their previous stand opposing all modifications with the British agreeing to abandon most of the alterations they have recently advocated.

The reply to the German counter proposals which will embody the proposed modifications is now expected to be ready for presentation early next week.

### "LONG RANGE SNIPERS" ARE HOMEWARD BOUND

The "Long Range Snipers" are homeward bound and it will not be many moons until all Pendleton is down to the O. W. R. & N. to welcome the scrappers who made up Troop D and who were later transferred to the 148th Field Artillery, of France and Germany.

L. W. Himes of Portland, received word yesterday from his son, L. W. Himes, Jr., that the 148th Field Artillery had sailed from Brest. It is expected that official notification of the departure of Pendleton's own troops will arrive here soon.

The 66th brigade, of which the 148th is a part, is the only national guard unit that has been in the army of occupation for weeks. Even the national army divisions sent to the Rhine last December started towards home some time ago. But as the 66th Artillery brigade belonged to no division, had no major general to plead its cause in the high court, it was held in advanced positions on the east bank of the Rhine while division after division moved from their areas and wandered back to home and mother.

With the exception of the Rainbows row home, who landed in France a few days before the sunset division, of which the 146th and 148th field artillery regiments were a part at the beginning of the war, the orphan brigade was the oldest unit in point of service among the "citizen organizations" in the Yankee part of the Rhinelands.

### Horn to Build Bungalow

J. A. Horn, contractor today took out a permit to erect a \$2500 bungalow dwelling on his property on Lileth street and another for \$500 to erect two garages on Willow street. G. O. Hitchcock was issued a permit to do \$75 worth of repairs to his dwelling at 1901 Webb street.

### PLAINTIFF WINS SEPARATION, SON AND SILVERWARE

"And the plaintiff is decreed owner of one silver pie knife, one silver cold meat fork, one pickle fork, one butter knife, one silver gravy ladle, one berry spoon, one salt and pepper set, one hand painted china pickle dish.

### BOY SCOUT DRIVE TO START JUNE 8

Starting on June 8, a drive will be made here for associate memberships in the Boy Scouts organization as part of a nation wide movement to strengthen that organization and reward it for valuable work rendered in different ways during the war.

### SPOKANE MILLS LEASE PENDLETON ELEVATOR

The 100,000 bushel elevator and warehouses of the Pendleton Elevator Co., formerly owned by the Farmers' Union Grain Agency, were today leased by the Spokane Flouring Mills for a period of one year, the lease to become effective July 1. The Spokane Flouring Mills is the parent organization of which the Pendleton Roller mills is a part.

### MRS. SUNDAY SAYS BILLY MAY COME

Billy Sunday, noted evangelist, will be here with a definite proposition, it is of Pendleton's Fourth of July attractions, according to the committee in charge.

### PENDLETON INTERVENES IN RATE CASE BEFORE I. C. C.

Through action today by the board of managers of the Pendleton Commercial Association this city will intervene in the Portland-Puget sound rate case that will be heard before the interstate commerce commission in Portland on July 21.

### WIRE ORDER FOR FINISH FIGHT

#### President Konenkamp of Telegraphers Union, Says Country Wide Strike Is Certain

### DATE NEAR JUNE 16 LIKELY FOR ORDER

#### Leaders Claim 95 Percent Walkout; Company Says Failure.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—President Konenkamp, of the Commercial Telegraphers Union, declares that Burleson's order restoring control of the wires to their owners means a "finish fight" between telegraphers and the Western Union throughout the country.

### Charge "Flat Failure"

NEW YORK, June 6.—President Carlton of the Western Union today declared the strike of telegraph operators in the southeastern states "a flat failure."

### Claim Landslide

ATLANTA, June 6.—Strike leaders claim that 95 per cent of Western Union telegraph workers in the southeast had responded to President Konenkamp's strike order late yesterday.

### PRINCIPLES NOT VIOLATED

PARIS, June 6.—When President Wilson learned the details of German counters he said: "I conscientiously believe our draft of the treaty violates none of my principles."

### Farmers Sure Now of Rain for Isn't This Pioneer Picnic Day?

The farmers have cancelled their orders for a few surplus salutes with a cannon to bring rain. They aren't even praying for rain any more. They figure they don't need to go to the trouble for the "Pioneer's Picnic" is taking place today and tomorrow at Weston, Pioneer's Picnic and rain are synonymous, so the legend goes and if the charm is broken this year the farmers will be disappointed.

Up Wainburg way, when G. M. Rice of the First National Bank, lived here, the annual June rain was always brought by the convention of Methodists on the outskirts of town one week, or the Camellias the next. The signal for the welcome shower was the gathering of these camp meeters and it is legend that the Pioneer have the same effect on Umatilla county.

### HARD SURFACE ROAD IS GROWING FAST

Excellent progress on the hard surfacing of the highway to the east end of the county is reported by Will M. Peterson, local attorney, who drove to Walla Walla yesterday on business.

Beyond Freshwater another large crew is paving and preparing for the hot stuff and a detour is advisable during the busy hours of the day. Mr. Peterson said. They have laid several hundred yards of paving and are making rapid progress toward the state line.

Walla Walla citizens yesterday told Mr. Peterson that Walla Walla county will take steps soon to lay paving from the city to the state line before winter sets in. The distance unpaved on the Washington side is about eight miles. The completion of that stretch would give a continuous paved highway from Pendleton by the first of the year if all plans materialize.

### FAVOR IRISH HEARING

WASHINGTON, June 6.—The senate by a vote of 60 to one, went on record in favor of giving Ireland's claim to independence a "hearing before the peace conference." With only senator Williams voting against it. The senate passed the Borah resolution urging American peace delegates to obtain a hearing for the Irish commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Peret here, accompanied by Mrs. Peret, is in the city today. Mr. and Mrs. Peret are registered at Hotel Pendleton from Yoncalla, Idaho, and made the trip here by auto.

### "SIGN IN ANY EVENT" SAYS HUGO HASSE

#### Leader of Independent Socialists Urges Acceptance After Utmost Has Been Done

### SEES SMALL CHANCE OF BIG REVOLUTION

#### Cabinet Members Threaten to Resign if Alterations Fail.

BERLIN, June 6.—Hugo Hasse, leader of the independent socialists, declared in an interview today that Germany would sign the peace treaty regardless of whether or not she can obtain modifications. "Personally I believe the German delegates should do their utmost to secure modifications but they should sign in any event," Hasse said. "It is more disastrous for Germany not to sign than to accept the treaty even in its present harsh form."

### Revolution Unlikely

Hasse said he saw small chance of the independent socialists taking over the government unless the workers generally demanded it. "If all join in demanding a real socialist government," said Hasse, "then I believe all socialist factions will undertake to form a coalition government but such a movement would not be attempted by force."

Rumors have been circulated that several members of the cabinet are prepared to resign if the peace treaty is not altered.

### LOCAL ELKS ASKED TO GIVE ACT AT CONVENTION

Pendleton Elks have been asked to put on a stunt for the vaudeville performance which will follow a barbecue at the state convention, in Klamath Falls, August 15.

In a letter from the Klamath lodge it was stated that each of the 17 lodges which plan to attend will be given an opportunity to put on a stunt. Bob Fletcher, who in the local lodge is chairman of an entertainment committee composed of W. A. Rhodes and D. B. Waffle, says that some local E. P. O. E. are planning to attend this convention and he hopes that plans will be made to take part in the vaudeville.

The barbecue, announces the entertainment committee from Klamath Falls, will be of genuine elk meat.

### VICTORY FLAGS TO BE PRESENTED AT 7 THIS EVENING



At the court house square at 7 o'clock tonight Lieut. Robert Kuykendall, late of the army of occupation, will deliver victory flags to Pendleton and to Umatilla county. In connection with the program a concert will be given by the combined bands of the Alamo show and the Round-Up band. The public is invited to attend.

### SOLDIERS' BUREAU SENDS NAMES OF 21

Names of 21 former Pendleton men now in the 11th Field Artillery regiment which has been at Hoehar, Germany, with the army of occupation and which is expected home soon, were received in a list today from Major William A. Sawtelle and Captain Canton O'Donnell, officers of the soldiers' employment bureau of the regiment.

The list also contains the name of each man's former employer and is accompanied by a request that those men be again employed at their old jobs.

The letter came today to the Pendleton Commercial Association and C. K. Cronson, secretary, will immediately get in touch with employers listed, with request that they prepare for the return of the men. The names of the men in the 148th, together with the names of their former employers and the class of employment desired, follows:

F. H. Bither, Peoples Warehouse, chauffeur; J. W. Brunn, Roach Bros. stockman; J. W. Breeding, Eggers, ranchman; E. W. Barr, J. G. Wyrick, farming; W. Cole, Wyrick, Bros. farming; D. D. Doherty, C. J. Nelson, chauffeur; W. A. Gill, Independent Auto Co., farming; W. H. Groom, self, chauffeur; J. R. Hamilton, F. S. Curt, machinist; L. E. Hascal, L. Hascal, farming; E. F. Lanning, self, farming; J. McNair, R. Thompson, ranching; E. McFarland, Bill Tupper, farming; D. O'Donnell, self, mechanic; W. O'Donnell, self, farming; S. Orton, O. H. Huff, railroad; C. Perrine, Jack Palm, farming; L. O. Ross, Oils Copidge, farming; J. H. Taylor, Eli Enbys, farming; W. H. Taylor, Perdue, mechanic; P. E. Holmberg, self, farmer.

The man who comes out best in a personal encounter with a cyclone never again speaks of "trifles light as air."

### ARCHITECT AT WORK ON PLAN FOR REBUILDING ALTA THEATRE

E. J. Grace, prominent Portland architect who built the Liberty Theater in Portland, was in Pendleton yesterday for the purpose of drawing plans for the rebuilding of the Alta theater for the owners, Greulich & Matlock. He is now at work on plans and up-to-date theater with seating capacity for 1200 and equipment for the handling of shows of all classes.

Greulich & Matlock recently purchased from C. F. Coleworthy the entire property at the corner of Alta and Cottonwood streets, comprising the Alta theater and the Coleworthy frame building on the corner. The Alta is to be widened 15 feet, thus giving a new theater with a 75 foot frontage and a depth of 100 feet. The roof will be raised, a stage provided with a width of 75 feet and a depth of 25 feet. The new playhouse will have a balcony and 12 boxes. Other accommodations will include a rest room, a smoker and modern dressing rooms in the basement. There will be exits in the front, rear and on the side.

Mr. Grace is an expert at theater construction and has a number of ideas that will be much appreciated by the public when put into execution here. The electrical arrangement will be such that the house lights will be thrown on through a dimmer, a valuable feature to patrons. The front row of seats will be 25 feet from the stage.

### CONGRESS TALKS LEGISLATION ON WIRES' RETURN

#### Leaders Meet to Revise Pending Laws to Supplement Burleson's Sudden Order

### RATE CONTINUATION PRINCIPAL QUESTION

#### Some Responsibility Released but Actual Control Not Returned.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—The senate interstate commerce committee at a special meeting this morning decided that Postmaster General Burleson's order constitutes release of some responsibility but not actual control in connection with properties.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—With operation of telephone and telegraph companies again in control of their own affairs, congressional leaders met today to revise pending legislation for return of the wires. The house and senate interstate commerce committees were called to consider how far complete should go to supplement and complete Burleson's sudden order late yesterday returning control of operation of the wires to their companies.

Senator Cummins, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, said continuation of rates fixed under government control seems to be the principal point needing congressional action.

"We will determine today," said Cummins, "whether to go ahead with the Kellogg resolution now on the senate calendar or to withdraw it and introduce an amended measure of narrower scope." The Kellogg measure provides that telephone and telegraph properties shall be returned "forthwith" and that rates fixed under government control shall be continued at least until the president signs the measure.

Files Application for Citizenship. Herman John Anderson, of Helix, today filed his application of rival citizenship papers and was listed among those who will be examined on September 5 by the naturalization examiner. Anderson is a native of Sweden.

### MRS. B. E. COON DIES IN PORTLAND, AGE 84

Mrs. B. E. Coon, aged 84, who resided in Pendleton for 30 years, died yesterday in Portland. Her death was due to a general decline. The body will arrive from Portland tomorrow on No. 6.

Mrs. Coon left here three months ago, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Nina L. Muir, to make her home in Portland. She is survived by Mrs. Muir and another daughter, Mrs. Faxon, of Portland. Both daughters will be here for the funeral, which will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. from the Methodist church of which Mrs. Coon was a member. The Rev. R. E. Gornall will officiate.

Mrs. Coon, with her husband, the late B. E. Coon, who died last September, came to Pendleton from Illinois. She was born in Illinois in December, 1835.

### THE WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Saturday fair; warmer Sunday.

